

Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) and DEC Migration and Remittances Unit

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No one left behind: A development perspective on preventing displacement and protecting disaster displaced

Monday,

December 5, 2016

12:30-2:00 PM

Room MC 7-424

Refreshments will be served

Speaker: **Achim Steiner**, Platform on Disaster Displacement

Chair: **Claus Happe**, Alternate Executive Director for Germany,
World Bank

This KNOMAD Seminar will present and discuss the recently launched [Platform on Disaster Displacement \(PDD\)](#), a state-led and multi-stakeholder driven follow-up to the Nansen Initiative. The PDD intends to implement the recommendations of the Nansen Initiative [Protection Agenda](#), to prevent, reduce and address disaster displacement. When displacement is unavoidable, policy options may include facilitating migration or planned relocation to move people away from hazardous areas to safer areas. PDD's work cuts across sectors of humanitarian assistance, human rights, migration management, refugee protection, disaster risk reduction, climate change mitigation/ adaptation. The Protection Agenda emphasizes the need for inclusive and sustainable development as an integral part of efforts to reduce and manage disaster displacement risks, before, during and following disasters.

Our speaker, Achim Steiner, will present the PPD and engage the audience in a discussion on how to link the Protection Agenda and development work (including the World Bank's one), and explore synergies with [the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#), the [Paris Agreement](#) on climate change and other global policy frameworks and processes.



Speaker:

Achim Steiner is the Envoy of the Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement. He acts as the representative of the Chair in high-level public events, promoting the work and objectives of the Platform and providing advice to the Chair and the Steering Group of the Platform on the strategic priorities and on the Workplan's strategic direction.

Achim Steiner also serves as Director of the Oxford Martin School. Prior to joining the University of Oxford he served as United Nations Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (2006-2016). Mr. Steiner has led a number of institutions as Chief Executive, including as Secretary General of the World Commission on Dams, Director General of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Director General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON). He has lived and worked in Oman, UK, India, Pakistan, Germany, Zimbabwe, USA, Vietnam, South Africa, Switzerland and Kenya.



Chair:

Claus Happe is the German Alternate Executive Director to the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank Group.

Before assuming his role as Alternate Executive Director in 2015, he served as head of the Division for Multilateral Development Banks and Debt Restructuring within the Directorate of International Financial and Monetary Policy of the Ministry of Finance. Claus comes to the Bank Group with more than 15 years of experience in both the German Federal Ministry of Finance and the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy. In this capacity, he oversaw the financial basis of national and international development banks and restructuring of sovereign debt by public and private creditors. Prior to that Claus was in charge of German state aid cases and surveillance of BaFin, the German financial market regulator.

Previously he worked as a private lawyer in an international law firm. He has also worked with the European Legal Service of the German Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy and the Legal Service of the European Commission, representing inter alia cases before the European Court of Justice. Claus earned his Ph.D. in law from the University of Muenster, and studied Law, Philosophy, and Political Science in undergraduate school in Berlin and Muenster.

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