

Migration Dialogues on Gaps and Emerging Challenges: The Impact of our Evolving Climate on Migrants.

23 February 2022

9.30-11 AM (New York) 3.30 – 5 PM (Geneva)

Concept Note and Agenda

Dialogue

To support Member States and other relevant stakeholders in preparing for the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), the United Nations Network on Migration (Network) is hosting the Migration Dialogues series (January – April 2022) on its Migration Network Hub. These events offer an open and inclusive space where Member States and all other relevant stakeholders can discuss approaches towards achieving effective, principled migration governance for the benefit of all. These deliberations are designed to assist Member States and other relevant stakeholders to prepare for the IMRF's roundtables and policy debate. They will also provide input for the background notes for each of the roundtables and for the policy debate.

The impacts of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation are already affecting migration patterns worldwide. People are migrating to adapt to the changing climate, others are displaced, and some are undertaking planned relocation. These interactions are more systematically recognised in international frameworks linked to both migration and environmental issues, such as the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the GCM. Significantly, States made concrete commitments in the GCM Objectives 2 and 5 to address these linkages, and indeed governments, stakeholders and international organizations have already been taking action on the ground to address these growing realities.

These processes and approaches could further benefit through synergies and lessons learned to guide more coordinated action. Specifically, stronger action is needed to address and mitigate disasters, climate change and environmental degradation, in line with State's decisions at UNFCCC COP26; and more commitment is needed to design and implement regular pathways for migration in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation, such as labour schemes, humanitarian visas free movement agreements, and transhumance protocols.

This specific Dialogue represents an opportunity for speakers and participants to share their good practices and recommendations on advancing the implementation of Objectives 2 and 5 of the GCM as they relate to migration in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation. It is also an opportunity to propose specific pledges that the various entities could support.

This Dialogue is convened by the co-leads of the UN Network's [workstream](#) on [climate change and migration](#) under thematic priority 4 of the Network's workplan, which is co-led by ILO, IOM, and UNFCCC. Discussions will look to set the scene ahead of the IMRF, including elements to be considered under Round table 1 of the Forum, and to share good practices and lessons learnt from a number of actors operating at the local, regional, and global levels which might be replicated and taken forward. Additionally, the Dialogue will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss the ways in which the

IMRF may build on from the outcomes of COP26, and towards the convening of COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt in November 2022.

Interpretation will be provided in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.

Register [here](#).

Discussion space

To ensure meaningful and lasting interactions between participants, speakers and Network members on topics related to climate change and migration, the Network has created a dedicated [discussion space](#) on the Migration Network Hub where participants can ask questions and share recommendations and good practices ahead of, during, and after the Dialogue.

To help shape discussions, 3 sets of guiding questions can be found below:

1. What are the main challenges of implementing GCM Objectives 2 and 5? What has been done so far and/or what actions have you taken to address these challenges?
2. What would progress on implementing GCM Objectives 2 and 5 look like and how can the IMRF process assess this progress over time?
3. What actions should be taken to address and mitigate disasters, climate change and environmental degradation as it relates to migration? Could your government develop preventive measures? regular pathways for example? What specific actions could be taken in the next 3-7 years? Could you make an associated pledge?

Access the discussion space [here](#).

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5 minutes	<p>Opening Remarks (this includes housekeeping)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator, Asisé Mateo, Senior Liaison and Policy Officer, UN Network on Migration secretariat, with the assistance of the Mastervoice team.
5 minutes	<p>Setting the Scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Prentice, Head of the UN Network on Migration secretariat.
25 minutes	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Panel discussion with representatives from the local, regional and global levels who will be discussing good practices; challenges; lessons learnt; and emerging priorities (7 mins each).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jorge Muñoz, mayor of Lima, Peru and Member of C40-MMC Global Mayors Task Force • Ahmed Amdihun, the Regional Programme Coordinator for Disaster Risk



	<p>Management at IGAD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Md. Mustafizur Rahman, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh <p>Moderator: Asisé Mateo, Senior Liaison and Policy Officer, UN Network on Migration secretariat</p> <p>Discussant: Michael Kakande, Chairperson of The Resilient40, Founder and CEO of Two Hands One Life (THOL (3 minutes to reflect)</p>
45 minutes	Discussion / Q&A
10 minutes	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Dr. Ahmed Ihab Gamaleldin Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt, as host of COP27