

# Climate Mobility Innovation Lab

## Launch and Meeting of the Steering Committee



Flooding in Sudan has displaced 20,000 people since June 2024, devastating infrastructure and hindering vital humanitarian aid. Photo: IOM / Lisa George

**Date:** September 24, 2024

**Time:** 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

**Location:** IOM Office at the United Nations  
122 E 42nd St, 48th Floor, New York 10168

# A. Background

The intricate relationship between climate change, conflict, and disasters has led to prolonged and widespread displacement, with climate change emerging as a key catalyst for humanitarian crises on a global scale. The strain on the already burdened and underfunded global humanitarian system is intensifying due to the mounting pressures of climate change. Over the past decade, more than 1.7 billion individuals have been impacted by climate-related disasters,[1] with extreme weather-related humanitarian needs in 2021 soaring to levels eight times higher than those of 2000. [2]

In response to these escalating and multidimensional challenges, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is launching the Climate Mobility Innovation Lab (CMIL) to develop impactful and transformative solutions for affected communities. With a specific emphasis on Vulnerable and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), the CMIL aligns its efforts with the urgent needs of vulnerable communities. Within these targeted populations, the CMIL will strategically concentrate on empowering vulnerable women and youth through programs fostering economic independence.

The CMIL is designed to cultivate innovative solutions, enhance knowledge and capabilities, and advocate for vital connections between climate change, migration, displacement, and human mobility. Embracing a social cohesion approach, the Lab underscores the importance of cultivating resilient communities capable of addressing climate-related challenges effectively.

#### References:

[1] [Worst Climate Disasters of 2023 and Their Effects on Global Hunger, 2024. WFP.](#)

[2] [Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2022: Chapter 2. "Volumes of humanitarian and wider crisis financing. Development Initiatives, 2022.](#)

## B. Meeting Objectives

The primary goal of the meeting is to officially launch the CMIL. This initial gathering is crucial for establishing the Steering Committee's methodology and beginning its advisory role with CMIL.

To achieve this, the specific objectives include:

- **Role Definition:** Clarify the roles and responsibilities of Steering Committee members.
- **Outcome Discussion:** Deliberate on expected outcomes, such as driving innovative climate mobility solutions.
- **Steering Committee Linkage:** Outline the connection between the Steering Committee and Innovation Committees at regional levels.



## C. Meeting Agenda

**General Moderation:** Rania Sharshr, Director of Climate Action

<b>5:00pm</b>	Opening remarks by DG, Amy Pope
<b>5:15pm</b>	DDG, Ugochi Daniels' introduction of steering committee members
<b>5:45pm</b>	Presentation of the Lab by Director of Climate Action, Rania Sharshr
<b>6:00pm</b>	Climate Risk Assessment Presentation by Prof. Hesham El Askary
<b>6:20pm</b>	Open discussion (SC members)
<b>6:55pm</b>	Closing remarks by DDG, Ugochi Daniel
<b>7:00pm</b>	Reception



## D. Expected Outcomes

The first Steering Committee convenes to officially launch the Climate Mobility Innovation Lab and establish a strong foundation for collaborative efforts, fostering synergies among its members and deepening their understanding of the CMIL. During the meeting, an innovation pipeline will be delineated, alongside the formulation of initial outcomes and long-term goals for the Lab. These articulated goals are instrumental in shaping the framework of the monitoring and evaluation plan, which will also address accountability and promote learning.



Local resident from Berebeyu village, Ethiopia.  
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