



## Concept Note

### **COP28 Workshop: “Understanding the Nexus between Climate Change and Human Mobility”**

by

**The Africa Migration Observatory, The International Organization for Migration (IOM), and The Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM),**

**11:00AM-12:00AM – 04 December 2023**

#### **A. Background information**

The African Migration Observatory is a Specialized Technical Office of the AU to address the real and pressing need for Africa to generate data on the migration phenomenon. As part of its mandates the knowledge of the diverse aspect of human mobility is crucial, in order to craft an evidence-based database.

The Global Center for Climate Mobility (GCCM) aims to enable positive adaptation journeys for people and communities at the frontline of the climate crisis, whether they are staying, moving or decide to relocate. One of the Initiatives of the GCCM “Africa Climate Mobility Initiative” support the African continent in addressing climate-forced displacement and migration while harnessing climate mobility to advance its development agenda and further its economic & political integration.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) aims to ensure the orderly and humane management of migration to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people. IOM's with close collaboration with African Member States builds on African Union landmark policy frameworks that shape continental guidance on governing human mobility in all its dimensions, as the intersection of migration data and climate change presents a complex and multifaceted challenge that demands a holistic and collaborative approach as it is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, with far-reaching implications for human societies and ecosystems. At the core of this challenge continues to be a lack of credible data and analysis upon which to build information and support local policies and actions.

In this context, as a follow-up to the workshop on "Advancing the Knowledge Base of the African Continent on Migration and Climate Mobility through Data & Analysis" held on the 15th of November 2023 at the COP27; hosted by the African Migration Observatory, a joint event will be held between the African Migration Observatory, The International Organization for Migration (IOM), The Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM), to bring together African and global stakeholders to highlight the importance of data collection and analysis and develop a more comprehensive understanding of the complex relationship between climate change and human mobility. The event will also highlight AMO's pivotal role as an AU member in assisting AU Member States in their efforts to localize data and analysis and establish a regional migration data hub in Africa.

#### **B. Context & Objectives**

The primary objective is to enhance the collection, management, and dissemination of data to deepen our understanding of the various forms and drivers of climate-induced human mobility

in the African Continent, encompassing internal and cross-border displacement, planned and spontaneous migration, and adaptation strategies. This data-driven approach will help us address the complex challenges presented by climate-induced migration and inform evidence-based policy and adaptation strategies. Specifically, the meeting aims to facilitate discussions on the following key areas:

- Collect comprehensive data to identify best practices and innovative solutions for managing and mitigating the impacts of climate-induced migration in Africa, with a specific emphasis on building resilience and adaptation.
- Collect and analyze data to better understand the linkages between climate change and human mobility on the African continent, and identify gaps in the current data collection methods for more accurate assessments.
- Explore and employ innovative data gathering technologies and methodologies that ensure accurate and comprehensive data collection for a more precise understanding of climate-induced migration patterns and impacts.
- Utilize data to promote community-based approaches aimed at enhancing the resilience of climate-affected populations in Africa. Highlight the importance of empowering vulnerable communities through data-informed access to education, employment, and healthcare, and fostering their active participation in decision-making processes.

### **C. Guiding Questions**

- What are the primary forms of human mobility influenced by climate change? (e.g., migration, displacement, planned relocation, etc.)
- How do different environmental factors, such as rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and changing agricultural patterns, contribute to human displacement or migration?
- What are the critical data sources and data gaps for understanding migration and human mobility dynamics on the African continent? What queries should we make?
- What ethical considerations should be considered when collecting, managing, and using data related to climate-induced human mobility in Africa, particularly regarding the rights and dignity of affected individuals? How can data be handled to respect privacy, consent, and cultural sensitivities?
- How can African governance structures leverage data to facilitate adaptation and mitigation strategies aimed at reducing the adverse effects of climate change on human mobility? What role can data play in informing policy and governance decisions?
- What data-driven measures can African countries and communities implement to enhance their resilience and adaptive capacities, reducing the necessity for climate-induced migration or displacement? How can data inform strategies for sustainable development and climate resilience?
- How can cooperation and collaboration with international stakeholders be strengthened, particularly in data sharing, to address the global challenges of climate-induced human mobility more effectively in the African continent? How can data exchange and partnerships be enhanced for better coordination in addressing climate-induced migration?

### **D. Programme**

This event will be held at the AU Pavilion

The run-of-show will proceed as below:

11:00AM: Arrival of Participants

11:05AM: Panel discussion moderated by Amb. Namira Negm, Director of AMO

12:00AM: Closing remarks