

Side Event – French Pavilion - COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheikh

Failing Crops and Fragile Peace: Accelerating Action to Address Food Insecurity and Human Mobility in Africa's Climate Hotspots

12 November 2022 9h30-11h00

Overview

The impacts of climate change are disproportionately felt by the poorest and most vulnerable populations, particularly in Africa. Climate change amplifies vulnerabilities and risks and can exacerbate existing tensions and challenges, especially in places where people's coping mechanisms have already been compromised due to displacement, resource depletion, conflict and other shocks and stresses, increasing food insecurity and malnutrition. According to the 2022 Global Report on Food Crises, almost 85 percent of the acutely food insecure people in 2021 were acutely food insecure because of weather extremes and conflict, or a combination of the two. The IPCC AR6 2022 report highlights that extreme climate events are key drivers in rising acute food insecurity and malnutrition of millions of people requiring humanitarian assistance in Africa. Between 2015 and 2019, an estimated 45.1 million people in the Horn of Africa and 62 million people in eastern and southern Africa required humanitarian assistance due to climate-related food emergencies.

This event will focus on highlighting local action in fragile contexts in the African continent that need greater support from international and regional donors and organizations working across the humanitarian, development and peace nexus to build resilience to climate risks and impacts on people's food, homes, and livelihoods.

Droughts, floods, storms and plagues as well as conflicts and socio-economic crises add extra pressure to natural resources and deplete our natural environment and further degrade our soils and waters, agricultural land and forests, impacting lives and livelihoods. Resilient agrifood systems are a crucial part of the solution to the climate and other cascading crises. Bringing bioeconomy opportunities to local communities provides alternative livelihoods and contributes to preventing forced displacement and reducing risks and impacts from crises.

The discussion will build on the relevant outcomes of recent related discussions, including the side event jointly organized by IOM and UNHCR at the 77th session of the UN General Assembly on climate change, human mobility and food security, the session of the International Dialogue on Migration (IDM) in October 2022 dedicated to the same nexus, the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) and the recently signed Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change. It will call for enhanced partnerships and collaboration between national, regional and international organizations, more coherent disaster, climate, crisis, human mobility and conflict risk management approaches and concrete solutions, including bioeconomy solutions.

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9:30 — 9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming remarks: Patrick Auffret, Delegate of France to the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) - Opening remarks: Nasredin hag Elamin, FAO Representative, Egypt - Welcome and introductory remarks by M. Manuel Marques Pereira, Head of MECR Division, IOM
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imelda Kanzomba, Principal Agricultural Officer – Farmland planning, Department of Agricultural Infrastructure, Mechanization and Water for Agricultural Production, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Government of Uganda • Andrew Harper, Special Advisor on Climate Action, UNHCR • Nouhoum Maiga, Secretary General of the Mali Red Cross Society • Rose Kobusinge, Youth Advocate from Uganda • Emi Mahmoud, Poet, Activist, former refugee and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador • Freedman Delali Woledzi, PhD candidate, University of Ghana, member of the Climate Mobility Africa Research Network (CMARN – remote participation) 	
9:45 – 10:15	FIRST PART OF THE PANEL DISCUSSION: CHALLENGES
10:15 – 10:45	SECOND PART OF THE PANEL DISCUSSION: SOLUTONS
10:45 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q&A - Highlights of the event from a youth perspective: Nisreen Al Sayeem, from the Sudan Youth Organization on Climate Change and the UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate. - Conclusion by the moderator, M. Manuel Marques Pereira, Head of MECR Division, IOM.