

PLATFORM ON DISASTER DISPLACEMENT ENGAGEMENT AT (SIDE) EVENTS WHS

The Platform on Disaster Displacement was engaged in three side events at the World Humanitarian Summit (as organizer, in preparatory work and as speakers/panellists). This is an informal summary of the events with some links to relevant information:

1. 'Commitments and Opportunities to Implement the Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda', Monday 23 May 2016 from 13.00-14.30

In view of a very dense program at the WHS (Leader's segment, 7 Roundtables, 15 special sessions and 132 side events etc.), and with many competing events at the same time as the side event (e.g. side event on MICIC), turn-out (about 125 persons at the 'peak') was clearly satisfactory. The profile of the side event was also very high level (one Prime Minister, two Foreign Ministers as well as one State Secretary on the panel, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands in the room), Head of IOM and Assistant High Commissioner for Protection from UNHCR etc. Several strong and relevant commitments were made by key stakeholders, and high visibility was given to the launch (on social media etc.). The side event was moderated by Prof Walter Kaelin.

Some relevant links:

Photos (also from other side events):

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/125895769@N07/albums/72157668494611282>

Press Release: <http://disasterdisplacement.org/germany-and-bangladesh-commit-to-address-the-needs-of-people-displaced-across-borders-in-the-context-of-disasters-and-climate-change/>

Switzerland: <https://www.admin.ch/gov/en/start/documentation/media-releases.msg-id-61809.html> and <https://www.eda.admin.ch/deza/en/home/news/press-releases-articles-speeches.html/content/deza/en/meta/news-deza/2016/5/18/suisse-aide-populations-contraintes-de-fuire.html>

Press note Costa Rica:

<http://www.rreee.go.cr/?sec=servicios%20a%20publico&cat=servicios%20de%20informacion&cont=593¬icia=2863>

UNHCR Web article: <http://www.unhcr.org/news/latest/2016/5/574843f34/unhcr-pledges-better-protect-assist-people-displaced-disaster.html>

Press Coverage in Bangladesh: <http://en.prothom-alo.com/environment/news/106277/Dhaka-Berlin-committed-to-meet-climate-victims%E2%80%99> and <http://unb.com.bd/article/bd-germany-committed-to-climate-victims-needs>

Huffington Post: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/aaron-packard/what-the-world-humanitari_b_10160744.html

2. 'Bedrock of our Action? Improving the Impact of Data in Displacement Situations', Tuesday 24 May, 11.00-12:30

The Platform on Disaster Displacement had joined forces with the Joint Internal Displacement Profiling Services (JIPS), who had formally submitted the application in collaboration with IOM, UNHCR, the Platform on Disaster Displacement, IDMC and Data2X (project of the UN Foundation). The aim of the side event was to highlight the challenges of displacement data collection and analysis in humanitarian contexts as well as the opportunities for greater collaboration moving forward. This panel responded directly to the U.N. Secretary-General's call for data and joint analysis to become the "bedrock of our action".

Panellists included Mr Toby Lanzer, UN Assistant Secretary General and Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sahel, Mr Xavier Devictor, Head of the World Bank's Global Program on Forced Displacement and colleagues from IDMC (Ms Alexandra Bilak), JIPS (Ms Natalia Baal), UNHCR (Ms Kim Robertson), Data2X (Mr Adam Saltsman) and IOM (Ms Michelle Klein). The side event was moderated by Prof Walter Kaelin. Turn-out was higher than expected (60 +), see photos (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/125895769@N07/albums/72157668494611282>).

The challenges of data and numbers on disaster displacement was highlighted, as well as the limitation in existing system to have consolidated number on disaster displacement (both internal and cross-borders). The process of organising the side event was very useful in terms of connecting with agencies collecting and analysing displacement data, and provides opportunities to better address strategic priority 1 of the Platform.

See more on: <http://www.jips.org/en/news/latest-news/upcoming-whs-event-about-data-on-displacement>

3. 'Climate Induced Displacement: Humanitarian and Right Perspective', Tuesday 24 May 2016, 15.00 to 16.30

The side event was organised by COAST from Bangladesh (www.coastbd.net) and with the participation of fifteen other entities from the global South and North, namely, Act Alliance, Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network (ADRRN), Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN), African Development Solution (ADESO), Christian Aid, Action Against Hunger (ACF) International, UN Major Group on Child and Youth (UNMGC&Y), EquityBD, NHN Pakistan, Refugees International (RI), Ebill Society Palao, Dhaka University, Platform on Disaster Displacement and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

The side event was moderated by Rezaul Karim Chowdhury of COAST Bangladesh. Among the panel speakers were Ms Corazon Soliman, Secretary, Department of Social Welfare Government of Philippines and Mr Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. The Platform had also been invited to speak at the event as panellist.

The side event had a strong focus on disaster and climate change-related displacement and corresponding human rights and protection concerns and saw strong participation of civil society stakeholders from Southeast and South Asia in addition to high-level representation from the Governments of the Phillipines and Banglades, mentioned above.

More info: <http://coastbd.net/climate-migrants-deserve-equity-capacity-and-human-rights-from-global-community/>

See photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/125895769@N07/albums/72157668494611282>).

Media clips in Bangladesh:

<http://www.theindependentbd.com/printversion/details/45054>

<http://themorningbellbd.com/climate-migrants-deserve-equity-capacity-and-human-rights-from-global-community/>

<http://thedailynewnation.com/news/94763/global-community-urged-to-help-climate-induced-migrants.html>

<http://unb.com.bd/article/global-community-urged-to-help-climate-induced-migrants>

<http://www.daily-sun.com/post/138916/Climate-migrants-deserve-equity-capacity-and-human-rights>

<http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/2016/05/25/31702/%E2%80%98Climate-migrants-deserve-equity-from-global-community%E2%80%99>

http://www.newstoday.com.bd/index.php?option=details&news_id=2443397&date=2016-05-26

http://www.newstoday.com.bd/index.php?option=details&news_id=2443378&date=2016-05-26

<http://dailyasianage.com/news/19926/climate-migrants-deserve-equity>

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