

CONCEPT NOTE

Launch of the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund Regional Joint-Programme: Addressing Drivers and Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change in the IGAD Region

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Online, via Zoom

Partnership between
the International Organization for Migration (IOM),
the International Labour Organization (ILO),
the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) (hosted under United Nations Office for Project
Services (UNOPS)),
the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and
the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD),
the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC), and
IGAD Member states Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda

1. Background

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is one of the eight Regional Economic Communities of the African Union, comprising the Member States of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda. It is home to more than 230 million people whose livelihoods and income are predominantly linked to agriculture. The IGAD region is one of the most diverse regions in the world, including areas of economic growth and investment on the one hand, and areas prone to violent conflict, political instability, humanitarian crises, and disasters linked to the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation on the other.

In the African continent, the IGAD region is considered one of the most vulnerable to climate variability and change and more than two thirds of the region are arid or semi-arid. It regularly faces a wide range of natural hazards leading to various forms of human mobility (displacement, migration and planned relocation), most commonly severe droughts and floods, but also landslides, earthquakes, and tropical cyclones, as well as slow-onset climate change effects, such as sea level rise, environmental degradation, and changing rainfall variability.

The different forms of human mobility to, from, and within the IGAD region reflect the range of complex drivers and structural factors that can compel people to leave their places of origin. Disasters linked to natural

hazards, environmental degradation, and the adverse effects of climate change are amongst the most important and overlapping drivers of human mobility. Individual migration decisions are often based on a combination of these environmental and other economic, political, social, and demographic drivers.

The Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) is the only funding mechanism fully dedicated to supporting collective action on migration and ensuring that the mutual trust, determination and solidarity amongst States and with other stakeholders can be fostered to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration¹. The Migration MPTF is rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and builds upon its recognition that migration is a multidimensional reality of major relevance to the sustainable development of countries of origin, transit and destination. The Fund will help realize the intrinsic link between the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) and the achievement of all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In accordance with the MPTF fund objectives, this Joint-Program seeks to minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin, while also facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation in the IGAD Region. The implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies can have a positive contribution on development and protection of those moving or being compelled to move, the risk of which can be reduced or mitigated through regular pathways for migration, integrated approaches to disaster risk reduction, climate action and measures to support decent work and livelihoods and migration as an adaptation strategy.

The overall objective of this Joint-Programme is to contribute to facilitating pathways for regular migration in the IGAD region and minimizing displacement risk in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters in line with the vision and guiding principles of the GCM. In particular, the Joint-Programme aims to improve regional and national migration governance in the context of the adverse impacts of climate change and environmental degradation through different actions that each address the relevant objectives of the GCM and contribute to the implementation of other relevant international instruments, notably Target 10.7 under SDG 10, the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement under the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

The Joint-Programme builds on ongoing work, programmes and action plans of the partners, and supports existing global policies and frameworks that address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change. The Joint-Programme has a strong multi-partnership and multi-stakeholder approach and will bring together various parts of Governments, UN and other entities, in line with the GCM core principles of whole-of-government and whole-of-society.

2. Objective of the launch

The Joint-Programme implementing partners will organize a virtual launch event, with the objective to:

- i) introduce the regional Joint-Programme and its overall objectives to relevant stakeholders; and
- ii) demonstrate how the Joint-Programme will contribute to facilitating pathways for regular migration in the IGAD region and minimizing displacement risk in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters in line with the vision and guiding principles of the GCM; and
- iii) take stock of existing frameworks, related work and potential synergies with the new Joint-Programme.

¹ Multipartner Trust Fund Office. Start-up Fund for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/MIG00>

3. Outcomes expected from the launch

Increased understanding on how the Joint-Programme:

- i) takes forward the implementation of the relevant policies, frameworks, action plans and on-going programmes that support IGAD Member States in enhancing migration governance and GCM implementation; and
- li) will support the implementation of integrated approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing displacement and migration related to the adverse impacts of climate change.

4. Format and participation

Structure of the launch

The virtual Joint-Programme launch will consist of opening remarks, presentation of the Joint-Programme and its objective, presentations on climate change and environmental migration trends in the IGAD region, efforts, activities and policies to address climate change and disaster-related migration in the IGAD region.

The launch will be conducted via Zoom platform and it will take ~ two hours.

The launch will be hosted jointly by IOM and ILO with moderation and inputs from Participating UN Agencies: Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) (hosted under United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), UNHCR and partners IGAD Secretariat and ICPAC.

This launch will be recorded.

Languages

The virtual Joint-Programme Launch will be run in English for all sessions. Simultaneous interpretations will be available in French and Arabic. Key materials will be available in English.

Participation

Key stakeholders will be welcomed to join the virtual launch through invitation. Invitations will be shared via email.

5. Agenda and schedule

Moderators:

Monica Goracci, Director, IOM Department of Migration Management

- Welcome – Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) and Global Compact on Migration (GCM) implementation
- Opening remarks – The IGAD Region: Perspectives and priorities on human mobility
- Overview of the climate change and environmental migration trends in the IGAD region
- Taking stock of the policy landscape and efforts to address climate and disaster-related migration, displacement and planned relocation in the IGAD region.

Michelle Leighton, Chief ILO Labour Migration Branch

- Overview of the Joint-Programme: Addressing Drivers and Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change in the IGAD Region
- Concluding remarks and way forward

Start	End	Session	Speaker
13:00	13:15	Logging in to the online platform - Testing connections	Host & Participants
13:15	13:30	Welcome – Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) and Global Compact on Migration (GCM) implementation	Antonio Vitorino , Director General, IOM & Chair of the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund Steering Committee Moderator: Monica Goracci, Director, IOM Department of Migration Management
13:30	13:40	Opening remarks – The IGAD Region: Perspectives and priorities on human mobility	Madam Fathia Alwan , Director of Health and Social Development, IGAD Moderator: Monica Goracci, Director, IOM Department of Migration Management
13:40	13:50	Overview of the climate change and environmental migration trends in the IGAD region	Mohammed Abdiker , Regional Director, IOM East and Horn of Africa Moderator: Monica Goracci, Director, IOM Department of Migration Management

13:50	14:15	<p>Taking stock of the policy landscape and efforts to address climate and disaster-related migration, displacement and planned relocation in the IGAD region.</p> <p>Q&A from audience</p>	<p>Mehari Taddele Maru Part-time Professor Migration Policy Centre Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies & Academic Coordinator, Young African Leaders Programme School of Transnational Governance</p> <p>Moderator: Monica Goracci, Director, IOM Department of Migration Management</p>
14:15	15:00	<p>Overview of the Joint-Programme: Addressing Drivers and Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change in the IGAD Region</p> <p>PILLAR I DATA AND KNOWLEDGE Lena Brenn, IGAD Secretariat Ahmed Amdihun, ICPAC</p> <p>PILLAR II NATIONAL AND REGIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORKS Lisa Lim Ah Ken, IOM</p> <p>PILLAR III DISASTER DISPLACEMENT PREPAREDNESS Atle Solberg, PDD</p> <p>PILLAR IV REGULAR MIGRATION PATHWAYS Markus Topp, UNHCR Coumba Diop, ILO</p> <p>Q&A from audience</p>	<p>IGAD Secretariat ICPAC All Participating UN Organizations</p> <p>Moderator: Michelle Leighton, Chief ILO Labour Migration Branch</p>

15:00	15:15	Concluding remarks and way forward	<p>Alexio Musindo, Director, Country Office for Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan, & Special Representative to Africa Union, IGAD and ECA, ILO</p> <p>Mohammed Abdiker, Regional Director, IOM East and Horn of Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Michelle Leighton, Chief ILO Labour Migration Branch</p>
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