



Side Event

Concept Note

Event title	“Women and Youth Speak: Faces of Disaster Displacement”
Organizing Team Members	<p>This side event is organized by the Platform on Disaster Displacement under the leadership of the Norwegian Refugee Council and in collaboration with over 20 States and partner organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Costa Rica ○ Germany ○ GIZ ○ International Labour Organization ○ International Organization on Migration ○ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ○ UN Environment ○ UNHCR, UN Refugee Agency ○ UNICEF ○ UN Major Group for Children and Youth ○ UN Women ○ Action Aid Bangladesh ○ Alaska Institute for Justice ○ Arab Network for Environment and Development ○ Arab Organisation of Persons with Disabilities ○ Caritas Internationalis ○ Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction ○ Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre ○ International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies ○ Norwegian Refugee Council ○ Platform on Disaster Displacement ○ Refugees International ○ South American Network for Environmental Migrations ○ Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law ○ Stockholm Environment Institute Asia

Background and Rationale	<p>Sudden-onset disasters displace an average of 25 million people each year. If displacement associated with slower onset disasters, such as those caused by drought or sea-level rise, were included, the global figure would be significantly higher. Although disaster displacement is typically traumatic for all, the impacts are often worse for women, youth and children.</p> <p>Women, youth and children may face a greater risk of gender-based violence in crowded evacuation centres or while staying with host families. Displacement can also result in socio-economic ruptures within the family: the loss of work and income, as well as changes in social roles and status, can increase family violence. Extreme financial hardship during displacement can lead women, youth and children to transactional sex or make them vulnerable to trafficking.</p> <p>Women, children, and youth displaced by disasters also face challenges accessing education and healthcare. In the weeks and months following a disaster, children and youth may have difficulty accessing quality education, either because schools were damaged or destroyed, they lack resources to attend school, or they are unable to access education while displaced. Likewise, the inability of displaced families or female-headed households to rebuild/recover their homes and livelihoods after a disaster can have impacts on women's and children's health, as they are often more susceptible to disaster-related illnesses or must forego healthcare treatment due to loss of financial resources. Pregnant, lactating, or older women and women with disabilities may have difficulty in accessing essential medical care or aid distribution due to mobility limitations.</p> <p>Before and during disaster displacement, women, youth and children may also face challenges accessing relevant information, and have distinct needs and differing access to resources as a result of discrimination or gender-based divisions of labour, patterns of mobility and socially expected behaviour patterns. They may also face difficulties in accessing aid if they lack identity documents or if aid distribution lists only capture head of households.</p> <p>Including women, youth and children in displacement risk reduction activities is essential to reduce impacts and build their resilience. The differing experiences and knowledge of women, youth and children are vital resources for disaster preparedness for response and recovery. Women often play a key role in responding to family and community needs in the aftermath of disasters, and must not only have access to recovery resources but also be empowered to build overall resilience to future disasters.</p> <p>The event will explore the policies and practices needed to reduce the risk of displacement for women, youth and children, such as risk assessments that reveal gender and age differences and early warnings targeted to women, youth and children. It will also highlight measures to ensure protection and safe shelter during displacement, to prevent and recover from trauma, to build resilience, and to</p>

	address the discrimination and barriers women, youth and children often face in accessing information, housing and resources during displacement and recovery.
Session objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To increase understanding of the impact of disaster displacement on women, youth and children as well as their empowerment to build resilience, from their perspective. The event will complement the GP working session on disaster displacement. ○ To promote effective measures to reduce the risk of displacement for women, youth and children, better manage their displacement when it cannot be avoided and adopt a people-centred approach in all actions.
Agenda and Structure	<p>Agenda</p> <p>10 mins. Introduction of topic by professional moderator</p> <p>15 mins. Moderator interviews one disaster displaced woman to recount her displacement experience in a Q&A format</p> <p>15 mins. Moderator interviews one disaster displaced youth to recount her displacement experience in a Q&A format</p> <p>20 mins. Two speakers (10 minutes each) address points raised by displaced woman and youth to comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The information gap on displacement of women, youth and children ○ Effective practices and initiatives to ensure women, youth and children benefit as well as men from disaster displacement risk reduction and resilience efforts ○ Inclusiveness in access to information and participation and ways of safeguarding equal space for engagement for women, youth and children
Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governments, with the support of nongovernmental stakeholders, sensitized and encouraged to review policies to reduce displacement risk through gender- and age-disaggregated data collection on displacement ○ Governments, with the support of nongovernmental stakeholders, encouraged to review preparedness measures to increase women's, youths' and children's access to information and resources
Special commitments / Announcements	<i>TBD</i>
Proposed Moderator of the Session	<p>Ms. Eleanor Tabi Haller-Jorden President & CEO, The Paradigm Forum GmbH Strategic Advisor, EDGE Strategy AG Wilson Center Global Fellow</p>

	Visiting Scholar, IMD Business School
List of Panellists	Currently being selected. Includes one displaced woman, one displaced youth and 2 expert discussants.
Reference Documents	<p><i>Resources on disaster displacement and related forms of human mobility</i></p> <p>Addressing Internal Displacement: A Framework for National Responsibility - Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement, April 2005</p> <p>Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change - Nansen Initiative, 2015</p> <p>Assisting Host Families and Communities after Crises and Natural Disaster- A Step-by-Step Guide – IFRC, 2012</p> <p>Breaking the Impasse: Reducing Protracted Internal Displacement as a Collective Outcome - OCHA, 2017</p> <p>Camp Management Toolkit - global CCCM cluster, 2015</p> <p>Compendium of IOM Activities in Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience - IOM, 2013</p> <p>Disaster Displacement: How to Reduce Risk, Address Impacts and Strengthen Resilience – UNISDR 2019</p> <p>Disaster-Related Displacement Risk: Measuring the Risk and Addressing Its Drivers - IDMC/NRC, 2015</p> <p>Displacement Tracking Matrix, IOM</p> <p>Draft Articles on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters - UN International Law Commission, 2016</p> <p>Durable Solutions Indicators – UN special rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs and JIPS, in progress</p> <p>Effective Law and Regulation for Disaster Risk Reduction: A multi-country report -- UNDP and IFRC, 2014</p> <p>Global Report on Internal Displacement - IDMC annual report</p> <p>Guidance for Profiling Urban Displacement - JIPS, 2014</p> <p>Guidance on Protecting People from Disasters and Environmental Change through Planned Relocation - Brookings, Georgetown University, and UNHCR, 2015</p> <p>Guiding Principles on the Access of Refugees and Other Forcibly Displaced Persons to the Labour Market - ILO, 2016</p> <p>Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster - MICIC, 2016</p> <p>Handbook for the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons - global protection cluster, 2010</p> <p>Framework for Durable Solutions to Internal Displacement - IASC, 2010</p> <p>Operational Guidelines on the Protection of Persons in Situations of Natural Disasters - IASC, 2011</p> <p>JIPS Essential Toolkit – Joint IDP Profiling Service</p>

	<p>Joint Strategies to Support Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees Returning to Their Country of Origin - early recovery cluster, 2016</p> <p>The MEND Guide: Comprehensive Guide for Planning Mass Evacuations in Natural Disasters (pilot version) - global CCCM cluster, 2014</p> <p>Migrants in Disaster Risk Reduction: Practices for Inclusion - MICIC, 2017</p> <p>Multi-hazard Business Continuity Management: Guide for small and medium enterprises - ILO, 2011</p> <p>National Instruments on Internal Displacement: A Guide to Their Development - Brookings-LSE Project on Internal Displacement, 2013</p> <p>The Progressive Resolution of Displacement Situations Framework - IOM, 2016</p> <p>Protecting Internally Displaced Persons: A Manual for Law and Policymakers - Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement, 2008</p> <p>Protection for Persons Moving across Borders in the Context of Disasters: A Guide to Effective Practices for RCM Member Countries - RCM, 2016</p> <p>A Toolbox: Planning Relocations to Protect People from Disasters and Environmental Change -Georgetown, IOM and UNHCR, 2017</p> <p>Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement - UN, 1998</p>
Technical equipment requirements	<p>Projector, screen and related cables for background slide presentation</p>