



## **COP 28**

### **MINISTERIAL SIGNING AND LAUNCH OF THE CONTINENTAL KAMPALA MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (KDMECC-AFRICA)**

#### **CONCEPT NOTE and AGENDA**

**VENUE: Room MR12-120**

**TIME: 15.30- 16:30 HRS**

#### **Rationale**

The African continent is one of the most vulnerable regions to climate variability and climate change. The continent regularly faces a wide range of natural hazards and slow-onset events and processes leading to different forms of human mobility (displacement, migration, returns and planned relocation). Disasters linked to natural hazards, environmental degradation, and the adverse effects of climate change are amongst the leading and overlapping drivers of human mobility.

In July 2022, the Government of the Republic of Uganda, spearheaded by the Ministry of Water and Environment, was supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Regional Office for East and Horn of Africa and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)'s Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) based in Uganda, to organize a High-level, Regional, Inter-Ministerial Conference on "Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC) in the East and Horn of Africa". The Conference was geared towards developing an integrated approach to climate change induced mobility across the region and contribute to raising the important topic of human mobility in the context of climate change, at the global level.

The MECC Conference brought together Ministers of Environment, Interior and Foreign Affairs and their technical experts from the 12 countries in the East and Horn of Africa Region that are members of either the East African Community (EAC) and/or the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD): Burundi, Djibouti, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda as well as other African Member States; Egypt as representatives of the COP-27 Presidency, Senegal as Presidency of the African Union, Zambia as the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) and high-Level representatives of the African Union Commission, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the East African Community (EAC) and Youth representatives from the region. A landmark, 'Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (KDMECC)' was signed by 15 States with two Heads of States, His Excellencies Yoweri Museveni, President of Uganda and his Excellency Salva Kiir, President of South Sudan presiding over the signing ceremony and communicating their endorsement for the Kampala Declaration. This first, regional, high-level Declaration on the topic of Migration, Environment and Climate Change demonstrates the urgency and whole of government prioritisation that leaders in the region and



on the African continent, place on this topic and fills an urgent policy gap that provides a framework under which climate-induced mobility can be effectively addressed at all levels.

Since 2022, there has been a rapidly growing recognition and interest in the KDMECC as a comprehensive and action-oriented framework, which addresses the challenges and opportunities of climate-induced mobility in practical and effective ways. The Government of Uganda has consistently expressed its support for the continental expansion of the KDMECC and His Excellency President Ruto, in his capacity as the Chair of the Committee of African Heads of States and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), under the auspices of the African Union (AU) has expressed support for the same.

### Proposed Response

In response to the interest in expanding the KDMECC continentally, and in recognition that sustainable, climate-change resilient and socially just development cannot be conceived without considering human mobility in all its forms and recognising the importance of facilitating migration for the benefit of both sending and receiving locations and states, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has agreed to support the continental expansion of the Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (KDMECC) through the coordination and development of a **Continental Addendum (KDMECC-AFRICA)**.

To this end, the Governments of Uganda and Kenya, together with UN-IOM did, in early June 2023, brief the Chairs and climate change negotiators of the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) during the 58<sup>th</sup> Subsidiary Bodies meeting in Bonn, Germany on this proposed expansion. The briefing on the continental expansion was met with unanimous support. To continue the close consultation with MSs across the continent, IOM in collaboration with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Regional Collaboration Centre for Eastern and Southern Africa (RCC EAS Africa) and the Governments of the Republics of Uganda and Kenya organised a **three (03) day, high-level technical conference** for the discussion and finalisation of the **Continental Addendum** to the Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (KDMECC-AFRICA) on **23<sup>rd</sup> – 25th August 2023**.

The **finalised Continental Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change (KDMECC-AFRICA)** is now being presented to the Ministers from the African Continent for signing and launch at the Twenty-Eight Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 28) on the 02 December in Dubai.



Proposed Agenda

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<b>02 December 2023</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
15:30-15:35	Setting the scene	Moderator- Permanent Secretary Ministry of Water and Environment
15:35-15:45	Remarks and opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hon Sam. M. Cheptoris- Minister of Water and Environment (Uganda)</li><li>• Hon Soipan Tuya Minister of Environment Forestry and Climate Change (Kenya)</li><li>• IOM Director General</li><li>• AU Commissioner</li></ul>
15.45-16.15	Members States Singing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Member States</li></ul>
15:55- 16:30	Ceremonial Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prime Minister of Uganda Rt Hon Robinah Nabanja</li></ul>

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