

Promoting partnerships, governing migration: experiences from the IGAD region on GCM implementation in a changing climate

Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum

17 May, 9 am EDT/ 16 EAT, online

Background

In 2022, nearly four years after the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), governments, stakeholders and the United Nations system will meet to discuss the successes and challenges of implementing this landmark cooperative framework. The first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) is being held under the auspices of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York from 17-20 May 2022, with a preparatory stakeholder hearing taking place on 16 May.

A series of IMRF side-events will be organized in the margins of the IMRF. They will provide an opportunity to discuss good practices, challenges and recommendations to further the implementation of the GCM. Side-events will take place on 16-20 May 2022.

SIDE EVENT 17 May: Promoting partnerships, governing migration: experiences from the IGAD region on GCM implementation in a changing climate

The IGAD region is one of the most vulnerable to climate variability and change in Africa. In 2020, almost 3 million people in the region have been compelled to move in the context of a changing climate. To address this challenge, a regional programme 'Addressing Drivers and Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change in the IGAD Region' has been launched by several UN agencies and IGAD in May 2021, funded by the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund. The joint programme contributes to facilitating pathways for regular migration in the IGAD region and minimizing displacement risk in the context of disaster and climate change. The four pillars of action address data and knowledge; national and regional policy frameworks; disaster displacement and preparedness; and regular migration pathways.

Building on the early lessons and results from the joint programme, key questions that this event seeks to address include:

- *What are some key achievements in the IGAD region in advancing GCM commitments on climate change and human mobility since 2018?*
- *Which innovative approaches exist to enhance data and knowledge on human mobility and climate change to be used for early warning and policy decision-making?*
- *What are good practices of evidence-based, whole of government approaches in migration governance?*
- *How can migration serve as an adaptation strategy to climate change and what role plays skills development?*
- *Which lessons can we draw from other regions or can be replicated?*

The event will be held in English, 60 min, online

Register [here](#).

Agenda

17 May Time: 9am (New York), 15pm (Geneva), 16pm (Nairobi) Online, Zoom	
5 minutes	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>IGAD/ICPAC: Madam Fathia Alwan, Director of Health and Social Development, IGAD</p>
25 minutes	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Panel discussion with representatives of IGAD Member states and Civil Society will be discussing good practices; challenges; lessons learnt; and emerging priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Uganda: Douglas Asiimwe, Chair of the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration (NCM) • The Federal Government of Somalia: Ahmed Yusuf Ahmed, Director General of the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change (DOECC) under the Office of the Prime Minister of Somalia • Kenya, Civil Society Organization, Ezekiel Najalimo Dida, Program Manager Humanitarian & Refugee Services, LOKADO, Turkana County, Kenya, LOKADO, Turkana County, Kenya • Platform on Disaster Displacement: Walter Kaelin, Envoy of the Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) <p>Moderator: Dina Ionesco, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)</p>
25 minutes	<p>Discussion / Q&A</p>
5 minutes	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coumba Diop, Regional labour migration and mobility specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO)

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