

# VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE GROUP OF FRIENDS OF THE PLATFORM ON DISASTER DISPLACEMENT

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IOM'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLATFORM ON  
DISASTER DISPLACEMENT



# A GROWING PARTNERSHIP

- Since 2012, IOM actively supports the work of the Nansen Initiative and its follow-up, the PDD
- Along with UNHCR, IOM is a Standing Invitee of the Steering Group and a member of the Advisory Committee. IOM also co-chairs the Data Knowledge Working Group with IDMC
- PDD Strategic Framework and Workplan are in line with IOM's longstanding work on migration, environment, disasters and climate change
- IOM brings its expertise to a large number of activities within the PDD four strategic priorities (51 from the 63 listed), often in partnership with UNHCR and other partners





# MOBILIZATION OF IOM'S RESOURCES

- IOM's contribution to the PDD supported by a dedicated staff, the MECC Division in HQ and a network of RTS and FPs in IOM offices worldwide.
- IOM's Environmental Portal and Newsletter
- >300 IOM publications on MECC
- Social media campaigns (WED, DRR, COP) and human stories
- Regular reporting of IOM engagement to PDD to its Governing Bodies





# KEY 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



- Joint advocacy and participation/organization of events (ex: COP, Climate Action Summit, GFMD, TFD, etc.)
- PDD High Level Breakfast with IOM's Director General, organized by France as the Chair of PDD – 5 February
- IOM's DG and High Commissioner's participation to the PDD Steering Group meeting – 2 July
- Joint projects in the Pacific and the West Africa
- Joint project proposal to the MPTF
- MOU between IOM and PDD



IOM'S STRATEGY  
ON MIGRATION, CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND THE ENVIRONMENT



# Three decades of institutional development on environmental migration

- Member States have requested and endorsed IOM's work on this topic since 2009, with yearly reporting, at Governing Bodies level
- A dedicated thematic structure (Migration, Environment and Climate Change MECC Division), first of such type in an intergovernmental organization (2015)
- MECC documents from Council, Standing Committee on Programs and Finance (SCPF) and International Dialogue on Migration (IDM) since 2007
- Environmental Sustainability Programme launched in 2017
- Pool of thematic specialists and internal trainings
- More than 300 dedicated publications, a specialized Environmental Migration Portal





## A New Institutional Context

- Director General Strategic Vision for 2019-2024 with a focus on governance, resilience and mobility
- IOM Internal Governance Framework
- IOM new coordination role of the UN Network on Migration, UN country teams, IOM Policy Hub
- Country and donor requests
- Need for a longer-term vision: forthcoming decade





## An Evolving External Context

- Topic moved over the past 10 years from invisibility to spotlight
- Topic now anchored in key processes and frameworks (SDG, Paris Agreement, GCM, Sendai, Nansen Initiative, Human Rights Council etc.)
- Numerous policy processes under development and new stakeholders entering field
- UN-level commitments (Climate Summit, Greening the Blue)
- Covid-19 impacts on human mobility





# The ever-increasing relevance of environmental and climatic drivers

- People on the move in and out of vulnerable situations stemming from a wide range of drivers, including climate change, environmental degradation, disasters, poverty, instability
- Sudden-onset and slow-onset events and processes
- Climate change accelerating non climatic factors such as land degradation and ecosystem loss





## Strategy Guiding Questions

- How are climate change and environmental degradation shifting contemporary migration dynamics?
- How has our awareness and knowledge changed the way we work in IOM: new partnerships, new activities, new projects, engaging in new policy areas?
- How can IOM evolve in line with its mandate, in order to anticipate demands of states and serve needs of migrants in partnership with all relevant?







## Building on IOM's three broad institutional objectives adopted back in 2009

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- To minimize forced migration in the context of climate change and environmental degradation
- To facilitate the role of voluntary and regular migration in the context of climate change and environmental degradation
- Where forced migration does occur in the context of climate change and environmental degradation, to ensure assistance and protection for those affected and seek durable solutions



# IOM OUTLOOK ON MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND CLIMATE CHANGE



## Institution wide relevance

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- Across all areas: migration management, sustainable development, humanitarian assistance, recovery and risk reduction in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change.
- Strategy to be articulated with other institutional Strategies (Data, Sustainable Development etc.)
- Migration Governance Framework, Sustainable Development Strategy, the Migration Crisis Operational Framework (MCOF), IOM's Humanitarian policy, IOM Framework for Addressing Internal Displacement, the Framework on the Progressive Resolution of Displacement Situations, the Global Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster, IOM part of Task Force on Displacement under UNFCCC.



# Articulation with IOM's Environmental Sustainability Programme (ESP)

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## Policy & Strategy level

- Internal: IOM Global Environmental Sustainability Programme (2017); IOM Internal Governance Framework (2019), IOM Environmental Policy (2020), IOM Environmental Sustainability Strategy (2021)
- External: UN Environment Management Group (EMG), Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy in Displacement Settings (GPA)

## Facilities and Operations (Management Areas) level

- Strategy for Sustainability Management in the United Nations System 2020-2030 Phase I
- UN Greening the Blue – Global Environmental Inventories

## Projects and Programmes level

- Strategy for Sustainability Management in the United Nations System 2020-2030 Phase II
- Environmental standards and risk assessment
- Supporting the clean energy transition in displacement settings





# The Process and Timelines

- An institution-wide process : internal consultations across all thematic areas (questionnaires, interviews, HQ Working Committee)
- Articulation with Regional/Continental Strategies (all have identified climate change and migration as key area)
- Informal Consultations/Briefings with Member States (MS) and regional groups
- External consultations/Briefings with key partners: UN agencies (UNHCR), civil society, think tanks, academia etc.
- Next Presentation for MS at Council, MS will still be able to comment and input on the Draft
- Strategy to be finalized for end of 2020 (timelines had to be reassessed because of impacts of COVID19)
- Implementation Plan to be developed after Strategy document is finalized





# Initial Insights

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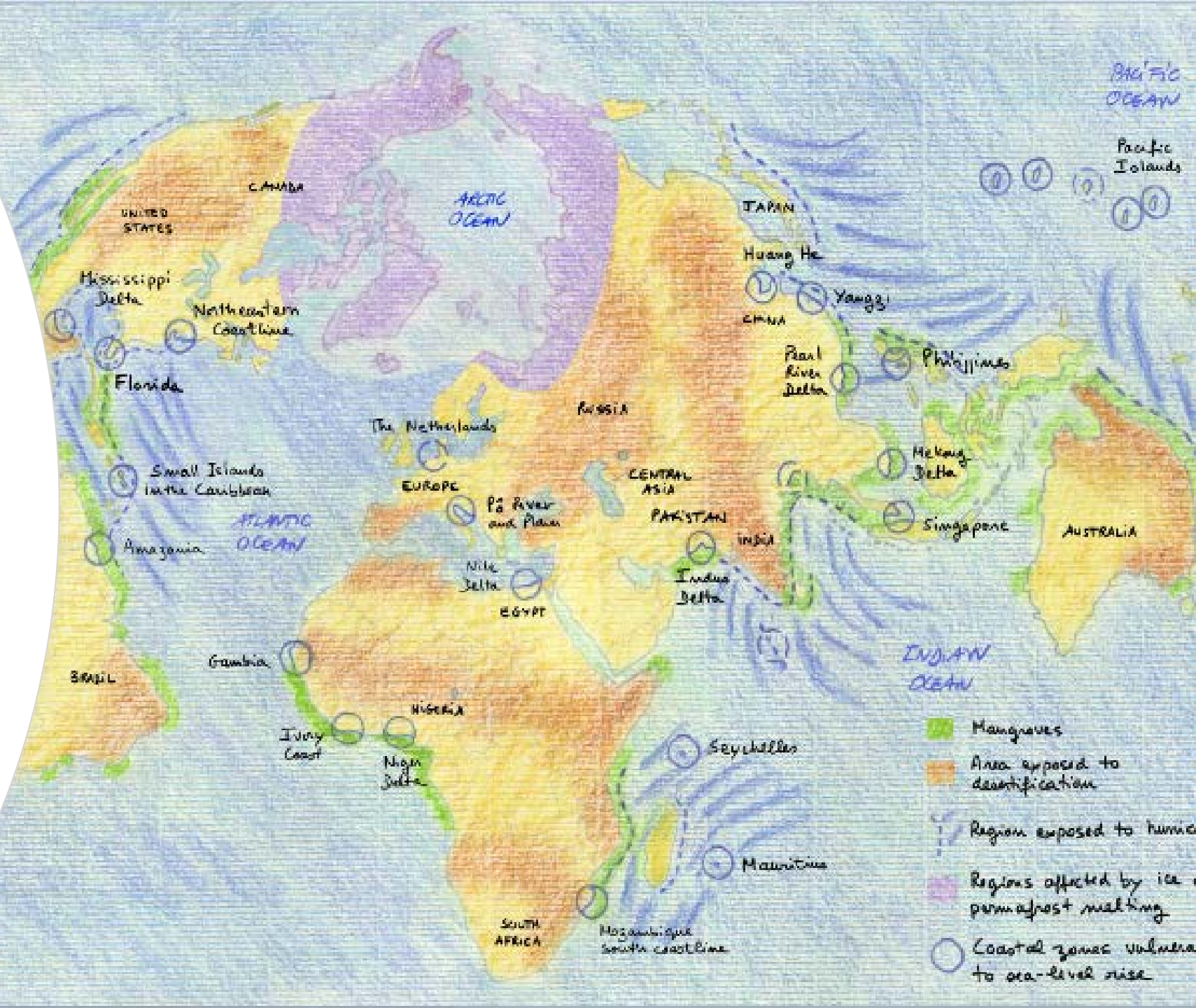
1. Better connect humanitarian and development divide and bring different partners together on the ground
2. Give visibility to IOM's policy work (Task Force on Displacement, Platform on Disaster Displacement, Words into Action)
3. Better connect policy and operational work
4. Better connect regional approaches
5. Give visibility to environmental and climate focused good practices that are not reported upon
6. Scale up innovative practices beyond project life cycle





# Migration policy and practice to integrate climate change and environmental concerns

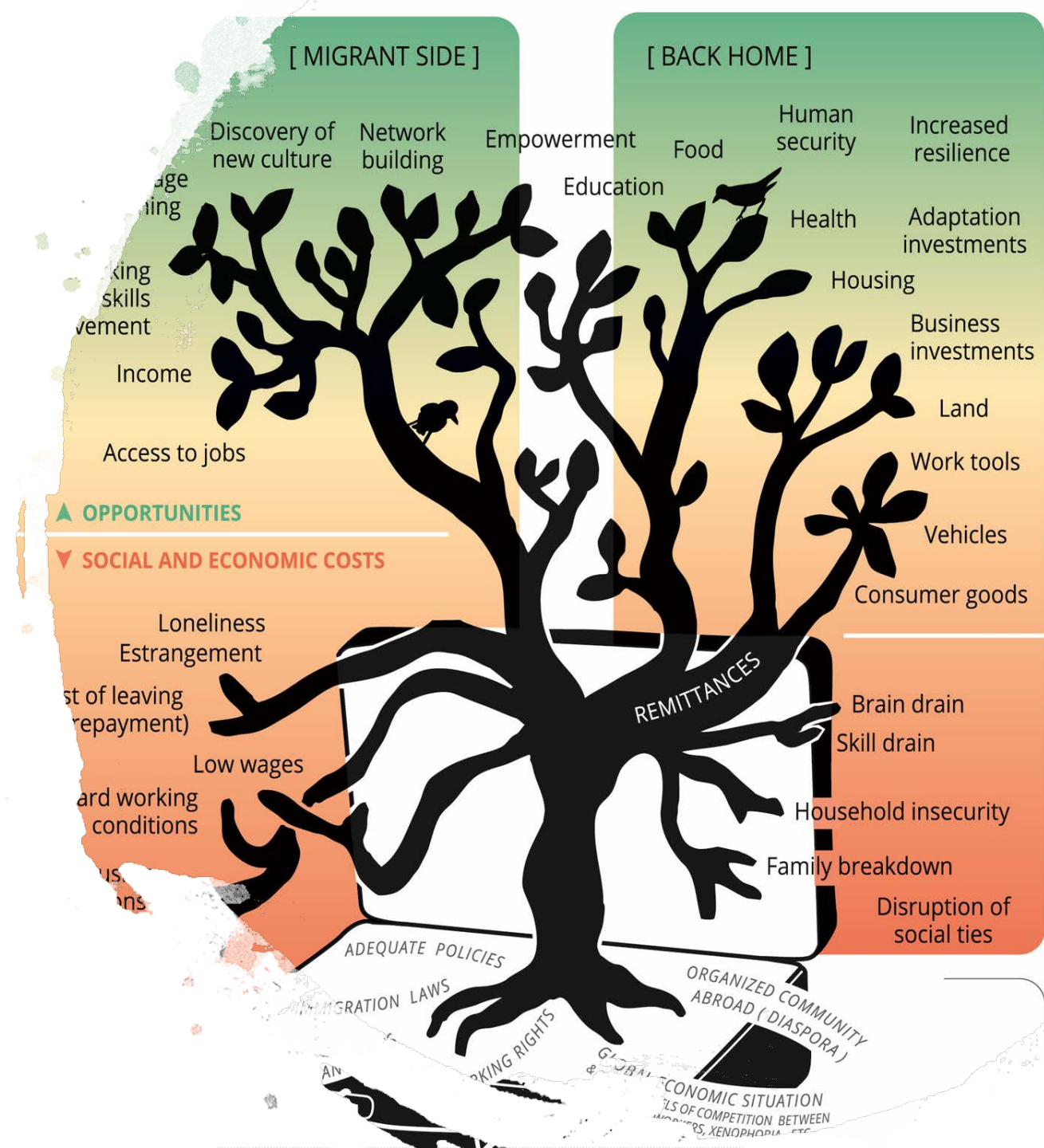
- How can global, regional, national and local migration policies and practices better factor in climate change and environmental concerns
- Robust and whole-of-government policies
- Key role in the implementation of the GCM and IOM's role in the UN Network on Migration





# Environmental and climate change policy and practice to integrate migration concerns

- Support climate action and environmental players to factor in the migration concerns
- Implementation of Paris Agreement and key role to support the Task force on Climate Displacement (TFD) under UNFCCC
- Climate Conventions (water, land oceans, ecosystems, biodiversity) support climate and environmental policies and processes to factor in human mobility concerns
- Migration in Nationals Adaptation Plans (NAPs), National Contributions (NDC)
- Key partnerships with environmental actors (UNFCCC, UNCCD, WMO, UNEP, IUCN, IPCC etc.)







## Initial insights: Importance of cross-cutting approaches

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- Supporting migration and displacement activities related to the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus (HDPN) and the human security nexus
- Respond to migration, health, gender and climate and environmental global challenges.
- A strong policy and practice focus (virtuous circle where policy feeds practice and practice feeds policy)



# Initial Insights: Importance of partnerships and joint approaches

- Dynamic network of partners and experts
- IOM has a recognized track record within the community of practice and strong media presence
- Existing good practices in terms of joint activities and projects (research, advocacy, communication, operational)
- Key environmental partners (UN-Environment WMO, UNFCCC, IUCN, UNCCD etc.)
- Key human mobility partners (UNHCR, ILO, Platform on Disaster Displacement IDMC etc.)

Rehabilitating land offers migrants economic opportunities & might foster the decision to stay or return  
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# Implementing and Operationalizing the Strategy

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- Implementation Plan and Fundraising plan.
- Identifying core institutional needs, including knowledge management, capacities and environmental sustainability.
- Targeted actions to support states and programmes for migrants, to be tailored to regional, national and local realities.
- A “geography” of priority actions, implemented through IOM field presence and with champion countries’ support.
- Key role of partnerships for joint programming with research, data, policy, communication, advocacy and operational focus

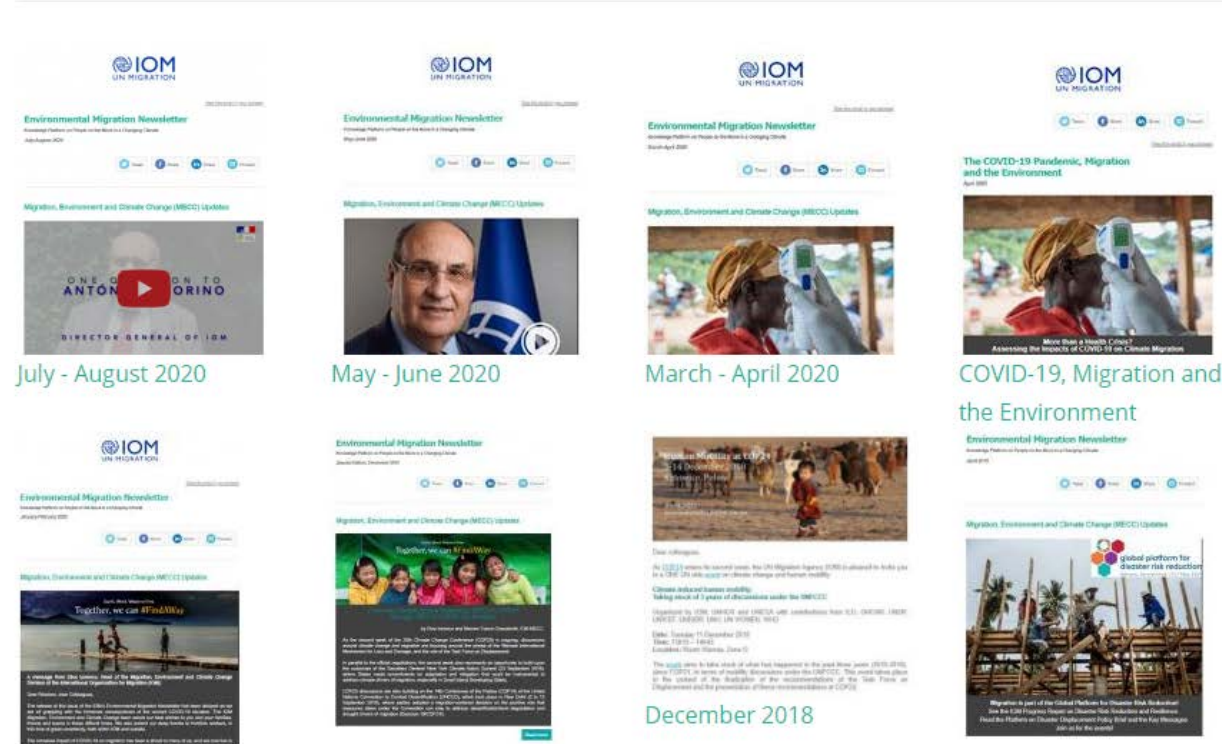




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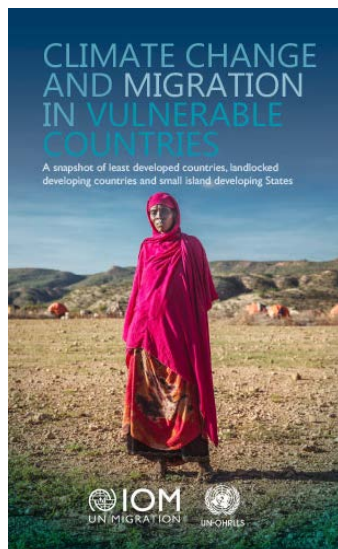
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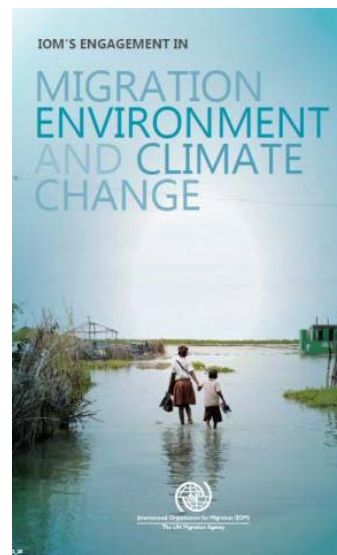
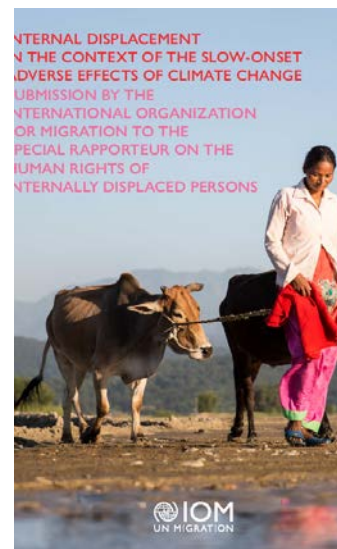
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