

**GP22 Side Event "Addressing loss and damage, supporting the most vulnerable: lessons from DRR and climate change action"** 

## 25 May 2022, 17:30 - 19:00, Singaraja Hall 2, BNDCC 1-1st Floor

Co-organized by: Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), IOM, OCHA, UNDP, UNDRR, UNHCR, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), American Red Cross, Climate Action Network (CAN), Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR), Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU); Governments of Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, Fiji, Mexico, Norway, Philippines.

This side event is an in-person event. A recording and livestreaming is accessible on the PDD Website. The language of the event is English, with no interpretation or captions provided.

# **Speakers List**

Welcome Remarks	Mr. David Kolitagane, Permanent Secretary, Maritime and Rural Development and Disaster Management, Fiji
	Mr. Youssef Nassef, UNFCCC
	Mr. Maarten van Aalst, RCRC Climate Centre
	(Video Message)
Moderator	Ms. Michelle Yonetani, UNHCR
Panelists	Ms. Tiziana Bonzon, IFRC
	Mr. Gustaff Harriman Iskandar, Artist
	Mr. Adessou Kossivi, Global Network of Civil
	Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction
	Mr. Harjeet Singh, Climate Action Network

## **Session Scenario**

Time	Details
17:30 – 17:35	Art performance: traditional Indonesian tsunami-warning
17:35 – 17:45	Welcome and introduction by the moderator
17:45 – 17:50	Welcome remarks by Fiji and UNFCCC
17:50 – 17:55	Screening of recorded statement by RCRC Climate Centre
17:55 – 18:30	Moderated discussion with speakers based on guiding questions
18:30 – 18:50	Statements from the floor and reactions by panelists
18:50 – 19:00	Concluding remarks and wrap-up by the moderator

## **Related Documents/ Communications**

Please consult the PDD website for further information on the <u>side event</u> as well as other sessions and engagements relevant to disaster displacement at GP22 <u>here</u>.

A PDD Policy Brief and Key Messages on Disaster Displacement and DRR is available here.

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#### **Side Event Theme**

Climate change is happening. Already today, lives and livelihoods are being lost to increasingly frequent and intense climate impacts.

Communities and societies are already suffering losses and damages and we need to think about how to pursue more robust mitigation, more ambitious adaptation and how to collaborate across sectors to avert, minimize and address loss and damage. This requires working together across geographies, countries and regions to support the most vulnerable populations, including those who need to be relocated or will be displaced, factoring in all the direct and indirect impacts of climate change.

This is a topic of particular relevance to many LDCs and SIDS and very much in line with the GP22 themes of 'leaving no one behind and empowering those most at risk'. In bridging the conversations with relevant policy agendas, including the 2030 Agenda, the Global Compact for Migration, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and many others, it is aligned with the aim of 'integrating DRM into sustainable development and climate action'.

### **Side Event Description**

This multi-stakeholder side event focuses on loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, recognizing that losses and damages are already occurring around the world, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable people, communities and countries. Both economic and non-economic impacts are most acutely felt in the poorest countries, with the greatest burden placed on people and communities with fewer resources, capabilities and systems to manage disaster and climate related shocks and stresses.

The event focuses on practical experience gained in the DRR and climate change communities that can offer lessons for addressing loss and damage. The event will explore how to prepare for rising incidence of displacement and planned relocation; how to ensure local actors are in the driver's seat when discussing and designing interventions to address loss and damage; anticipatory action; what types of innovative financing models can deliver support to the poorest and most vulnerable; and lessons learned on the importance of transcending silos and fostering communication between DRR and climate actors in order to ensure risk is managed in a coherent, coordinated fashion in the short, medium and long-term. Discussions will be grounded in the latest findings of the IPCC Working Group II on climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability.

This side event engages the GP22 participants through a panel discussion with representatives from the climate change and DRR sectors, academia, action and art.

## **Side Event Objective**

In the context of the GP's theme 'from risk to resilience, towards sustainable development for all in a Covid-19 transformed world', the main objective of this side event is to raise awareness of loss and damage associated with climate change impacts at GP22 and to promote coordinated and enhanced action across climate change and DRR, in support of those who are and will be most affected by disasters in the context of climate change. This is in line with both the Sendai

Framework and the 2030 Agenda and in particular with the GP22's cross-cutting theme of 'accelerating and integrating DRM to sustainable development and climate action'.

This side event will promote action across sectors, following a whole-of-society approach, to prevent and prepare for the adverse effects of climate change, including disasters, and the impacts on the most vulnerable. It will sensitize government representatives to improve their DRR Strategies and Policies as per Target E of the Sendai Framework.

The event seeks to generate actionable recommendations to reduce climate impacts through cross-sector collaboration, integrating climate action and DRR into development planning. The outcomes of this event are meant to inform conversations at COP27 and foster the coherence and dialogue between climate change and DRR communities in support of the sustainable development goals and 2030 Agenda, in line with other relevant policy agendas.

By bringing voices from academia, action and art into the conversation, this side event promotes a broad set of perspectives keeping affected people at the center of discussions.

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