



IOM ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE PLATFORM ON DISASTER DISPLACEMENT WORKPLAN, 1 JULY 2018 – 30 JUNE 2019

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is committed to support the implementation of the 2015 Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda recommendations and of the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) Strategic Framework and Workplan 2016-2019, which are both in line with IOM's longstanding work on migration, environment and climate change (MECC) and its operational activities on migration management, including in the context of disasters.¹

IOM has an extensive portfolio of activities on migration and displacement management in the context of environmental change, climate change and disasters, with focus on data collection and research and policy development, disaster risk reduction and prevention, displacement management, labour mobility, migration in the context of climate change, and with capacity to implement projects in all regions of the world.²

Since the start of the work of the PDD on 1 July 2016, IOM has dedicated its expertise to a large number of activities within the four PDD Strategic Priorities, contributing to over 57 activities from the some 75 listed in the PDD workplan and leading on over 14 of them.

Between 2016 and 2018, IOM's support to the PDD implementation was supported through the work of a dedicated PDD Programme Officer and a PDD Research Officer, both funded by the first Chair of the PDD (Federal Government of Germany) and directly reporting to the Head of the IOM Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC) Division, holding the function of institutional focal point for PDD, as well as by the continued contributions of the MECC Division at IOM headquarters, and IOM offices worldwide. The Organization has reported on its PDD engagement yearly to its Governing Bodies at the Standing Committee of Programmes and Finances (SCPF) and Council at the request of its Member States.

However, in July 2018, the direct funding support to IOM for a position liaising with PDD was not renewed. As a result, IOM elaborated other arrangements in order to continue to deliver at the same level of engagement in PDD, in spite of the lack of funding and human resources devoted specifically to coordinate and implement the PDD Strategic Framework and Workplan 2016-2019.

In this context, the IOM MECC Division increased the time devoted by the Head of MECC Division as well as by a MECC Programme Support Officer to PDD related tasks, and established a position

¹ For more information on IOM's programme of work on Migration, Environment and Climate Change please refer to the brochure "IOM's Engagement in Migration Environment and Climate" (2018): https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/mecc_infosheet_2018.pdf and the IOM Outlook on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (2014): http://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/mecc_outlook.pdf.

² IOM Environmental Migration Portal: www.environmentalmigration.iom.int.



funded through joint projects between the MECC Division and the Department of Operations and Emergencies to also contribute to PDD-IOM activities. This arrangement has ensured that outputs in the Workplan were delivered but put a strain on internal capacities. This document provides an overview of key activities conducted by IOM in support to the 2016-2019 PDD Workplan in the reporting period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: ADDRESS KNOWLEDGE AND DATA GAPS

Since July 2018, IOM:

1. **Supported the work of PDD Data and Knowledge Working Group (DKWG),** with IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) acting as the co-chair of the Group together with IDMC (Workplan output 1.1).
2. **Invited PDD to the event on 'Migration in Times of Climate Change: A Discussion of (Climate) Policy Options for Action' 27 March 2019, Berlin, Germany and to the International Conference and Networking Event on 'Climate and Environmental Change and Human Mobility' 28 June 2019, Bonn, Germany** organized by IOM's GMDAC, adelphi and GIZ (Workplan output 1.3).
3. **Continued to enhance internal collaboration with IOM experts in charge of data collection and research** to integrate more climate-related indicators into IOM's existing data collection methodologies and tools, including developing a project on environmental migration and disaster displacement data in the Pacific region with PDD and IDMC (Workplan output 1.3).
4. **Contributed to the study on "In Harm's Way - International protection in the context of nexus dynamics between conflict or violence and disaster or climate change"** led by UNHCR and supported by PDD, released in December 2018 (Workplan output 1.6).
5. **Contributed to the PDD-led studies** (Workplan output 1.6): Words into Action guidelines - Disaster Displacement: How to Reduce Risk, Address Impacts and Strengthen Resilience (Workplan output 2.4 and 3.4); Mapping the Baseline – To What Extent Are Displacement and Other Forms of Human Mobility Integrated in National and Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies (Workplan output 3.4); The Role of Free Movement of Persons Agreements in Addressing Disaster Displacement – A Study of Africa (Workplan output 4.3); Cross-Border Displacement, Climate Change and Disasters: Latin America and the Caribbean – Study prepared for UNHCR and PDD at the request of governments participating in the 2014 Brazil Declaration and Plan of Action (Workplan output 4.3); Mapping of institutional frameworks and mandates within the United Nation system to avert, minimize and address displacement and outline of options for facilitating coordination of key processes (Workplan output 3.2);



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: ENHANCE THE USE OF IDENTIFIED EFFECTIVE PRACTICES

Since July 2018, IOM:

1. **Implemented a project addressing community climate resilience through the reintegration of returning migrants through climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in West Africa**, with funding from the Government of France and launched in May 2018 (Workplan output 2.7):
 - a. **At the global level**, after the identification of good practices, environmental and disaster-related dimensions were integrated into IOM's global Reintegration Handbook³ and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs),⁴ and an internal guidance note was developed for the different reintegration teams of IOM.
 - b. **At the regional level**, a network of experts and partners was identified to contribute to the global guidelines for practitioners and policy makers planned in the project, but also to facilitate the exchange of good practices.
 - c. **At the national level**, in Senegal, a preliminary study was led to explore the climate resilience and reintegration nexus, with a disaster focus. The results of this study allowed to design a tailored community-based project in Southern Senegal.
2. **As the lead organization, IOM organized the Project Launch: Enhancing Protection and Empowerment of Migrants and Communities Affected by Climate Change and Disasters in the Pacific region, 26 March 2019, Suva, Fiji** to introduce the programme to the relevant stakeholders (Workplan output 2.4 and 4.1).
3. **Co-organized the Stakeholder Meeting on Climate Change and Disaster Displacement in the Pacific, 27-28 March 2019, Suva, Fiji** to consult regional stakeholders on a potential upcoming project funded by the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO - European Union) (Workplan output 2.4 and 4.1).
4. **Provided thematic advice and support to IOM national offices in the development of project proposals** focusing on climate and disaster related migration and displacement in line with the recommendation of the Nansen Agenda (Workplan outputs 2.4-2.7).
5. Contributed to **raising awareness on internal displacement in the context of disasters** as part of activities around the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (Workplan output 2.8).

³ Developed under the ORION project with funding from the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

⁴ Developed within the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in Africa.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 3 AND 4: PROMOTE POLICY COHERENCE AND POLICY AND NORMATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Key activities and events supported by IOM since July 2018:

GLOBAL POLICY PROCESSES

1. **Joint work geared towards the process of adopting the Global Compact for Migration through (Workplan output 4.1):**
 - a. Organized, together with UNEP, PDD, OHCHR, and UNHCR, a side event at the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the GCM on 'Addressing natural disasters, adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation – solutions for human mobility and human security' to raise awareness of and promote effective practices and policy instruments to minimize climate change, environment and natural hazard-related drivers that compel people to leave their countries of origin, and encourage new commitments in this regard.
 - b. Jointly contributed to the 11th GFMD Summit, 5-7 December 2018, Marrakesh, Morocco at the Platform for Partnerships session with PDD and UNHCR to present the three relevant objectives for environmental migration and disaster displacement (2, 5 and 23) of the GCM.
 - c. Jointly organized with PDD and IGAD, and participated in a 11th GFMD Summit side event on 'The role of international cooperation and partnerships in implementing the GCM – Mechanisms and best practices from the IGAD region'.
2. **Joint work within the framework of UNFCCC:**
 - a. Jointly organized and supported events with PDD, UNHCR, NRC, IDMC in the 2018 UNFCCC negotiations, in particular, to the UNFCCC Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (WIM) and at the 24th Conference of the Parties (COP24) of UNFCCC in December 2018 (Workplan output 3.2);
 - b. Organized with PDD and the UNFCCC Secretariat and on behalf of the Task Force on Displacement an event at COP24 on: 'WIM Task Force on Displacement: Recommendations for Integrated Approaches on How to Avert, Minimize and Address Displacement and Next Steps' (Workplan output 3.2).
3. **Joint work in the context of the Sendai Framework implementation:**
 - a. Words into Action Guide: active technical and policy contributions to the development and finalization of the Guide (Workplan output 2.4 and 3.4).
 - b. Contributed to the PDD-led study 'Mapping the Baseline – To What Extent Are Displacement and Other Forms of Human Mobility Integrated in National and Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies' (Workplan output 1.6 and 3.4).



- c. Supported PDD and NRC in preparing a side-event on “Addressing Human Mobility and Displacement in National DRR Strategies” at the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 3-6 July 2018 (Workplan output 3.4).
 - d. Jointly advocated and contributed to the Global Platform on DRR, May 2019 (GP19), Geneva, Switzerland for environmental migration and disaster displacement to be included in the relevant events, working sessions and outcome documents (Workplan output 3.4).
4. **Contributed to the 2019 UN Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS), 24-26 June 2019, Geneva, Switzerland** in particular, to the high-level panel on ‘Preparing for the future in the face of climate change and weather-related disasters: strengthening preparedness and humanitarian response and collaborating to build resilience and address escalating risks and challenges’ and jointly organized the event on ‘Addressing internal displacement associated with disasters and conflict: planning for the long haul’ (Workplan output 3.5 and 4.4).
 5. Included achievements and progress on the implementation of PDD-related activities in IOM’s annual reporting against the commitments made at the **World Humanitarian Summit (WHS)** (Workplan output 3.5).

REGIONALLY FOCUSED ACTIVITIES

1. **Collaborated and cooperated on a continuous basis at the regional level** with the PDD Regional Advisers working in the Americas/ Caribbean and the Pacific via the IOM Regional Thematic Specialists for Migration, Environment and Climate Change.
2. **Organized together with the Government of Bangladesh, and participated in the Annual Thematic Meeting of the PDD** on ‘Striving together for addressing displacement due to slow and sudden onset disasters’, 24-25 February 2019, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Workplan output 4.3).
3. **Contributed to the IGAD High Level Technical Experts Meeting to review the IGAD Draft Protocol on Free Movement of Persons in the IGAD Region, 18-21 March 2019, Kampala, Uganda and IGAD Expert Level Meeting, 10-11 June 2019, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** to ensure the development of a draft “IGAD Protocol on Free Movement” takes into account environmental migration and disaster displacement (Workplan output 4.1).
4. Jointly contributed to the **International Resource Panel-led study on “Resource Implications of Environmental Displacement and Migration.”**



5. **Co-organized the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) Technical Meeting, 30-31 August 2018, Santiago de Chile, Chile and the XVIII South American Conference on Migration (SACM), 22-23 November 2018, Sucre, Bolivia** to support the drafting and adoption of the "Lineamientos Regionales en Materia de Proteccion y Asistencia a personas desplazadas a traves de fronteras y migrantes en paises afectados por desastres de origen natural" (Workplan output 4.1).
6. **Co-organized the 'Regional Consultation - Towards a model framework for Regional Cooperation on Human Mobility in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of Climate Change in the Caribbean', 6-7 June 2019, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago** to build regional cooperation, launch the establishment of a working group and develop a regional plan of action under the CMC to address human mobility in contexts of disasters and climate change (Workplan output 4.1).
7. **Invited PDD to contribute to IOM's MECC regional activities in the Americas**, including the IOM 'Migration, Environment and Climate Change: Regional Capacity Building Workshop in the Eastern Caribbean,' 14-15 March 2019, Castries, Saint Lucia, and jointly participated in the 'Third Iberoamerican Forum on Migration and Development' 22-24 October 2018, Guatemala, leading a session on the environmental drivers of migration.

DIRECT SUPPORT AND MAINSTREAMING

1. Provided technical and expert inputs as well as organizational support to the **3rd PDD Advisory Committee meeting, February 2019, Geneva, Switzerland**, including from regional and thematic specialists (Workplan output 3.1).
2. Actively participated and contributed to **all 10 meetings of the Steering Group invited to**, either in plenary or in thematic working groups.
3. Actively participated in discussions and contributed to the **revision of the 2016-2019 PDD Workplan**.
4. Actively participated and contributed to the discussions, Strategic Retreat and relevant working groups on the **future of the PDD and the adoption of the 2019-2022 PDD Strategic Framework**.



COMMUNICATION

All throughout the contributions to the PDD Workplan activities, IOM communicated on and promoted the joint work of IOM and PDD and increased awareness of disaster displacement as well as the related protection gap. Important communication vehicles in the reporting period were (Workplan output 3.9):

1. The **IOM Environmental Migration Portal** features a [page](#) dedicated to the PDD and its work. It details recent activities and events, offers a library of key relevant documents, and since 1 July 2018 and until 30 June 2019 it has been accessed more than 1,300 times.
2. The **IOM Migration, Environment and Climate Change Newsletter**, which is sent out on a regular basis, has included more than 20 articles on PDD's work and the issue of disaster displacement in the reporting period.
3. **At the occasion of the UNFCCC COP24, IOM together with PDD produced a video** showcasing the messages of relevant stakeholder to the work of the Task Force on Displacement, recorded at the Task Force Stakeholder Meeting in May 2018.
4. **Social media campaigns** were carried out by IOM on PDD-related issues through IOM's Environmental Migration and IOM's main accounts, including around regional workshops, COP24, the Task Force on Displacement and the GCM process.
5. Information about the PDD was communicated through **IOM institutional material and publications**⁵ and in IOM articles published in external journals and publications.
6. IOM has also participated in PDD events or promoted PDD at external and internal events, both at high level and expert level, amounting to **more than 50 representation occasions**.
7. IOM participated and provided inputs at the **PDD Meeting on Communication Strategy** on 5 July 2018 and at the **3rd Advisory Committee Meeting Working Group on Communication**, February 2019, both in Geneva, Switzerland.

⁵ All IOM publications on migration, environment and climate change are available online: <https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/iom-publications>.