

**MEETING OF THE MIGRATION DIALOGUE FOR WEST AFRICA (MIDWA)
THEMATIC WORKING GROUP ON “CLIMATE CHANGE, LAND DEGRADATION,
DESERTIFICATION, ENVIRONMENT AND MIGRATION”**

24-25 March 2021, Online Meeting

Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday 24 March 2021

TIMEZONE = GMT+1	Session Title
10:30-11:30	<p>Opening Session Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Albert Siaw-Boateng, Director of Free Movement of Persons and Migration, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission • Dr. Amadou Diaw, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, Government of Senegal • Dr. Bondi Gevao, Executive Chairman, Environment Protection Agency, Government of Sierra Leone • Ms. Aissata Kane, Senior Regional Adviser for Sub-Saharan Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Geneva <p>Goodwill Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Patrick Auffret, Delegate of France at the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), Vice-Chair of PDD, Government of France <p>Moderator: Dr. Tony Elumelu, Principal Program Officer on Migration and Border Management, Directorate of Free Movement, ECOWAS Commission</p>
11:30-13:00	<p>Session 1: Migration, displacement and planned relocation in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation in West Africa: Opportunities, good practices, challenges and gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hind Aïssaoui Bennani, Specialist on Migration, Environment and Climate Change for West and Central Africa, IOM Dakar • Ms. Norah Ngeny, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) • Mr. Médard Comlan Ouinakonhan, Ministry of Environment, Government of Benin • SEM. Laouali Labo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Niger in Geneva • Dr. Bondi Gevao, Executive Chairman, Environment Protection Agency, Government of Sierra Leone • Dr. Amadou Diaw, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, Government of Senegal



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Discussion <p>Moderator: Ms. Ileana Sinziana Puscas, Project Officer on Migration, Environment and Climate Change, IOM Geneva</p>
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Day 2 – Thursday 25 March 2021

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10:30-11:30	<p>Session 2: Structural arrangements of the MIDWA Thematic Working Group on “Climate change, land degradation, desertification, environment and migration” (e.g. Terms of Reference, annual work plan, chairmanship)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Terms of Reference by Mr. Albert Siaw-Boateng, Director of Free Movement of Persons and Migration, ECOWAS Commission • Dr. Amadou Diaw, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, Government of Senegal • Dr. Bondi Gevao, Executive Chairman, Environment Protection Agency, Government of Sierra Leone • Questions and Discussion among Governments <p>Moderator: Dr. Tony Elumelu, Principal Program Officer on Migration and Border Management, Directorate of Free Movement, ECOWAS Commission</p>
11:30-12:30	<p>Session 3: West African messages for the regional review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), June 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Albert Siaw-Boateng, Director of Free Movement of Persons and Migration, ECOWAS Commission • Ms. Mariam Traore-Chazalnoël, Senior Specialist on Migration, Environment and Climate Change, IOM New York • Mr. Atle Solberg, Head of the Secretariat, Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) • Questions and Discussion <p>Moderator: Ms. Ileana Sinziana Puscas, Project Officer on Migration, Environment and Climate Change, IOM Geneva</p>
12:30-13:00	<p>Closing Session Next Steps and Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Albert Siaw-Boateng, Director of Free Movement of Persons and Migration, ECOWAS Commission • Dr. Bondi Gevao, Executive Chairman, Environment Protection Agency, Government of Sierra Leone • Dr. Amadou Diaw, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, Government of Senegal • Mr. Frantz Celestin, Chief of Mission, IOM Nigeria



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