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## **AGENDA ITEM 14**

### **MIGRATION, THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AT IOM: TAKING STOCK OF PROGRESS**

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# ENVIRONMENTAL MIGRATION

- If global temperature rises to 1.5 °C by end of the century 30 to 60 million people are projected to live in hot areas where the average heat in the hottest month is likely to be too high for a human body to function well (Extreme Heat and Migration, IOM 2017)
- Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, more than 1 million people were recorded as displaced by drought in 2017 (IOM DTM)



# OUR VISION

**Contemporary  
migration  
policy and practice  
to recognize the  
importance  
of environmental  
and climatic factors**



# IOM'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



- 1. Solutions for people to stay**
- 2. Solutions for people on the move**
- 3. Solutions for people to move**

# MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION (GCM)

## A historical opportunity:

- to anchor the environmental and climatic dimensions in the international migration governance agenda
- to acknowledge the importance of climatic and environmental drivers
- to recognize the multi-causality of migration
- and to identify the impacts of migration on the environment.



# MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN GCM: IOM'S SUPPORT

- Evidence and data for policy making
- Results of inter-governmental dialogue at global and regional levels including IDM
- Identification of existing migration policy good practices and state commitments on migration
- Coherence across policy domains
- Connecting policy and practice
- Communication, advocacy and visibility



IOM COUNCIL  
30 November 2017  
High level  
Climate Change and  
Migration Panel

# POLICY COHERENCE





# From the Nansen Initiative to the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)

THE  
NANSEN  
INITIATIVE

DISASTER-INDUCED CROSS-BORDER DISPLACEMENT

**Working together to address the protection needs of persons displaced across borders in the context of disasters and climate change**

IOM's Role:

- Standing Invitee to the Steering Group with UNHCR
- Member of the Advisory Committee
- Works directly with the Coordination Unit, with the support of the Government of Germany
- Focus on 4 strategic priorities
- Focus on regional action (RCPs)



PLATFORM  
ON DISASTER  
DISPLACEMENT

FOLLOW-UP TO THE NANSEN INITIATIVE

**Global Policy Processes and Partnerships  
2016-2017**

# UNFCCC Task Force on Displacement

- Develop recommendations to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change
- Based on Decision I/CP.21, paragraph 49, Paris Agreement)
- Casablanca Technical meeting, (supported by France, hosted by Morocco, organized by IOM) July 2016



## COP23 Bonn

Focus on Climate action

8 November 2017 One UN event

**Global Policy Processes and Partnerships  
2016-2017**

## Human Right based approaches to MECC

- Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 22 June 2017 35/20 on Human rights and climate change, Resolution refers to IOM's role
- Human Rights Council Intersessional Panel Discussion on human rights, climate change, migrants and persons displaced across international borders (October 2017)

## Sustainable Development Goals and MECC



**Global Policy Processes and Partnerships  
2016-2017**

- **GFMD**
- **UNISDR**
- **UNCCD**
- **WMO**
- **World Bank**
- **UNEP**
- **FAO**
- **WFP**
- **ICIMOD**
- **WWF**
- **IUCN**
- **Munich Re**



**Global Policy Processes and Partnerships  
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# CONNECTING POLICY AND PRACTICE

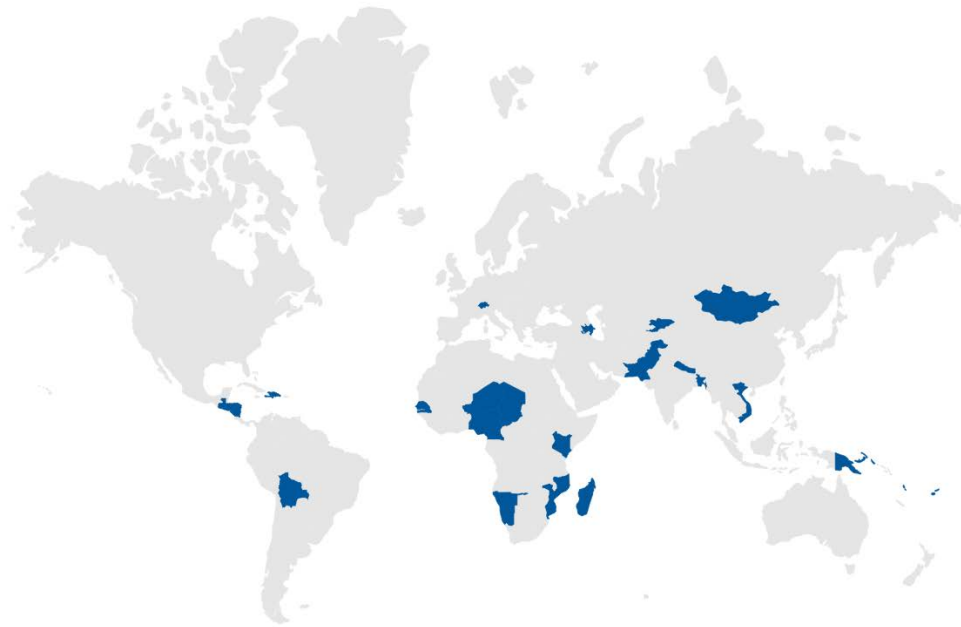




15 projects



30 countries



Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cameroon, Chad, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, Switzerland, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Viet Nam

**Migration, Environment and Climate Change Projects  
2016-2017**



### Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria (2017-18)

Understanding Climate Change Policy and Tracking Climate Related Migration Along Lake Chad

- Research, DTM Data & Capacity Building

### Mongolia (2017-18)

Understanding and Managing Internal Migration in Mongolia

- Research & Capacity Building

### Senegal (Pilot, 2017-18)

Greening Assisted Reintegration to Reduce the Pressure of Climate Change on Migration in West Africa

### Vanuatu (2017)

Development of a National Framework for Durable Solutions

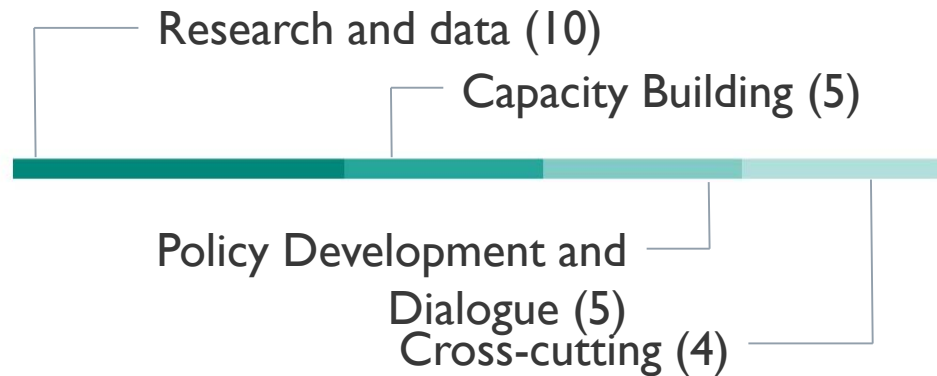
### Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Tuvalu (2017-2019)

Pacific Adaptation through Labour Mobility

**Migration, Environment and Climate Change Projects  
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## Project Components



## Funding

**10 out of 15** MECC projects in 2016-2017 funded by the IOM Development Fund

**Since 2007, IDF has funded 21 projects on migration, environment and climate change**

**Migration, Environment and Climate Change Projects  
2016-2017**





# Key Project Outputs

## 12 publications



Making mobility work for adaptation to environmental changes: Results from the MECLIP global research



Effects of Climate Change on Human Mobility in the Pacific and Possible Impact on Canada



Assessing the Climate Change Environmental Degradation and Migration Nexus in South Asia



Environment, Climate Change and Migration in the Kyrgyz Republic



Food Security and Emigration: why people flee and the impact on family members left behind in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras



Migración - Cambio Climático: desde la perspectiva de la gestión de riesgos de desastres en los municipios de Moxos y Santa Ana del Yacuma

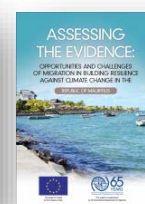


Migraciones, Ambiente Y Cambio Climático - Estudios de Caso en América del Sur

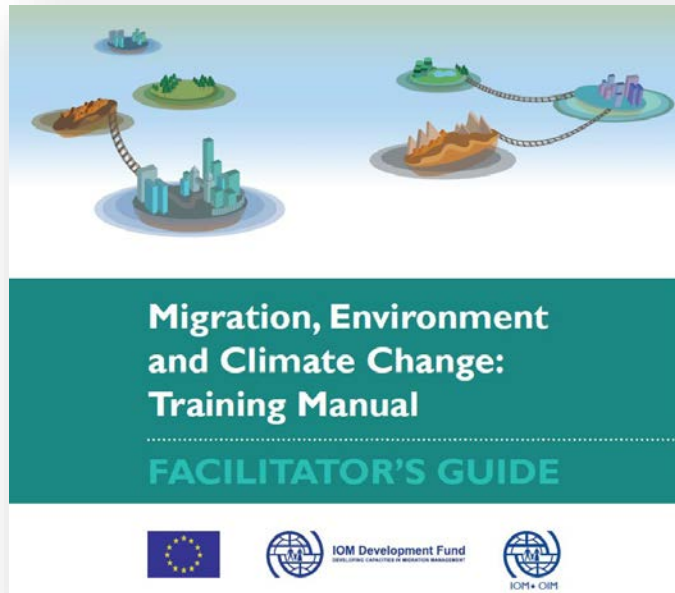


Evidencing the Impacts of the Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Madagascar on Migration, and the Multisectoral Linkages that Drought-induced Migration has on the Other Sectors of Concern

Since 2015:  
11 MECC National Profiles completed



**Migration, Environment and Climate Change Projects  
2016-2017 : Building the evidence**



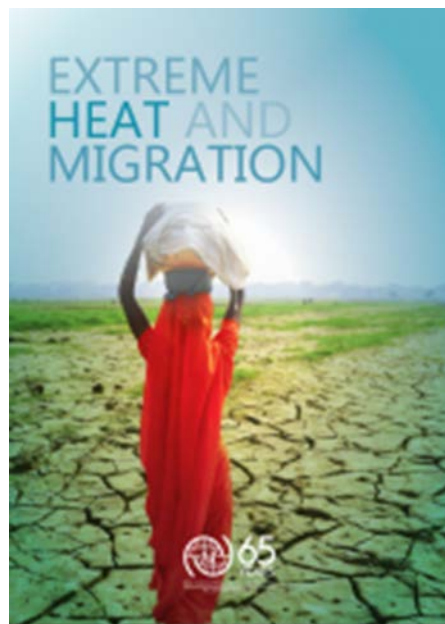
2013- 2017: 46 countries  
benefited from MECC trainings  
Reaching 395 policy makers

8 Capacity  
Building  
Workshops  
175 trained

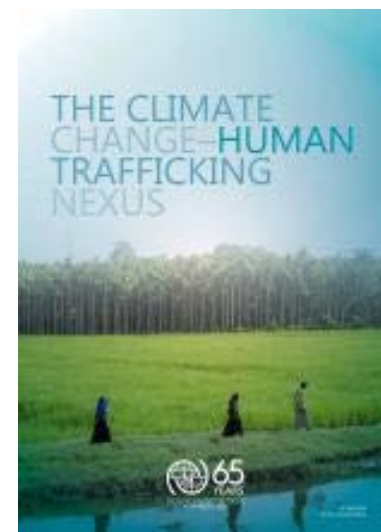


**Migration, Environment and Climate Change Projects**  
**2016-2017: Building the Capacities**

# The “Innovation Hub”: focus on slow onset events



- Oceans
- Fresh Water
- Land
- Heat



**Migration, Environment and Climate Change Projects  
2016-2017: Building the Evidence**

# Institutional Environmental Sustainability Programme



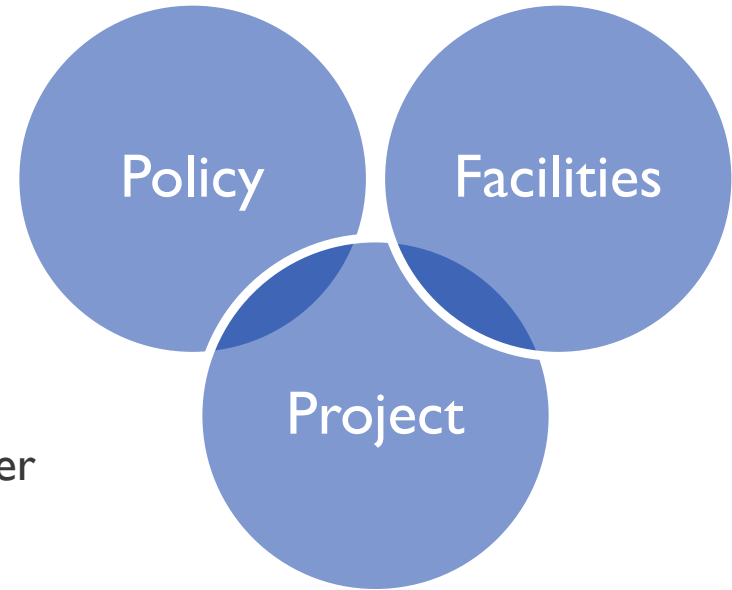
# Mainstreaming Environmental Sustainability

## Objective

Minimize the environmental impacts of the Organization

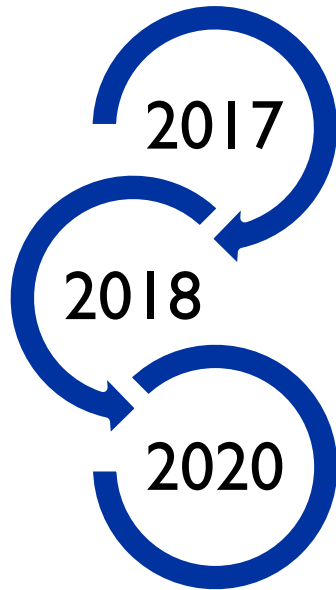
## Vision

By 2030, IOM is recognized for leading on environmental sustainability efforts in migration management in line with the Organization's greater commitment to the Agenda 2030.



**Institutional Environmental Sustainability Programme  
2016-2017**

# Strategic Approach to Mainstreaming Environmental Sustainability



## **Where are we now?**

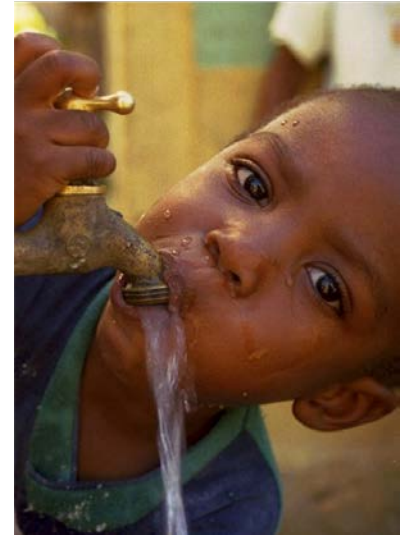
Baseline and benchmarking

## **Where would we like to be?**

Environmental policy

## **How do we get there?**

Environmental Management  
System (EMS)



**Institutional Environmental Sustainability Programme  
2016-2017**

# Results in 2017

## Baseline study

- Sustainable practices are currently under- or not reported
- Differentiated application
- 100+ projects identified with an environmentally sustainable dimension (since 2012) across all Departments
- Piloted greenhouse gas inventory at HQ

## Benchmarking

- IOM joined the Environment Management Group (EMG)
- Sustainable UN standards



*Map: Country operations where environmentally sustainable practices have been already identified*

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2016-2017**



**Let's act, not wait**





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