**Key Messages for the First session of the International Dialogue on Migration 2021**

***Accelerating integrated action on sustainable development: migration, the environment and climate change***

**25-27 May 2021, Zoom, 9:00-12:00 (EST)**

DAY 2: PANEL 3: EXAMINING THE LINKAGE BETWEEN MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE HUMANITARIAN, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE NEXUS (HDPN)

* Addressing climate change and its effects is a priority for the Government of Canada. It is a priority that cuts across the mandates of multiple federal departments, and implicates Canada’s domestic as well as international agenda.
* Climate change induced-displacement and climate migration are complex and cross-cutting issues with significant implications with respect to peacebuilding, security, gender equality, human rights, and Indigenous self-determination, among others.
* We recognize that climate change is increasing the number and severity of unpredictable and extreme weather events. At home, for instance, we continue to take measures to ensure Canada’s resilience in the face of climate change and its impacts, such as flooding, coastal erosion, permafrost thaw, and wildfires.
* Abroad, Canada, guided by its Feminist International Assistance Policy, continues to support climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in affected countries and is committed to responding in a timely, appropriate, needs-based and coordinated manner to people displaced in the context of climate change through its humanitarian and development assistance.
* As an active member of the International Organization for Migration, Canada is pleased that that the organization has been at the forefront of research and institutional developments on climate migration and climate-induced displacement. Canada recognizes the important role of the IOM in seeking to bring the topic to the front of international, regional and national discussions.
* Canada supports the IOM’s efforts to improving coordination, as per its *Strategy on Migration, Climate Change and the Environment*, both within the UN system and between migration, protection, development, humanitarian, peace and environmental actors, to promote greater coherence in addressing migration and displacement in the context of climate change and environmental degradation. Further, we continue to encourage alignment with regards to terminology, policies and processes within the UN system as relates to climate change-induced migration and displacement.
* Canada also values the efforts of other international partners, such as the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) as well as the Platform for Disaster Displacement (PDD), to advance these topics. Canada continues to actively engage in policy discussions, including as a member of the PDD Steering Group.
* The Global Compact for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration represents a significant achievement in helping to accelerate action to address migration and displacement in the context of climate and environmental change. With its references to acknowledge and address increased movements in the context of natural disasters, environmental degradation, and climate change, the Global Compact for Migration provides a platform for encouraging greater international attention to, and ultimately strengthened collaboration on, these cross-cutting issues.
* Canada is a strong supporter and Champion country of the Global Compact for Migration and supports efforts from the UN Network on Migration and others to ensure that climate migration will be an area of focus at the upcoming 2022 International Migration Review Forum. In Canada’s view, this first global review will provide an opportunity to take stock of developments related to climate migration and climate change induced-displacement, and discuss potential future climate actions that could contribute to minimizing the adverse drivers of climate-related movements, as well as the advancement of safer and more regular migration globally.
* Canada looks forward to further engagements on this important and complex topic. Thank you.