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and IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC)

"Disaster and Climate-induced Displacement & Mobility  
– Challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century"

Auswärtiges Amt (Federal Foreign Office), Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin

- Visitor Centre (Besuchszentrum) Room 2 -

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**Large-scale displacements** have devastating effects on people and communities. They create complex humanitarian and development challenges that call for **urgent partnerships** and **enhanced cooperation**. People that are forced to cross a border in the context of a **disaster and the effects of climate change** have only limited protection when they arrive in another country.

The Nansen Initiative consultative process identified effective practices to address the **protection needs of disaster displaced persons**. In 2016 the Platform on Disaster Displacement was launched to follow up on the Nansen Initiative and to support the implementation of its recommendations.

Concerted efforts at all levels are needed in order to find ways to better protect and assist disaster displaced persons. At the same time **migration can be a way to adapt to environmental and climate change** and needs to be recognized as such in policies.

The debate will address the following questions:

- *How can knowledge and data gaps on why, where, when, and how people are displaced/decide to migrate in the context of disasters and climate change be addressed?*
- *How can cooperation to prevent, to reduce and to address disaster displacement at the national, regional and international levels be strengthened?*
- *How can the use of effective practices to reduce disaster displacement risks and to carry out humanitarian protection measures be enhanced?*
- *How can policy coherence and mainstreaming of human mobility challenges and benefits in and across relevant policy and action areas be promoted?*
- *How can safe and orderly human mobility be an adaptation strategy to climate change in order to prevent displacement?*
- *How can policy and normative development in legal gap areas be promoted?*

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Welcome Remarks:



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Speaker:



**Atle Solberg**, Head of Coordination Unit, Platform on Disaster Displacement



**Susanne Melde**, Senior Analyst, Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC), International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Discussant:



**Prof. Felicitas Hillmann**, Head of Department, Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space

Facilitation:



**Claudia Meier**, Project manager, Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)