

## CONCEPT NOTE

# Informing the Future: Understanding Human Mobility in the Context of Disasters, Climate Change and Environmental Degradation

Side-Event at the International Dialogue on Migration  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 13:30-14:45  
InterContinental Hotel  
Geneva, Switzerland

To register, please click [here](#).



### **Organized by**

the United Nations Network on Migration  
the International Organization for Migration (IOM)  
the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)

## 1. Background

Every year, millions of people are compelled to move in the context of sudden-onset disasters, while the livelihoods of millions more are affected by slow-onset climate change and environmental degradation, with many leaving their homes, and others remaining trapped in areas at risk. Unless such population movements are orderly, safe, and regular they can pose significant challenges to human security and people's rights, even so in rapidly growing urban areas, and greatly undermine sustainable development, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and migration governance efforts.

To highlight existing policies, instruments and practices to address these challenges from a migration governance perspective, the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) led a dedicated project under the UN Network on Migration's workstream on climate change and migration. In collaboration with various partners and with funding from Germany, they compiled and presented relevant evidence at the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in New York in May 2022. A year on, following the collection of 1808 policies and laws, this collaborative effort culminated in the creation of the "CLIMB Database: Human Mobility in the Context of Disasters, Climate Change and Environmental Degradation Database".

This state-of-the-art database collates key data on policy and legal instruments and practices addressing human mobility in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation. It provides a resource for policymakers as well as researchers, practitioners and other stakeholders working in the area of policy development on human mobility, disasters, climate change, and environmental degradation. While the database uses the implementation of commitments under the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) as a starting point, it is also highly pertinent in relation to other key global policy frameworks in this area (e.g. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Sendai Framework).

## 2. Description of the Side Event

This side event will mark the official launch of the "CLIMB Database: Human Mobility in the Context of Disasters, Climate Change and Environmental Degradation Database", which is hosted on the UN Network on Migration's Hub. It will convene policymakers, experts, civil society and Member States to highlight [key findings](#) from the evidence collected in the database, to demonstrate the innovative features of the database intended for a policy and research audience, and to reflect on the data, including its implications and potential to inform decision-making and priority action for the future ahead of the forthcoming GCM Regional Reviews.

## Objectives:

The side event seeks to:

- highlight progress and gaps in current policy implementation, related to the GCM and beyond, in the area of human mobility in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation;
- provide a live walk-through of the database's advanced features, visual analytics, and user-friendly interface that cater to both policymakers and researchers;
- discuss the evidence within the database, exploring its implications and its potential to inform future priority actions in policymaking and research.

## Format

The side event will be held in hybrid format. Interpretation for the event will be available in English, Spanish and French. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided at the venue.

### 3. Draft Agenda

<b>Side Event at the International Dialogue on Migration (IDM)</b>	
13:30 – 13:40	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Moderation: Manuel Marques Pereira, Head of Division, IOM MECR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head of the Secretariat, UN Network on Migration</li></ul>
13:40 – 13:50	<b>Presentation of Key Findings</b> Key insights from the analysis developed based on the data contained in the CLIMB Database will be presented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Atle Solberg, Head of Secretariat, Platform on Disaster Displacement</li></ul>
13:50 – 14:10	<b>Demo of the CLIMB Database</b> A step-by-step demonstration on the database's functionalities, interface, and innovative features. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Kerry-Lynn Maze, Sr. Knowledge Management Coordinator, GMDAC</li></ul>
14:10 – 14:40	<b>Panel Discussion and Q&amp;A</b> Panel discussion with experts, representatives of national governments, and the UN, reflecting on the database, including its implications and potential to inform decision-making and priority action for the future.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Eduardo José A. de Vega, Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines</li><li>• Mr. Pedrag Avramovic, Minister-Counsellor (Humanitarian Affairs), Permanent Delegation of the EU to the UN in Geneva</li><li>• Mr. Anare Leweniqila, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the UN in Geneva</li><li>• Ms. Katharina Schmidt, Advisor on Climate Services and Human Mobility, GIZ</li></ul>
14:40 – 14:45	<b>Closing</b>