



MEETING OF THE MIGRATION DIALOGUE FOR WEST AFRICA (MIDWA)

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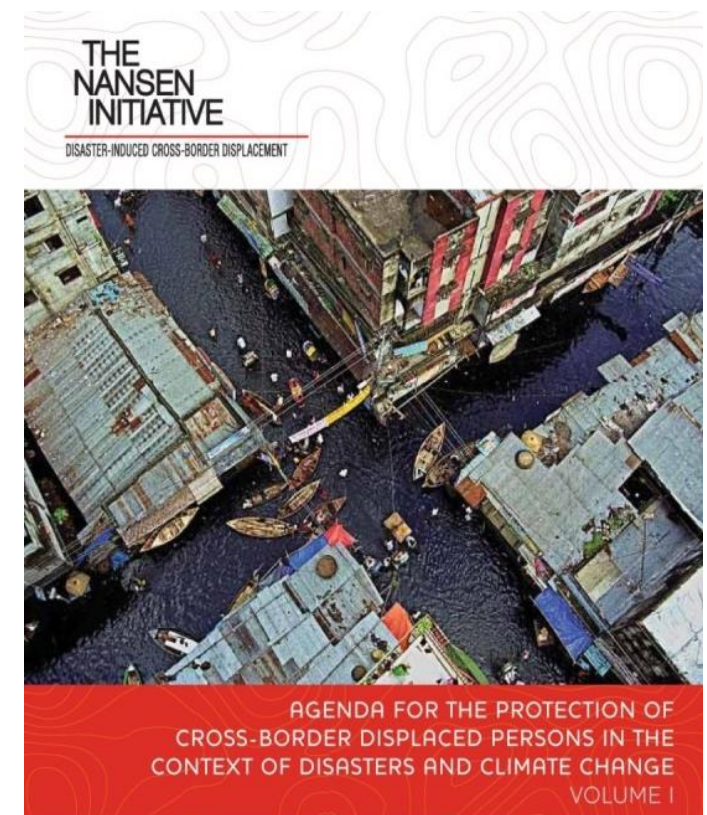
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Disaster Displacement (PDD)



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Nansen Initiative and PDD Objectives

To support States and other stakeholders to strengthen the protection of persons displaced across borders in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change, and to prevent or reduce disaster displacement risks in countries of origin.























THE NANSEN INITIATIVE AND THE PDD

The Platform on Disaster Displacement, a **State-led Process**

Members of the Platform on Disaster Displacement:

 Australia	 Fiji (Chair)	 Mexico
 Bangladesh	 France (Vice-Chair)	 Morocco
 Brazil	 Germany	 Norway
 Canada	 Kenya	 Philippines
 Costa Rica	 Madagascar	 Senegal
 European Union	 Maldives	 Switzerland

- Launched in May 2016
- Chair: Fiji, Vice-chair: France
- Steering Group with +17 States
- Advisory Committee with +100 organisations and experts
- Group of Friends of PDD



Legal gap

Persons who are forced to cross a border in the context of disasters and climate change have limited protection when they arrive in another country. In most cases, they will not be considered refugees under international refugee law, and human rights law does not give them a right to be admitted and to stay in another country.



Policy Options

- Use of regular migration law
- Use of exceptional migration measures
- Applying international human rights law and/or complementary protection based on human rights law
- Free movement of persons mechanisms
- Exceptional use of (regional) refugee law



PDD and the Global Compact for Migration

Objective 2: Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin

(I) Develop coherent approaches to address the challenges of migration movements in the context of sudden-onset and slow-onset natural disasters, including by taking into consideration relevant recommendations from State-led consultative processes, such as the Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change, and the Platform on Disaster Displacement

Objective 5: Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration

(G and H) Policy instruments and practices for admission and stay in disaster and climate change contexts



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