



Concept Note Webinar: Climate Change, Migration and displacement in Eastern Africa

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2 pm EAT

Climate change is causing devastating socio-economic impacts, especially through severe droughts, floods, desertification, sea-level rise, ocean acidification, air pollution, rain pattern shifts and loss of biodiversity. 33.4 million people globally were displaced as a result of disasters in 2019 and 9.8 million people displaced by disasters in the first half of 2020 alone that puts disasters as a leading trigger of new internal displacements globally according to the report by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC). The impacts of climatic related risks could exacerbate many humanitarian crises and may lead to an increase in human mobility. In east Africa, disasters together with conflicts have displaced millions of people every year and the figure shows an increasing trend of displacement due to disasters such as floods. Understanding the role of climate change in driving migration and displacement and what can be done about it is critical not just for risk management efforts or humanitarian response, but also to ensure sustainable development.

It has been noted that no sustainable development can be achieved without integrated and coherent approaches in global frameworks in all development strategies as has been highlighted by the SDGs, the Paris agreement on Climate Change, Migration Strategies, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2063 AU Agenda, and other development strategies of the countries and Regional Economic Communities (RECs).

The IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) was established within the framework of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to help the region address challenges associated with climate variability and change and disaster risk reduction. ICPAC, as a specialized institution of IGAD, with a clear mandate and responsibility focusing mainly on climate information, prediction and early warning and applications in support of environmental management, disaster risk reduction, among others. ICPAC also developed a Regional Climate Change Strategy and Disaster Risk Management strategy aligned to the global framework.

This webinar is aimed at contributing to understanding of current trends in climate change, disasters and human mobility and raising awareness on the interlinkages between climate change, migration, displacement and refugees in the IGAD region.

	Wednesday	Moderator
2.00	Introduction and Official opening	Ahmed Amdihun, ICPAC
2.05	Linkages between Climate change and migration Mohammed Abdiker, Director International Organization for Migration (IOM)	
2.15	Climate change, migration, and Displacement; Current situation and future trends? Nina Birkeland Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	
2.25	Climate migration and Refugee protection Madeline Garlick UNHCR	
2:35	Drivers and trends of Displacement in Eastern Africa: Bina Desai Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)	
Discussants		
2.45	Regional Perspective: IGAD Migration Programme	
3.00	Questions and Discussions from Plenary	
3:20	Close of day	