



PLATFORM
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DISPLACEMENT

FOLLOW-UP TO THE NANSEN INITIATIVE

First Meeting of the Group of Friends

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Geneva, Switzerland



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1. Introductory Remarks by Permanent Representative of France, H.E. François Rivasseau



INVITATION



First Group of Friends Meeting Platform on Disaster Displacement

Wednesday, 16 October 2019

13:15 - 14:45

EU Delegation



The **Kingdom of Morocco** and the **European Union**, members of the Steering Group of the Platform on Disaster Displacement, have the pleasure to invite all interested UN Member States and regional organizations to an information meeting on the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and disaster displacement, thereby establishing the Group of Friends.

Preliminary agenda:

1. Introductory remarks by Permanent Representative of France, Ambassador **François Rivasseau**, Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement
2. Welcome by the co-chairs Mr. **Abderrahim Ait Slimane** Minister Counsellor, Kingdom of Morocco, and Ms. **Iben Villumsen**, Policy Officer, Humanitarian and Migration Affairs, Delegation of the European Union to the UN in Geneva
3. The Platform on Disaster Displacement by Professor **Walter Kaelin**, Envoy of the Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement
4. How states can engage in the topic of disaster displacement by the co-chairs
5. The process from now on and next meetings of the Group of Friends by the co-chairs
6. AOB



We are pleased to remind you that coffee/tea will be served - RSVP: Laura-fabienne.vincent@eeas.europa.eu.



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3. Presentation by the Envoy of the Chair of the PDD, Prof. Walter Kaelin



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The Platform on Disaster Displacement Towards Better Protection for People Displaced in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change



Hurricane Dorian Bahamas, 2019



Damage in the Abaco Islands



Nepal earthquake, 2015



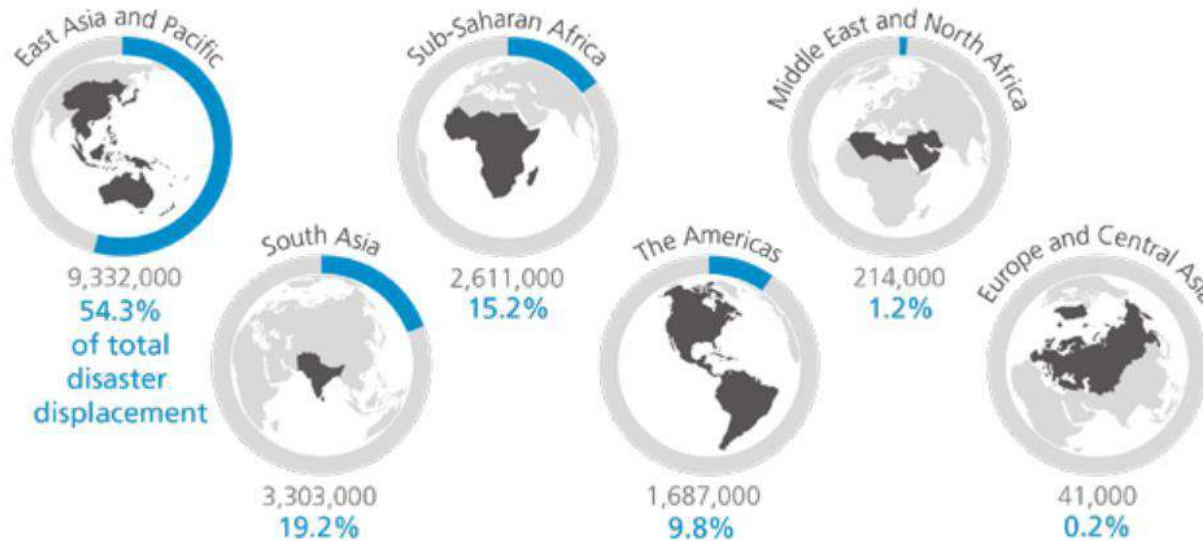
Somalia drought, 2017



Dec. 2011, Kiribati, Tebikenikoora, also known as Golden Beach, on South Tarawa: Over 150,000 people living on the **low-lying atolls** of Kiribati and the Marshall Islands are threatened by **rising sea levels** and as flooding becomes more common, relocation is one of few options left. ©Ciril Jazbec

1. THE CHALLENGE

Globally: 17.2 million People Displaced by Disasters in 2018

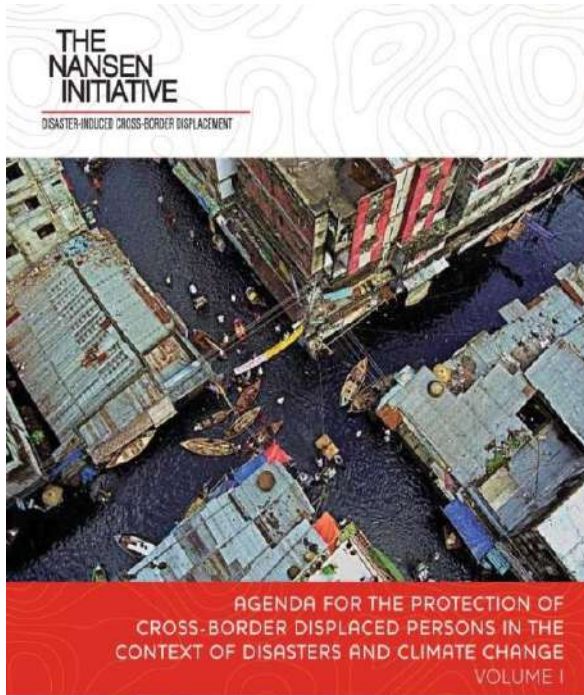


- ✓ Most are IDPs
- ✓ Those displaced across borders remain mostly in their region
- ✓ Knowledge and legal gaps on cross-border displacement

2. THE RESPONSE



The Nansen Initiative 2012 - 2015



- 7 regional inter-governmental consultations & 5 civil society meetings
- 5 regional civil society meetings
- **More than 100 governments endorsed the Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda in 2015**



The Protection Agenda

➔ Clarifies concepts:

- Multi-causality
- Risk of displacement = hazard + exposure + vulnerability
- Disaster, not hazard, as trigger

➔ Disaster displacement, not “climate refugees”



The Protection Agenda, a Toolbox Approach



Promotes effective practices that:

- Help people to stay
- Help people to move out of harms way
- Strengthen protection of disaster displaced persons

**3. FROM THE NANSEN
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The Platform on Disaster Displacement, a State-led Process

Members of the Platform on Disaster Displacement:

 Australia	 Fiji (Vice-Chair)	 Mexico
 Bangladesh	 France (Chair)	 Morocco
 Brazil	 Germany	 Norway
 Canada	 Kenya	 Philippines
 Costa Rica	 Madagascar	 Senegal
 European Union	 Maldives	 Switzerland

- Launched in May 2016
- Chair: France. Vice-chair: Fiji
- Steering Group with + 17 States
- Advisory Committee: +100 organizations and experts
- Group of Friends of PDD



Objective

To support States and other stakeholders to strengthen the protection of persons displaced across borders in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change, and to prevent or reduce disaster displacement risks in countries of origin.



Achievements and Opportunities

➔ Recognition of a Toolbox Approach by the International Community:

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- Two Global Compacts
- UNFCCC

➔ Regional Guidelines and application and sharing of effective practices.



Four Strategic Priorities

#1. Support integrated implementation of global policy frameworks on human mobility climate change action and disaster risk reduction.

#2. Promote policy and normative development to address gaps in the protection.

#3. Facilitate exchange of knowledge and strengthen capacity at the national and regional levels.

#4. Strengthen evidence and data on disaster displacement and its impacts.

4. TO SUM UP



1. Disaster Displacement: one of the biggest humanitarian challenges.

2. The Nansen Protection Agenda: a toolbox to better prevent and prepare for displacement and to respond to situations when people are forced to flee.

3. PDD helps States implement the Protection Agenda and focuses on implementing regionally, influencing global policy processes, and enhancing knowledge & understanding.



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4. How States Can Engage in the Topic of Disaster Displacement by the Co-Chairs



1. Create partnerships and engagement

2. Promote key messages in global policy events and processes

3. Engage regionally

4. Fill knowledge gaps



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5. The Process from now on and Next Meetings of the Group of Friends



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