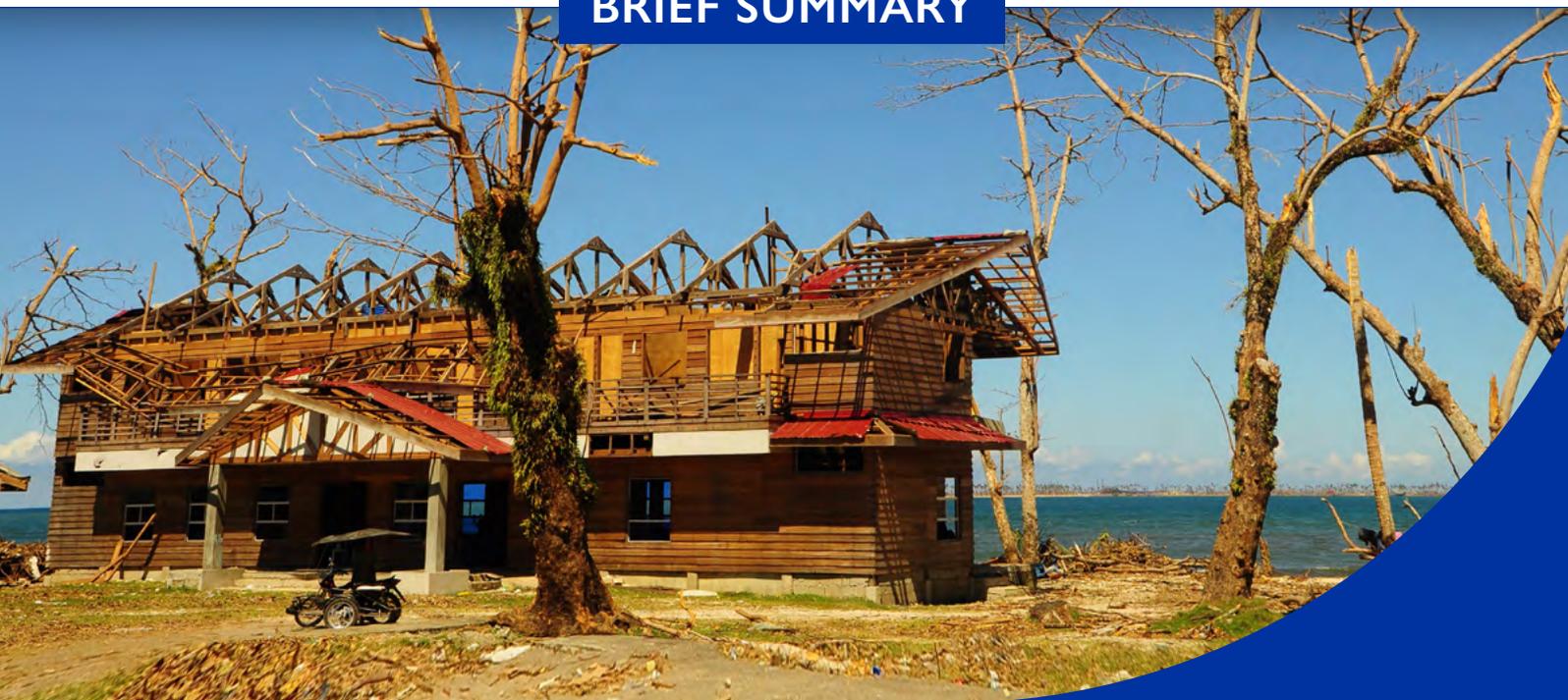




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BRIEF SUMMARY



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IOM initiated the development of an Institutional Strategy on Migration, Environment and Climate Change, 2021-2030, to respond to major changes that have occurred in global, regional, national, and sub-national policy discussions on migration, environment, and climate change and increasingly available evidence and knowledge.

Building on three decades of policy, research and operational work, the Strategy aims to guide IOM efforts to strengthen its capacity to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to migration in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters due to natural hazards, in line with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Nansen Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change. Moreover, the Strategy emphasizes that IOM approach on this issue is anchored in human rights norms and principles, and relevant across the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus (HDPN).

The Strategy outlines how IOM will step up its support to national and local governments, regional fora, and other actors to provide migration policy advice, strengthen capacities and develop approaches that are migrant centred and inclusive, with a view to address human mobility challenges and seize opportunities related to climate and environmental changes. The Strategy reaffirms that meeting the needs of migrants, including displaced persons, and their communities are at the centre of IOM's work on migration, environment, and climate change.

In line with IOM's migration mandate, the Strategy pertains to both international and internal migration.

It takes into account all types of migration in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters due to natural hazards, such as displacement, rural to urban migration, pastoralism, seasonal migration and labour migration.

In addition, the Strategy firmly puts migration management and migration governance at the centre of IOM approach to address climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters due to natural hazards. IOM's work aims to help shift existing negative narratives around migration and support states to maximize the positive outcomes of migration. This Strategy therefore emphasizes IOM commitment to support the





development of enabling environments that can help migrants, diasporas and their communities directly contribute to climate action and sustainable development in places of origin and destination.

IOM's strategic approach is rooted in the notion that strengthening a virtuous evidence-policy-action cycle is key. The aim is to ensure that available evidence and existing policy commitments are translated into operational activities and that vice versa, operational orientations feed policy and knowledge building work.

The Strategy was developed through an extensive internal and external consultative process. It outlines a high road scenario that identifies priorities to guide the development of IOM orientations over the next decade, in partnership with all relevant stakeholders, with a view to enhance the predictability, effectiveness, sustainability and timeliness of IOM's interventions.

IOM GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1 Committing to a rights-based approach

4 Implementing a migrant-centred and inclusive approach to enhance positive outcomes

2 Promoting an innovative and effective approach to migration governance and practice

5 Promoting a human security approach

3 Adopting a gender responsive approach

6 Supporting policy coherence and enhancing partnerships

THE HIGH ROAD SCENARIO FOR THE NEXT DECADE

The overall goal of this Strategy is to define how IOM can, over the next decade develop and implement a comprehensive, evidence-based and rights-based approach to migration in the context of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters due to natural hazards for the benefit of migrants and societies. This can only be achieved by working in partnership with migrants and communities, regional fora, national, and local governments, the United Nations system and a wide range of other intergovernmental, non-governmental and private sector actors.

THIS STRATEGY THEREFORE FORMULATES THREE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

1

“We develop solutions for people to move.”

Assisting and protecting migrants and displaced persons in the context of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters due to natural hazards.

In line with its migration mandate and role as coordinator and secretariat of the United Nations Network on Migration, IOM will promote approaches that facilitate orderly, safe, responsible, and regular migration in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters due to natural hazards. IOM will support the development and implementation of innovative migration policies and practices, including planned relocation, as a last resort. IOM will seek to develop solutions that leverage the potential of migration for climate change adaptation and risk reduction and enhance the contributions of migrants, diasporas and communities to climate action and resilience building.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

2

“We develop solutions for people on the move.”

Assisting and protecting migrants and displaced persons in the context of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters due to natural hazards.

IOM will seek to address the assistance and protection needs of migrants and displaced persons, as well as address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration in the context of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters due to natural hazards. IOM will support the development and implementation of anticipatory actions, life-saving aid, inclusive and rights-based approaches that ensure durable solutions, across the HDPN.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

3

“We develop solutions for people to stay.”

Making migration a choice by building resilience and addressing the adverse climatic and environmental drivers that compel people to move.

In collaboration with partners, IOM will support efforts that aim to avert migration out of necessity, including displacement, and address the needs of trapped and immobile populations. IOM will engage in partnerships to develop and implement joint approaches that analyse and address environmental drivers that compel people to move, accelerate climate action, reduce risk, build resilience, and enhance adaptive capacities.

To reach these objectives, the Strategy identifies four **Priority Areas of Engagement** where the Organization is already performing well or where there is scope to build on existing successes to enhance effectiveness and maximize resources. Both Strategic Objectives and Priority Areas of Engagements are aligned with the three pillars of the IOM Director General's Strategic Vision: resilience, mobility and governance.

1 IOM MIGRATION POLICY ROLE

As the leading intergovernmental migration agency, IOM will support States and other players to develop innovative rights-based migration policies and practices that integrate issues of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters due to natural hazards.

Targeted priority actions

- ▶ Supporting the mainstreaming of climate and environmental concerns in national and sub national migration and displacement policy frameworks.
- ▶ Supporting the integration of climate and environmental considerations in regional migration policy processes.
- ▶ Supporting the development of specialized rights-based approaches, policies and laws on migration, climate change and the environment.
- ▶ Enhancing capacity development of policymakers.

2 IOM OPERATIONAL ROLE

As a leading operational actor, IOM will support States and other players to operationalize responses to migration and displacement in the context of environmental degradation, climate change and disasters across the HDPN.

Targeted priority actions

- ▶ Developing an organization-wide climate lens across IOM on evidence, policy and operational activities.
- ▶ Supporting States and other authorities to assist and protect people moving in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters due to natural hazards change through a rights-based approach.
- ▶ Developing comprehensive responses to displacement in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters due to natural hazards
- ▶ Supporting cities and local governments to address migration, environment and climate change.
- ▶ Addressing the impacts of slow onset processes and environmental degradation on migration.
- ▶ Addressing long term impacts of migration in a changing climate.
- ▶ Supporting the positive contributions of migrants, diasporas and communities to climate action and sustainable development.

3

IOM KNOWLEDGE PROVIDER ROLE

As a leading knowledge provider, IOM will strengthen evidence-based policy and operational approaches to address migration in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters due to natural hazards, through the production, analysis and dissemination of relevant data and knowledge.

- ▶ Generating new knowledge and evidence through joint approaches.
- ▶ Producing context-specific data and knowledge to fill existing gaps.
- ▶ Enhancing global knowledge management efforts.
- ▶ Strengthening understanding with better data and analysis on the links between the migration, environmental and climate change nexus and security and conflict issues.
- ▶ Supporting national governments and other stakeholders to collect and analyze data.
- ▶ Enhancing evidence-based approaches on preparedness, early action and humanitarian response to address and resolve displacement in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters due to natural hazards.

4

IOM CONVENING ROLE

As a leading convener, IOM will promote policy coherence and inclusive partnerships to mainstream the inclusion of migration and displacement considerations in climate change, environment, disaster, and other relevant agendas.

- ▶ Supporting the mainstreaming of migration issues in regional, national, and local climate, environmental and related policies.
- ▶ Advancing global governance efforts on migration, environment and climate change.
- ▶ Supporting local, urban and rural governments to integrate migration, climate change and environmental concerns.

IOM AREAS OF INVESTMENT

1

Supporting UN-wide approaches and implementing UN-wide commitments

2

Strengthening internal policy and technical capacities

3

Advocating effectively and relaying evidence-based narratives

4

Accessing global climate funding

5

Mainstreaming environmental sustainability dimensions

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