

Facilitating safe and regular migration pathways in a changing climate: lessons from GCM implementation

Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum

18th May, 8:30-9:30 AM EST, Conference Room 12 at UN HQ (hybrid)

Background

In 2022, nearly four years after the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), governments, stakeholders and the United Nations system will meet to discuss the successes and challenges of implementing this landmark cooperative framework. The first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) is being held under the auspices of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York from 17-20 May 2022, with a preparatory stakeholder hearing taking place on 16 May.

A series of IMRF side-events will be organized in the margins of the IMRF. They will provide an opportunity to discuss good practices, challenges and recommendations to further the implementation of the GCM. Side-events will take place on 16-20 May 2022.

Description of the Side-event

Every year, millions of people are compelled to move in the context of sudden-onset disasters, while the livelihoods of millions more are affected by slow-onset climate change and environmental degradation, with many leaving their homes, and others remaining trapped in areas at risk. Unless such population movements are orderly, safe, and regular they can pose significant challenges to human security and people's rights, even so in rapidly growing urban areas, and greatly undermine sustainable development, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and migration governance efforts.

This event will share existing national, regional and local migration policy perspectives, instruments and practices to address these challenges from a migration governance perspective, recognizing that safe, regular and orderly migration, if well managed, can also offer opportunities for migrants' inclusion, their host communities and societies. Both the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the GCM include a commitment to enhance the availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration in disaster and climate change contexts. To build on progress to date and identify priority action for the future, a diverse range of high-level speakers will debate the commitments and principles set out in particular in Objective 5 of the GCM and will present and discuss key findings from the GCM baseline mapping project implemented under Thematic Priority 4 of the UN Network on Migration, and share reflections from international, regional, national and local perspectives.

The side event seeks to:

- highlight progress and gaps in current implementation of GCM commitments related to migration governance in disaster and climate change contexts;
- showcase effective practices and available policy instruments related to pathways for regular migration in disaster and climate change contexts at regional, national and local levels; and

- sensitize governments and raise awareness of challenges and opportunities to improve future voluntary monitoring and review efforts under the GCM.

Format

The side event will be held in person at the UN Headquarters in New York (Conference Room 12), with livestreaming available via UN Web TV (TBC).

More information on interpretation for the event will be shared shortly.

Register [here](#).

Agenda

18th May, 2022 Time: 8:30-9:30 AM (New York) 2:30-3:30 PM (Geneva) Venue: UN Headquarters in NY, Conference Room 12	
5 minutes	Welcome and Introduction Kayly Ober , Refugees International (Moderator)
40 minutes	Panel discussion Panel discussion with representatives of national and local governments, the UN, and the humanitarian sector who will be discussing good practices; challenges; lessons learnt; and emerging priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tobias Lindner, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany • Prof. Walter Kaelin, Envoy of the Chair, Platform on Disaster Displacement • H.E. Dr. Satyendra Prasad, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations • Ms. Helena König, Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Affairs, European External Action Service • Ms. Florencia Carignano, National Immigration Director, Argentina • Mr. Mohamad Atiqul Islam, Mayor of Dhaka North, Bangladesh, co-lead of the C40-MMC Task Force and C40 Vice-chair on migration • Mr. Alasan Senghore, Secretary General of the Gambia Red Cross Society
10 minutes	Discussion / Q&A
5 minutes	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Caroline Dumas, Director General Special Envoy for Migration and Climate Action, International Organisation for Migration