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## ACMI Policy Consultation on Prevention & Protection

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7 to 11 hrs EDT / 11 to 15 hrs GMT / 13 to 17 hrs CEST / 14 to 18 hrs EAT

### Background

The **Africa Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI)** is a joint undertaking of the African Union Commission, the United Nations and the World Bank to 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. Launched in September 2021, the ACMI's people-centered & evidence-based approach aims to generate political momentum, a common policy agenda, and resources to advance comprehensive and locally anchored solutions for climate mobility.

Leading up to COP27, the ACMI is advancing its objectives through the preparation of a comprehensive **Report and Agenda for Action** entitled “**Shaping the Future of Mobility in Africa: Addressing Climate-Forced Displacement & Migration.**” The Report draws on cutting-edge modeling of climate-forced mobility scenarios for the African continent, as well as primary data collection and field research among affected populations and communities in seven African locations.

Since December 2021, the ACMI has engaged a diverse group of African and global experts and practitioners in a series of **Consultations** to develop a shared analysis of the modeling results and research findings. Based on this analysis, the ACMI is conducting dedicated consultations with policymakers to develop directions for action, building on existing good practices and innovative approaches to address climate mobility and strengthen the resilience and adaptive capacities of African communities and cities.

### Purpose

The policy consultation on “Prevention and Protection”, jointly organized with IOM, is focused on fostering the emergence of a critical policy ecosystem for addressing climate mobility in the African continent. While intensifying climate impacts threaten to make living conditions harder in many parts of Africa, people and communities often have deep attachments to their land and livelihoods and no intention to permanently leave even highly risky areas. Yet, the concern is that the progressive depletion of natural resources and people’s assets could transform situations of voluntary immobility (where people choose staying over moving) into either forced displacement – potentially due to conflict dynamics emerging in more fragile environments – or people becoming trapped in place (without a choice). Both outcomes mean greater vulnerability and the need for protection of the people affected.

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The policy consultation will examine the role of existing efforts and instruments for prevention, protection and facilitated mobility in addressing this complex dynamic. It aims to develop recommendations for policy and collaboration across sectors, geographies and levels of governance to preserve people’s agency in movement decisions, while crafting enabling frameworks that serve to strengthen the continent’s resilience in the face of the climate crisis.

### Draft Agenda

25 min	<p><b>Opening session</b> <i>Welcome &amp; moderation: Kamal Amakrane, ACMI</i></p> <p>High-level keynote address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Finda Koroma, Vice President, ECOWAS Commission</li> </ul> <p>Scene setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The ACMI’s emerging findings and messages - ACMI</li> <li>● The Prevention and Protection policy ecosystem - IOM</li> </ul>
60 min	<p><b>Session 1: Early warning &amp; preparedness for sustaining peace and development, and averting displacement</b> <i>Moderator: Corey Pattison, UNEP</i></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How can IPCC Assessments, the Ecological Threat Report and other tools support the identification of priority/concern areas and groups?</li> <li>● How can peace, development, humanitarian and DRR risk assessments be joined up to support coordinated early and preventive action?</li> <li>● Where do we see promising or successful mechanisms for preventive action and how could those be replicated or scaled?</li> </ul> <p>Kick-off interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nicholas Simpson, University of Cape Town</li> <li>● Ahmed Amdihun, IGAD</li> <li>● Maarten van Aalst, Director, ICRC Climate Centre</li> <li>● Philippe Branchat, IOM</li> </ul>
10 min	Screen break

60 min	<p><b>Session 2: The limits of adaptation: Planned relocations and resettlement</b> <i>Moderator: Dina Ionesco, UNFCCC</i></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can or should adaptation limits be defined – and who decides when they are reached?</li> <li>• What are lessons learned from existing planned relocation experiences?</li> <li>• What are the risks and gaps – what legal and policy response is needed?</li> </ul> <p>Kick-off interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jola Ajibade, Portland State University</li> <li>• Nathan Belete, World Bank Country Director for Senegal</li> <li>• Albano Carige, President of the Municipality of Beira, Mozambique</li> <li>• Government of Fiji</li> </ul>
10 min	Screen break
60 min	<p><b>Session 3: Legal and policy frameworks for safe movement and protection</b> <i>Moderator: Aimee-Noel Mbiyozo, ISS</i></p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can Africa harness its forward-leaning legal and policy frameworks on human mobility to address the climate crisis?</li> <li>• How can mobility within and across countries be better facilitated so that people facing acute climate stressors can move safely and be protected?</li> <li>• What forms of cooperation are needed across Africa’s regions and levels of governance to advance safe movement and effective protection from a continental perspective?</li> </ul> <p>Kick-off interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Maya Sahli Fadel, Vice-Chairperson, ACHPR</li> <li>• Andrew Harper, UNHCR</li> <li>• Amadou Diaw, ECOWAS</li> </ul>
15 min	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <p>Synthesis of key outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapporteur</li> </ul> <p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOM &amp; ACMI</li> </ul>