

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

Human Mobility and Regular Migration Pathways
– Consultative Forums

To enhance dialogue, establish synergies and partnerships among stakeholders addressing challenges and opportunities facilitating regular migration pathways, promoting sustainable development and green economy in the context of disasters, environmental degradation and climate change in the IGAD region

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the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
the International Labour Organization (ILO),

and

the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Regional Collaboration Center (RCC), Kampala

in collaboration with partners

the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) (hosted under United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)),

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 floods, but also landslides, and tropical cyclones, as well as slow-onset climate change effects, such as severe droughts, water 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 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 Participating United Nations Organizations (PUNOs): 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)), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and partners, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Secretariat including the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC) launched on 25 May 2021 the first regional Joint Programme “Addressing drivers and facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration in the context of disasters and climate change in the IGAD region”, funded by the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF).

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 Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (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,

Sustainable Development Goals, the 2015 Paris Agreement under the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

The Joint Programme is conducting research and producing evidence in areas ranging from cross-border movements and international protection to the promotion of human mobility and the development of green economies in climate change and disaster-prone areas. Through the various interventions, the IGAD Member States will have better access to quality data and evidence on different forms of human mobility.

Under the Joint Programme collaboration is established with different stakeholders, such as UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) in Kampala. The UNFCCC RCCs support national climate action in collaboration with local and regional agencies through capacity-building, technical assistance and strategic networking - sourcing know-how and resources to drive sustainable development. They were established to spread the benefits of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), which spurs investment in sustainable development by rewarding projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Since the adoption of the Paris Agreement in December 2015, the RCCs have had the broader task of supporting implementation of the Agreement. Within this scope, RCCs use their network of global reach to catalyze, support, coordinate and accelerate participation and action by Parties and non-party stakeholders in the implementation of the Countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), mobilization of finance and forging strategic partnerships for climate action.

In 2021, the UNFCCC secretariat and RCC Kampala in collaboration with International Development Research Center (IDRC) conducted a study on the capacity building gaps and needs of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to participate in climate action in East and Southern Africa. The study found that there is weak SME participation in climate policy formulation and low awareness of the policies. In addition, SMEs reported a need for more information on general impacts of climate change, as well as, need for technical and financial capacity building to respond. Notably many SMEs also voiced the need for partnerships, more accessible information and finances to enact climate proofing of enterprises. In addition to gaps and needs, the study mapped potential partnerships in the region. As a follow-up RCC Kampala is looking to disseminate the information, facilitate partnership development in the region and support the development of SME climate action capacity building programmes.

It is in this light that the partners will conduct consultative forums inviting participation from a wide range of stakeholders. These virtual consultative forums offer an opportunity for different stakeholders to seek synergies with on-going and future interventions and to identify partnership opportunities and priority areas of action in the intersection of human mobility, protection, green economy and climate change in supporting local, national and regional state actors in a coordinated manner.

2. Objective of the consultative forums

These virtual consultative forums aim at engaging a wide range of stakeholders in the IGAD region with knowledge, experience or interest in the intersection of human mobility, protection, green economy and climate change, who would be willing to share their views and perspectives.

The objective of the consultative forums is multi-fold;

- to take stock of lessons learnt and best practices of existing interventions implemented in the IGAD region related to human mobility and green economy (*Session I*);
- to validate the initial findings of the on-going studies by IOM/UNFCCC and UNHCR under the Joint Programme while at the same time seeking to collect further data for these studies through inputs from participants of these forums; and to discuss how to build on existing studies in the IGAD region (*Session II*);
- to discuss partnerships with academia, private sector actors, employers organizations and trade unions in enhancing climate action in the IGAD region (*Session III*);
- to enhance dialogue, establish synergies and partnerships among stakeholders addressing challenges and opportunities facilitating regular migration pathways, promoting sustainable development and green economy in the context of disasters, environmental degradation and climate change in the IGAD region, in line with the vision and guiding principles of the GCM (*Sessions I-III*).

3. Outcomes expected from consultative forums

- increased understanding on the effectiveness and efficiency of programming on green economy and human mobility in the region;
- initial IOM/UNFCCC and UNHCR study findings under the Joint Programme validated by different stakeholders;
- collecting stakeholders' inputs contributing to the IOM/UNFCCC study recommendations on the needs and opportunities for a stronger integration of human mobility in regional and national Green Economy and related policies, plans and frameworks;
- collecting stakeholders' inputs contributing to the UNHCR study on what protection frameworks and coordination mechanisms for implementation exist to respond to human mobility related to climate change and disasters in the IGAD region;
- increased understanding of how partnerships with private sector actors could enhance climate action in the IGAD region;
- increased understanding of the regular migration opportunities.

4. Structure, format and participation

Virtual forums

- The partners will organize three virtual consultative forums each forum having a particular focus area.
- The consultative forums will be conducted via [Zoom platform](#) and each will take ~ two hours.
- The consultative forums will be hosted jointly by IOM and UNFCCC with moderation and inputs from Participating UN Agencies: ILO, UNHCR and partners IGAD Secretariat.
- Participatory methods will be utilized: breakout rooms; whitepapers/murals, quizzes...

Survey

- Invitees and other stakeholders will be able to share their perceptions before some of the (see below) consultative forums through a brief online survey, which will be utilized for preparations of the sessions but will also offer an opportunity for the stakeholders to share their views in a situation where participation in the virtual session is unfeasible.

Consent

- Participation in the forums is voluntary. Sessions will be recorded. By participating, the participants accept that the events will be recorded for the purpose of the organizers; the recordings will not be published.
- The information shared in the consultative forums will be utilized also to collect data for the relevant studies. However, all information will be anonymized. By participating in the event, permission to utilize the information for the study purposes will be granted.

Language

- The consultative forums will be run in English for all sessions.

Participation

- Practitioners in the field of human mobility, climate change action, disaster risk reduction, protection, representatives of international organizations, national and regional partners and focal points.
- Member States, International organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector, academia, trade unions, employers organizations.
- Key stakeholders will be welcomed to join the virtual consultative forums through an invitation. The invitations will be shared via email. However, the sessions are open to all who are interested and have a stake in the topics.

Registration

- Partners will be asked to [register](#) in advance.

Final results sharing

- o The final findings and recommendations of the on-going studies will be presented in the Africa Climate Week 2022.

5. Consultative forum sessions

SESSION I - Human mobility and Green Economy programming in the IGAD region

15 February 2022 at 3 pm EAT - [During Migration Week 2022](#), hosted by the United Nations Network on Migration (UNNM).

This session seeks to respond to the following questions through dialogue with forum participants:

1. *What programmes are being implemented in the IGAD region that relate to human mobility, regular migration pathways and green economy; what lessons learnt, and good practices could be shared?*
2. *How can partnerships enhance climate change adaptation and green economy development in the IGAD region that considers gender and vulnerabilities?*
3. *How can partnerships address challenges and opportunities to facilitate effective GCM implementation?*

Partners and stakeholders are invited to share lessons learnt and good practices of existing programmes implemented in the IGAD region and discuss partnerships related to human mobility and green economy.

Suggested agenda:

Start	End	Session	Speaker
15:00	15:10	Welcome	Reiko MATSUYAMA, Programme Specialist, Fund Management Unit, Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (Migration MPTF)
15:10	15:15	Opening remarks	Mr. George Mwanichiro, Principal Immigration Officer, National Coordination Mechanism (NCM), Kenya
15:15	15:20	Setting the scene: Migration, Disasters and Climate Change Joint Programme in the IGAD region Description of the JP	Noora Makela MDCC Programme Coordinator, IOM
15:20	16:10	Panel discussion: Sharing good practices and lessons learnt on programmes that relate to human mobility, regular migration pathways and green economy Moderator: IOM	Sarah Kiyingi Kaweesa, CEO Bio Jigsaw Limited José Manuel Medina, Enterprise Development and Job Creation Specialist. ILO

		<p>Gemma ARTHURSON</p> <p>Global WASH Support Team</p> <p>Department of Operations and Emergencies</p> <p>International Organization for Migration</p>	<p>Hassan Mowlid Yasin, Executive Director, Somali Greenpeace Association</p> <p>Paul Mutungi, Regional Field School Support Officer Kenya, RTEA, Sub regional Office for East Africa, Kenya, FAO</p> <p>Peter BenHur Nyeko, Mandulis Energy</p> <p>With possibility for audience to pose questions</p>
16:10	16:55	<p>Panel discussion: Enhancing GCM implementation with partnerships and synergies</p> <p>Moderator: Asaad ALMOUDARRES UN Network on Migration, Somalia</p> <p>&</p> <p>Kaho Yamaguchi Head of Migration, Environment and Climate Change unit, IOM Kenya & Chair of UN Network on Migration Migration and P/CVE Technical Working Group</p>	<p>Edward Tanyima, National Coordinator for Migration and Youth Employment, Uganda, FAO</p> <p>Christophe Matthew Hodder, climate security advisor to a peacekeeping/political mission, Somalia, UNEP</p> <p>Prof. Emmanuel Mutisya, Program Coordinator, African Development Bank, Kenya Diaspora Association</p> <p>Prof. Nzioka John Muthama, Coordinator, Environmental governance and peace studies, University of Nairobi</p> <p>With possibility for audience to pose questions</p>
16:55	17:00	<p>Concluding remarks and way forward</p>	<p>Noora Makela MDCC Programme Coordinator, IOM</p>

SESSION II – Regular migration pathways – human mobility, green economy, protection in the IGAD region

22 February 2022 at 3 pm EAT

This session seeks to respond to the following questions through presentations and dialogue with forum participants:

1. *What are the environmental and climate related elements linked to human mobility in the IGAD region?*
2. *How does climate change affect economy and livelihoods in the region and what is the role of greens skills development in climate change adaptation?*
3. *What are the relevant policies that relate to human mobility, disasters and climate change in the IGAD region?*
4. *How human mobility could contribute to improving green economy development?*
5. *What protection frameworks and coordination mechanisms exist in the IGAD region?*
6. *How to build on existing studies in the IGAD region?*

A survey will be deployed before the forum – giving the opportunity for stakeholders to share some views in advance. Results will be shared in the session and participants are invited to comment and elaborate on the submissions.

Partners and stakeholders are invited to discuss human mobility, disasters and climate change in the IGAD region and the needs and opportunities for a stronger integration of human mobility in regional and national Green Economy and related policies, plans and frameworks, as well as the protection frameworks and coordination mechanisms for implementation exist to respond to human mobility related to climate change and disasters in the IGAD region.

Suggested agenda:

Start	End	Session	Speaker
15:00	15:10	Welcome	Timo Schmidt, Associate Policy Officer, Secretariat of the PDD
15:10	15:25	Relevant regional policies Presentation of IGAD Free Movement Protocol and other relevant instruments	Lena Brenn, Disaster Displacement Advisor IGAD
15:25	15:40	ILO on employment, livelihoods and climate change Presentation of ILO current interventions in the IGAD region.	Isabelle Kronisch, Labour Migration and Mobility Specialist, ILO
15:40	16:15	IOM/UNFCCC Human mobility and Green Economy study Initial results of IOM commissioned study conducted together with UNFCCC/RCC Kampala on the needs and opportunities for a	Tamara Ulla, IOM Consultant

		<p>stronger integration of human mobility in regional and national green economy and related policies and plans, considering current and predicted future climate impacts on human mobility in the region.</p> <p>Discussion on initial results, inclusive of collecting stakeholder inputs on opportunities and challenges in including human mobility in the green economy policies in the IGAD region, with focus on gender inclusion</p>	
16:15	16:50	<p>UNHCR Human mobility and Protection study</p> <p>Initial results of UNHCR Commissioned study on what protection frameworks and coordination mechanisms for implementation exist to respond to human mobility related to climate change and disasters in the IGAD region. Discussion on initial results.</p>	Rebecca Roberts, UNHCR Consultant
16:50	17:00	<p>Concluding remarks and way forward</p>	<p>Noora Makela</p> <p>MDCC Programme Coordinator, IOM</p>

SESSION III – Private sector and Green Economy in the IGAD region

DATE CONFIRMED: 28 February 2022 at 12 pm EAT – Side event [During Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development LINK TO JOIN](#)

This session seeks to respond to the following questions through dialogue with forum participants:

1. *What are the environmental and climate related factors that influence human mobility in the IGAD region? What links exists with gender and vulnerabilities?*
2. *How does climate change affect the economy and individual (women and men) livelihoods in the region and what is the potential for skills development in the green jobs sector, as a climate change adaptation strategy, to prevent forced migration?*
3. *How can partnerships with private sector enhance climate change adaptation and green economy development in the IGAD region that considers gender and vulnerabilities? What needs do private sector actors have?'*
4. *How do different stakeholders (such as academia, private sector, employers' organizations and trade unions) see migration as a contribution to the green economy?*

Partners and stakeholders are invited to discuss human mobility and private sector engagement in enhancing climate action.

Suggested agenda:

Start	End	Session	Speaker
12:00	12:05	Welcome	IGAD Secretariat
12:05	12:15	Human mobility, gender and Climate Change Introduction to human mobility and climate change in the IGAD region, including gender and vulnerabilities; and briefing on policy responses and programming, particularly on green economy	IOM East and Horn of Africa Regional Office
12:15	12:25	UNFCCC Private sector engagement in Climate Action study Results from UNFCCC study on Capacity Building for Enhanced Private Sector Engagement in Climate Action in Eastern and Southern Africa: Mapping Study.	Jyri Jantti Climate Change Specialist Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) Kampala UNFCCC
12:45	13:25	Panel discussion: inclusive green economy development Perspectives from academia, private sector, employers' organizations and trade unions on enhancing inclusive green economy and green economy/climate policymaking in the region, considering migration, gender and vulnerabilities Moderator: Jyri Jantti Climate Change Specialist Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) Kampala UNFCCC	Laura Schmid, Skills and Employability Specialist, ILO Joy Mulema, Rural Youth Migration, Social Protection and Value Chains coordinator, FAO Eddie Sembatya - Finding xy (innovation center) Managing Director / SEED ¹ coordinator Arnold Byarugaba - Country Coordinator & Advisor, Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) Uganda With possibility for audience to pose questions
13:25	13:30	Concluding remarks and way forward	Alejandro Kilpatrick – Manager, Means of Implementation – UNFCCC

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