

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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Online, via Zoom/Teams



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the International Labour Organization (ILO),

and

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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

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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.

Survey can be accessed [here](#).

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 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 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.	Tamara Ulla, Consultant, IOM

		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	
16:15	16:50	UNHCR Human mobility and Protection study 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.	Rebecca Roberts, UNHCR Consultant
16:50	17:00	Concluding remarks and way forward	

Speaker BIO

Timo Schmidt, Associate Policy Officer, Secretariat of the PDD



Timo works as an Associate Policy Officer in the Secretariat of the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD). His focus within the PDD Secretariat is on supporting the implementation of policy frameworks related to human mobility in the context of disasters and climate change, in particular the Global Compact for Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees. Timo is focal point for UNOPS/PDD in support of implementing the Joint Programme funded by the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) in the IGAD region titled 'Addressing Drivers and Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change in the IGAD Region'. Among others, his responsibilities include coordinating work under Pillar I: DATA AND KNOWLEDGE together with IGAD/ICPAC to enhance access for governments and other stakeholders in the IGAD region to quality data and evidence on disaster displacement risk and other forms of human mobility. He also liaises with the UN Network on Migration to support its 2021-22 work plan. Before joining the PDD Secretariat, Timo worked in Brussels for the Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Europe.

Lena Brenn, Disaster Displacement Advisor IGAD Secretariat

Lena is working as Disaster Displacement Advisor at the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), based in Djibouti. She has been working on human mobility in the context of disaster and climate change for almost 10 years

in various capacities: before joining IGAD in 2019, she worked for the Norwegian Refugee Council in Geneva and for the Swiss Government on disaster displacement and climate change. She is also the IGAD Focal Point for the Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) funded Joint Programme on Migration, Disasters and Climate Change.

Isabelle Kronisch, Labour Migration and Mobility Specialist, ILO



Isabelle is the ILO Labour Migration and Mobility Specialist covering the North and Horn of Africa based in Algiers, Algeria. She is covering 11 countries to support fair and effective labour migration governance and the protection of migrant workers in compliance with international labour standards. In the IGAD region, she is supporting ILO activities to enhance adaptation to climate change through access to green jobs and more regular migration channels. As part of her previous experience, she worked for ILO both in the field (Turkey, Lebanon) and at headquarters on the protection and labour market integration of migrants and refugees. She also worked for GIZ in Egypt, and UNHCR and its Implementing partner in Costa Rica. She holds a bachelor's degree in international Relations from the Technical University in Dresden, Germany, and a master's degree in international law from the Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland.

Tamara Ulla, Consultant IOM

Tamara is a hands-on and research oriented professional with diversified experience in public policy, international development and humanitarian aid working in strategic evaluations, M&E and research, with a focus on issues of human mobility and youth employment.

Rebecca Roberts, Consultant UNHCR

Rebecca holds a PhD in Post-war Recovery and International Development and works as an independent consultant specializing in research to inform policy and practice on issues of displacement, governance and stabilization in areas affected by conflict.

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