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The UN Migration Agency

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)

Provisional Agenda

Day 1	
9:00-10:00	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Antonio Vitorino, Director General, IOM <p>Keynote remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honourable Prime Minister Rear Admiral (Retired) Mr. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Fiji (video message)• Mr. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans living abroad, Kingdom of Morocco• Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the 75th session of the General Assembly (video message)• Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (video message)• Ms. Runa Khan, Founder and Executive Director, Friendship
10:00-12:00	<p>Panel 1: The Road to COP 26- Accelerating action to address migration and displacement in the context of climate and environmental change</p> <p>This panel discussion will provide an opportunity to reaffirm the commitment of the international community, member states and key players to address migration, displacement, environment and climate change issues, in the lead up to the 26th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP26). The panel will provide a comprehensive view of progress made in advancing knowledge, awareness and action on migration, displacement, environment, and climate change. It will take stock of advances made over the past ten years and outline what can be achieved in this new decade. The panel will provide insight into current actions being implemented by a wide range of actors, in particular countries most vulnerable to climate</p>

change, focusing on human rights-based and gender sensitive approaches. This will showcase avenues for current and future action on migration and displacement in the context of climate change, environmental degradation, and disasters due to natural hazards to fulfill the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. It will invite a discussion on how the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) could best address migration, environment and climate change to contribute to the 2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), in line with commitments made under the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Questions proposed to guide the discussion:

- What can be achieved at the forthcoming COP26 as far as advocacy, evidence and action on migration and displacement in the context of the adverse impacts of climate change are concerned?
- How are key players ensuring a coherent implementation of the commitments made under the Paris Agreement on climate change and the commitments made under the GCM?
- What are current and planned climate actions that may be leveraged in the implementation of GCM to further promote safe, orderly, and regular migration, taking into consideration diversity and gender dimensions?
- How can innovative migration governance and practice at global, regional, national and sub national levels be further integrated into international environmental and climate frameworks, sustainable development, in global climate action and other relevant forums?

Moderator: **Mr. António Vitorino**, Director General, IOM and Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration

Speakers:

- **Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP**, Honourable Foreign Minister, Bangladesh (video message)
- **Dr. Yasmine Fouad**, Minister of Environment, Egypt
- **Ms. Anne-Marie Trevelyan**, Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth, United Kingdom International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP 26 Presidency (video message)
- **Mr. Frank Tressler Zamorano**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Ovais Sarmad**, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- **Mr. Andreas Papaconstantinou**, Director for Neighbourhood and Middle East, Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), European Commission

Day 2	
9:00-10:30	<p>Panel 2: Understanding the linkages between migration, environment and climate change (MECC) and migration health in the context of COVID-19, and promoting the inclusion of MECC dimensions in COVID-19 recovery efforts</p> <p>Issues pertaining to migration, environment and climate change remain underdiscussed in the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic and in the ongoing global recovery efforts. Building on the discussions and findings from the 2020 IDM session dedicated to “COVID-19 crisis: reimagining the role of migrants and human mobility in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”, this panel aims to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on migrants and internally displaced persons in the context of the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation. It will invite an exchange on how climate-migration dimensions can be leveraged in the COVID-19 recovery plans, as well as discuss the linkages between migration health in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The panel will explore the connections between SDG 10.7 “facilitate orderly, safe, and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies” and SDG 3.8 “achieve universal health coverage (UHC), including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health care services, and access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all”.</p> <p>Questions proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we use lessons learned from this pandemic in relation to migration health and the environment to prevent future pandemics and to contain future outbreaks? • How can we mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health of migrants and internally displaced persons in the context of climate change and environmental degradation? • How can the global COVID-19 pandemic experience contribute to furthering migration governance regarding migration and displacement in the context of the adverse effects of climate change, disasters and environmental degradation? • How can COVID-19 recovery efforts address migration, environment, and climate change and migrant health, considering adequate gender focus? <p>Moderator: Ms. Monica Goracci, Director, Department of Migration Management, IOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Maria Neira González, Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, WHO • Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar, Chair, Lancet Migration, and Climate Change and Migration Lead, Director, Institute for Global Health, University College London • Mr. Kristof Tamas, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Division for Migration and Asylum Policy, Sweden • Dr. Elizabeth Ferris, Research Professor, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University • Ms. Verena Knaus, Global Lead, Migration and Displacement, UNICEF

10:30-12:30	<p>Panel 3: Examining the linkage between Migration, Environment and Climate Change and the Humanitarian, Development, Peace Nexus (HDPN)</p> <p>This panel will address environmental and climate change related questions linked to the Humanitarian, Development, Peace Nexus (HDPN). It will focus on the challenges of diminishing resources, degradation of biodiversity, impacts on human security and conflict, in order to highlight opportunities and solutions. The panel will discuss how governments and stakeholders are implementing measures including in the areas of disaster risk management and long-term capacity building, assessing the role of migration in mitigation and adaptation efforts, to fulfill the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Moreover, the panel will include insights from current operations in these areas and their impacts.</p> <p>Questions proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors work together to find durable solutions to protracted displacement, in the context of the adverse impacts of climate change?• Which kinds of capacity development efforts in countries of origin and at community level could be made in the areas of climate and environmental action, to tackle displacement and enhance the positive outcomes of migration throughout the HDPN?• What do we know about the relationship between migration and displacement in the context of climate change, environmental degradation, disasters due to natural hazards, human security, security, and conflict?• What are opportunities and challenges for the integration of human rights and gender sensitive based approaches into climate action and disaster risk reduction (DRR)?• How can climate action be leveraged across the HDPN to promote sustainable development for the benefit of migrants and their communities?• What is needed to ensure better gender equal and climate smart solutions to deliver across the HDPN as far as migration and displacement issues are concerned? <p>Moderator: Ms. Angelica Broman, Senior Advisor, Humanitarian, Development, Peace Nexus, IOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Joost Klarenbeek, Special Envoy for Migration, Netherlands• Ms. Grata Endah Werdaningtyas, Ambassador/Chargé d’Affaires, Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva• Gral. Anicet Nibaruta, Head of National Platform for Disaster Risk Management, Burundi• Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons• Ms. Faryde Carlier González, Director of Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia• Mr. Andrew Harper, Special Advisor on Climate Action, UNHCR• Mr. Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, International Council of Voluntary Agencies
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Day 3	
9:00 – 10:25	<p>Panel 4: Developing multi-stakeholder approaches to leverage opportunities and support the inclusion of migrants and internally displaced people to build a sustainable future</p> <p>The breadth of environmental challenges necessitates the development of multi-stakeholder responses that bring together different communities of practices and policy areas. This discussion will support the commitment to the climate and environment-related priorities outlined by the UN Secretary-General and contribute to other UN environmental and climate discussions, such as the High-Level Committee on Programmes common approach to integrating biodiversity and nature-based solutions for sustainable development into the UN’s policy and programme planning and delivery, currently under development. Furthermore, it will provide the opportunity to present concrete existing activities implemented in partnerships with private sector and civil society and activities led by stakeholders’ coalitions and to draw lessons learned to amplify existing work. It also aims to give voice to youth representatives and to discuss how best to leverage the positive contribution of migrants, internally displaced people and diasporas to climate action and sustainable development.</p> <p>Questions proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which nature-based livelihoods solutions for migrants, youths and their communities must be supported to strengthen their climate resilience? • What is the potential of the private sector to contribute to and /or leverage climate finance? • How can private sector work together with humanitarian agencies to support the clean energy transition in displacement settings? • How can migrants be integrated into climate adaptation and mitigation sectors to promote sustainable economic growth? • How can COVID-19 recovery efforts leverage migrant contribution to sustainable development to increase the effectiveness and growth of “green” sectors? <p>Moderator: Ms. Dina Ionesco, Head, Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division, IOM</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Mr. Naser Nuredini, Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Amadou Diaw, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, Senegal • Dr. Balgis Osman-Elasha, Chief Climate Change and Green Growth Specialist, Regional Coordinator, North Africa Development and Business Delivery Centre, African Development Bank • Ms. Enja Saethren, Senior Business Development Analyst, Scatec, Norway • Mr. Irfan Ullah Afridi, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth • Mr. Belal Altiné Sow, Co-founder, Sow Ranch, Senegal

<p>10:25-11:45</p>	<p>Panel 5: Promoting and supporting regional, national and local action on migration, environment and climate change</p> <p>This panel discussion will identify challenges and gaps linked to migration, environment, and climate change, including the specific challenges faced by countries most vulnerable to climate change (small island developing states, landlocked developing countries, and least developed countries) with a focus on regional, national and local action. It will also highlight examples of practices adopted by states, IOM and other stakeholders on migration, environment, and climate change, at regional, national and sub-national levels. The panel will present lessons learned to amplify the work currently in action. This panel will also elaborate on sustainability and climate focused actions in cities globally as well as urbanization in the context of climate change. It will open discussion on how regional, national and local action and the shared practices can be leveraged with migration to achieve the sustainable development goals.</p> <p>Questions proposed to guide the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are good practices in engaging regional, national and local stakeholders and strengthening capacities, including gender sensitive approaches? • What are remaining challenges facing the most vulnerable to climate change that require local/regional/international action? • How can local, national and regional action be leveraged in GCM implementation in relation to migration, the environment, and climate change? • What are the advantages of local and regional actions in addressing climate and environmental challenges in promoting safe, orderly, and regular migration? <p>Moderator: Ms. Michele Klein-Solomon, Regional Director for Central and North America and the Caribbean, IOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her Worship Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone • Dr. Cristopher Ballinas Valdés, Director General for Human Rights and Democracy at the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico • Mr. Sino Tokhir Tokhirzoda, Acting Director, “Sayru sayohat”, Committee for Environmental Protection, Tajikistan • Ms. María Florencia Carignano, National Director of Migration, Argentina • Ms. Fathia Alwan, Director, Health and Social Development, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Intergovernmental Authority on Development • Ms. Katja Schaefer, Inter-Regional Advisor, UN Habitat
<p>11:45-12:00</p>	<p>Closing session</p> <p><i>Closing Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director-General, IOM