



PDD's initial setup and Strategic Framework and Workplan 2016-2019 will come to an end in June 2019. The Chairmanship of France, taking over from Bangladesh, will mark the beginning of a new phase of PDD.

In light of a changed global policy landscape and taking stock of PDD's achievements so far, the PDD Steering Group invited the Envoy of the Chair to develop an Options Paper on how to take the work of PDD forward. It has subsequently convened for a Strategic Retreat on 10 October 2018 in Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland and for a Working Group on Strategy Development on 15 November 2018 in Geneva to discuss the purpose and objective of PDD's work, different options for continuation of PDD as well as regional and thematic priorities and necessary changes to its governance structure.

Based on these discussions, the Envoy and the Coordination Unit suggest the PDD Steering Group adopt the following decisions:

1. To **continue the work of PDD beyond June 2019** with a focus on addressing the protection needs of disaster displaced persons and managing displacement risk in accordance with the Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda, and to **agree on a practical and operational set-up for the period July 2019 – June 2022**.
2. To **maintain the focus on addressing policy and normative gaps and promoting adequate institutional and operational responses regarding cross-border disaster-displacement**, and subject to further discussion, define the scope of work regarding internal displacement.
3. To **prioritize three global policy frameworks or policy areas of engagement for PDD**, namely: (i) the follow-up to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the **Global Compact for Migration** and the **Global Compact on Refugees** (ii) the **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030** (including Regional and Global Platforms on DRR), (iii) the **UNFCCC**, the **Paris Agreement** and other outcomes and subsidiary bodies of UNFCCC, including the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage and its **Task Force on Displacement**; and to sharpen PDD's profile as champion of disaster displacement in these processes.
4. To support global **policy development in other areas**, including Human Rights, Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (and the implementation of the Agenda for Humanity), Development (and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals), and the Environment as priorities insofar as resources allow and members of the Steering Group lead these activities as champions.
5. To continue to place emphasis on PDD's contributions to **global policy processes and policy**, and in this next phase, subject to further discussion, define scope of engagement **in supporting the implementation of relevant global policy frameworks in the regions and at the national level**, together with partners, and as resources allow. In this regard **consider**,
 - i. **To continue the Regional Adviser positions in the Americas** (Costa Rica) **and the Pacific** (Fiji) to support the implementation of ongoing PDD activities as well as the development and implementation of new activities in cooperation with partners in these regions.
 - ii. **To establish Regional Adviser positions in Africa** (West Africa, Greater Horn of Africa) **and Asia** (South Asia, Southeast Asia), resources permitting, to strengthen existing contacts and support the development of activities in these regions.

- iii. **To engage with regional processes and mechanisms** and relevant member countries of regional organisations to work on implementation at the regional level.
6. To continue efforts to **support and strengthen coordination among data collection and information systems** collecting, monitoring and analysing data on disaster displacement at the global, regional and national level, including addressing knowledge and data gaps through research and analysis.
7. To continue **outreach to other States and stakeholders** beyond members of PDD, inter alia by **enhancing communication capacity of the Coordination Unit**, resources permitting, to strengthen visibility, awareness and advocacy, i.a. through greater online and offline messaging.
8. To **adjust its Governance Structure** with a view to increasing its efficiency and effectiveness, i.e.
 - i. Regarding the **Steering Group**:
 - a) To **revise and update its Terms of Reference**, including on structure and membership, and invite Steering Group Members to reconsider the role they would like to play in the Steering Group regarding **resources** they could dedicate but also regarding **regional and/or thematic championship** of particular topics or projects of the PDD Workplan which they would like to support.
 - b) To consider creating a **Group of Friends**, which shall meet, approximately twice a year, in Geneva and/or New York, to strengthen awareness regarding challenges of disaster displacement, disseminate information about PDD's work to a wider audience and support policy development.
 - ii. Regarding the **Coordination Unit**:
 - a) To revise and **update its Terms of Reference** to reflect more accurately its functions, responsibilities and scope of work (e.g. beyond coordinating and liaising functions).
 - b) To consider turning the Coordination Unit into a **Secretariat**.
 - c) To consider strengthening the Coordination Unit/ Secretariat with additional manpower and resources.
 - iii. Regarding the **Advisory Committee and the Envoy**: to continue the present institutional arrangements.
9. To consider various options for **funding mechanisms** (e.g. pooled fund vs. project-based, cooperation with multilateral financial institutions, yearly contributions from SG members etc.) and develop options for more integrated program and financial management (e.g. Workplan and activities based on available/pledged funding and financial forecast).
10. To continue and strengthen efforts at **mainstreaming disaster displacement work within the scope** of existing mandates and areas work of relevant agencies in the **UN system**, including to seek greater clarity on the **operational roles and complementarities of IOM and UNHCR vis-à-vis the work of PDD**, in light of recent global policy developments (such as adoption of the Global Compacts and the establishment of the UN Migration Network) and the new focus on their implementation.
11. To task the Envoy of the Chair and the Coordination Unit to start the process of **drafting a Strategy and Workplan 2019-2022** for consultation with the Advisory Committee and adoption by the Steering Group.

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