

Concept Note (version 1 May)

**“LAUNCH OF THE WORDS INTO ACTION ON DISASTER DISPLACEMENT:
HOW TO REDUCE RISK, ADDRESS IMPACTS
AND STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE” at the occasion of GPDRR 2019**



Thursday 16 May 2019 | 9:30-10:30 AM | Venue: Norwegian Refugee Council, Rue de Varembe 3, Geneva

Organizers and focal points: Platform on Disaster Displacement (Sarah Koeltzow), Germany, Switzerland and France in partnership with NRC and UNDRR

Rationale

PDD and its partners would like to use this event to officially launch the final version of the *Words into Action Guidelines – Disaster displacement: How to reduce risk, address impacts and strengthen resilience* (Words into Action on Disaster Displacement) and discuss ways and means available to pilot this guidance in South Africa, Nepal and in the territories of the Andean sub-region.

The Words into Action on Disaster Displacement provides guidance for governments on how to include disaster displacement-related provisions in their national and local disaster risk reduction planning. The development of the guide as part of the PDD Workplan 2016-2019 has been led by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), with the generous support of Germany and Switzerland. Since its first release, the guide has been translated from English into Arabic, French and Spanish and published on Preventionweb for use and public consultation.

The Global Platform 2019 constitutes an ideal opportunity to launch the final version of the Words into Action on Disaster Displacement. The Words into Action on Disaster Displacement relates strongly to Target B (affected populations) and Target E of the Sendai Framework. Target E of the Sendai Framework aims to substantially increase the number of national and local DRR strategies adopted and implemented by 2020. The Global Platform is the last global gathering of all Stakeholders before meeting this deadline.

Objective

This side event aims to 1) draw attention of PDD's Steering Group members and other interested States and stakeholders on the Words into Action on Disaster Displacement; 2) present possible ways of implementing and operationalizing the Words into Action on Disaster Displacement through State's experience and good practice; 3) be an opportunity for States to ask questions and address remarks on the Words into Action on Disaster Displacement; 4) support efforts to integrate human mobility and displacement considerations into national DRR strategies, in line with Target E.

Format and Participants

Participants are invited to a working breakfast for this launch. It will start with opening remarks from the Government of Germany, the Government of Switzerland, the Envoy of the Chair of the PDD, NRC and UNDRR on the need to include human mobility and displacement in national DRR strategies. There will be three discussants, from South Africa, Nepal and CAPRADE (Comité Andino para la Prevención y Atención de Desastres) to share their perspectives and highlight examples of how each country/region aims to pilot this guidance. The event will be open to PDD Steering Group Members as well as interested States and other Stakeholders. Due to limited seating available, reservations will be mandatory to info@disasterdisplacement.org before 10 May 2019.