

## **DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE**

# **Human Mobility and Regular Migration Pathways in Changing Climate – Regional Workshop**

**To enhance dialogue, establish synergies and partnerships among stakeholders addressing challenges and opportunities facilitating regular migration pathways, promoting sustainable development and green economy in the context of disasters, environmental degradation and climate change in the IGAD region**

**& in preparation for IGAD Regional Consultative Process (RCP) on migration focusing on the Human Mobility and Climate Change nexus in mid 2023.**

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### **Organized by**

the International Organization for Migration (IOM),  
the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
the International Labour Organization (ILO),  
the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) (hosted under United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)),  
the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD),  
the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC)

## 1. Background

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is one of the eight Regional Economic Communities of the African Union, comprising the Member States of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda. It is home to more than 230 million people whose livelihoods and income are predominantly linked to agriculture. The IGAD region is one of the most diverse regions in the world, including areas of economic growth and investment on the one hand, and areas prone to violent conflict, political instability, humanitarian crises, and disasters linked to the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation on the other.

In the African continent, the IGAD region is considered one of the most vulnerable to climate variability and change and more than two thirds of the region is arid or semi-arid. It regularly faces a wide range of natural hazards leading to various forms of human mobility (displacement, migration and planned relocation), most commonly floods, but also landslides, and tropical cyclones, as well as slow-onset climate change effects, such as severe droughts, water level rise, environmental degradation, and rainfall variability.

The different forms of human mobility to, from, and within the IGAD region reflect the range of complex drivers and structural factors that can compel people to leave their places of origin. Disasters linked to natural hazards, environmental degradation, and the adverse effects of climate change are amongst the most important and overlapping drivers of human mobility. Individual migration decisions are often based on a combination of these environmental and other economic, political, social, and demographic drivers.

The implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies can have a positive contribution on development and protection of those moving or being compelled to move, the risk of which can be reduced or mitigated through regular pathways for migration, integrated approaches to disaster risk reduction, climate action and measures to support decent work, livelihoods and migration as an adaptation strategy.

The Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and the SDGs recognize that no country can address the challenges and opportunities of human mobility on its own as it is a multidimensional challenge for the sustainable development of countries of origin, transit and destination - nor can it be addressed by any single policy sector alone. In a coordinated regional approach, the AU developed a 3-year Implementation Plan of Action for GCM (2020-2022)<sup>1</sup>[1](https://au.int/sites/default/files/newsevents/workingdocuments/37472-wd-3_year_implementation_plan_of_action-english.pdf). The Action Plan sets a number of eight priorities for GCM implementation. The 7<sup>th</sup> priority identifies four actions to minimize the adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and environmental degradation that compel people to leave their country of origin.

IGAD Regional Strategy Frameworks acknowledge that mobility is both an opportunity and a concern to development in the region. IGAD has undertaken different activities addressing human mobility in the context of disasters and climate change in the region. In 2014, a Regional Consultation on disasters, climate change and cross-border displacement was held in Nairobi, where Ministers adopted recommendations for future action. Building on this dialogue, in 2017, the Regional Consultative Process on Migration (RCP) brought together IGAD Member States, UN organizations and other

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relevant stakeholders to continue the discussion on human mobility in the context of disasters and climate change.

On 25 May 2021, the Participating United Nations Organizations (PUNOs): the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) (hosted under United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and partners, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Secretariat including the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC) launched the first regional Joint Programme “Addressing drivers and facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration in the context of disasters and climate change in the IGAD region” , funded by the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF).

The overall objective of this Joint Programme is to contribute to facilitating pathways for regular migration in the IGAD region and minimizing displacement risk in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters in line with the vision and guiding principles of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). In particular, the Joint-Programme aims to improve regional and national migration governance in the context of the adverse impacts of climate change and environmental degradation through different actions that each address the relevant objectives of the GCM and contribute to the implementation of other relevant international instruments, Sustainable Development Goals, the 2015 Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. It also takes forward the IGAD Protocol on Free Movement of Persons.

The Joint Programme is producing evidence in areas ranging from disasters displacement, cross-border movements and international protection to the promotion of human and labour mobility and the development of green economies in climate change and disaster-prone areas. Through these interventions, the IGAD Member States will have access to up-to-date, high quality data and evidence on different forms of human mobility. It promotes whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches in policymaking and implementation.

In July 2022, the Government of the Republic of Uganda, spearheaded by the Ministry of Water and Environment, was supported by the IOM Regional Office for East and Horn of Africa and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)’s Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) based in Uganda, to organize a High-level, Regional, Inter-Ministerial Conference on “Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC) in the East and Horn of Africa”. The MECC Conference brought together Ministers of Environment, Interior and Foreign Affairs and their technical experts from the 12 countries in the East and Horn of Africa Region that are members of either the East African Community (EAC) and/or the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), as well as other African Member States such as Egypt as COP-27 Presidency, Senegal as current Presidency of the African Union, Zambia as the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators, Kenya as the Head of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC), and high-Level representatives of the African Union Commission, the IGAD and the EAC and Youth representatives from the region. A landmark, ‘Kampala Ministerial Declaration on MECC” was agreed upon by 3 Ministries- Environment, Interior and Foreign Affairs and signed by 15 Member States, demonstrating the urgency and whole of government prioritisation that leaders in the region and on the African continent, place on this topic.

It is in this light that the partners will facilitate a workshop inviting participation from a wide range of policymakers and stakeholders in the IGAD region to share findings from the Joint Programme.

This workshop offers an opportunity to discuss regional integration and policy coherence, as well as to seek synergies with on-going and future interventions and to identify partnership opportunities and priority areas of action in the intersection of human mobility, protection, green economy and climate change in supporting local, national and regional state actors in a coordinated manner.

The findings from the programme and ensuing discussion coming out of the workshop also provide an opportunity for ground truthing policy development by feeding the up-to-date evidence back into the regional and national migration coordination platforms such as the Regional Migrant Response Plan, the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration (NCM) and the Regional Consultative Process on Migration (RCP).

## 2. Objective of the workshop

The workshop aims at engaging policymakers in the IGAD region with knowledge, experience or interest in the intersection of human mobility, protection, green economy and climate change.

The objective of the workshop is multi-fold;

- To enhance understanding of human mobility dimensions, including labour mobility, in the IGAD region in the context of changing climate, and the complexity of the relationship between human mobility and climatic and environmental events, paying particular attention to the impact on protection and access to sustainable livelihoods;
- To enhance dialogue, establish synergies and partnerships among stakeholders and addressing challenges and opportunities facilitating regular migration pathways, ensuring protection, promoting sustainable development, access to decent work and green economy in the context of disasters, environmental degradation and climate change in the IGAD region, in line with the vision and guiding principles of the GCM;
- To take stock of existing interventions implemented in the IGAD region related to human mobility and green economy, including efforts to support just transitions to environmentally sustainable economies, and their lessons learnt and best practices;
- To explore the priority needs and gaps for future programming.

## 3. Outcomes expected from workshop

The workshop aims to achieve increased understanding of:

- a. whole-of-society and whole-of-government approaches and policy coherence in enhancing climate action in the IGAD region;
- b. the regular migration opportunities;
- c. Promotion of green jobs and just transitions towards environmentally sustainable economies
- d. the effectiveness and efficiency of programming on human mobility in the context of disasters and climate change in the region.

## 4. Structure, format and participation

### Workshop

- The partners will organize a two-day in-person workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.
- There will be an opportunity to participate online, via Teams platform. (TBC)
- The workshop will be hosted jointly by the programme partners.

### Consent

- Participation in the workshop is voluntary.
- Photographs will be taken, and sessions might be recorded.
- By participating, the participants accept that photos will be taken, and the workshop will be recorded. Photos will be utilized in public information materials.

### Language

- The workshop will be run in English for all sessions (TBC)

### Participation

- Member states and their representatives in the field of human mobility, climate change action, disaster risk reduction, protection, representatives of national and regional partners and focal points.
  - IGAD MS – programme counterparts
  - IGAD MS Focal Points - National Coordination Mechanisms on Migration (NCM)
- Migrants and local community leaders.
- Youth representatives.
- Key partners and stakeholders, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector, academia, trade unions, employers organizations.
- The invitations will be shared via email.

### Registration

- Partners will be asked to confirm their participation in advance.

### COVID-19 measures

The measures for the COVID-19 pandemic will be observed and followed in the preparation and implementation of the workshop.

## 5. Workshop sessions

### DAY 1 – Policy coherence and human mobility, disasters and climate change

**15 March 2023 at 8 am**

**This day seeks to respond to the following questions through dialogue with workshop participants:**

1. *How can existing regional and global policy frameworks such as the IGAD Protocols, the Kampala Ministerial Declaration on MECC and the GCM be effectively implemented to protect/support vulnerable communities affected by Climate Change and Environmental Degradation?*
2. *What are the environmental and climate related factors that influence human and labour mobility in the IGAD region? What links exist with gender and vulnerabilities?*
3. *How can partnerships address challenges and opportunities to facilitate effective GCM implementation?*
4. *How to build on existing evidence and programme achievements in the IGAD region?*

Suggested agenda:

Time	Session	Facilitator
08:15-08:30	Registration	IOM
09:00-09:30	Opening session	
	IGAD Secretariat	IGAD
	IOM	IOM
	Representative of the Host Government	Government of Kenya
09:30-10:00	Video greeting from the donor	MPTF
	Adoption of Programme of Work & Introductions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of participants</li> <li>• Scope and objective of the workshop</li> <li>• Participant expectations</li> </ul>	IGAD
10:00-10:30	Session 1 – Human mobility, gender and Climate Change in the IGAD region - trends and emerging challenges	RCC Kampala
10:30-11:00	Health Break and Group Photo	
11:00-12:00	Session 2 – Migration, Disasters and Climate Change (MDCC) Programme and its achievements	IOM

12:00-13:30	<p>Session 3 – Leveraging migration, environment and climate change nexus in Global and Regional Policy and Legal Frameworks</p> <p>Setting the scene: Policy Coherence: Migration policies in a changing climate and human mobility in climate change and disaster related policies</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Enhancing regional coordination on migration, environment and climate change through the implementation of global and regional policy and legal frameworks (GCM, IGAD FMP)</p> <p>Moderator: IGAD Secretariat</p> <p>Participants: IGAD MS</p>	IGAD/IOM
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30-16:30	<p>Session 4 – Data generation and Displacement risk models for evidence-based policy making and anticipatory action</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Data generation and models for well-informed decision-making on climate change and human mobility</p> <p>Moderator: Timo Schmidt (PDD)</p> <p>Participants: Ahmed Amdihun (ICPAC), Roberto Rudari (CIMA), Eleonora Panizza (CIMA), Yared Abebe (IHE Delft), Abokor Abdi (GIZ)</p> <p>IGAD MS</p>	ICPAC
16:30-17:00	Health Break & End of Day 1	

## **DAY 2- Whole-of-society approach and engagement of local and mobile populations in sustainable development in the context of disasters and climate change**

**16 March 2023 at 8 am**

This day seeks to respond to the following questions through dialogue with workshop participants:

1. *How does climate change affect economy, labour markets and livelihoods in the region? What is the potential for skills development and entrepreneurship training in the green jobs sector, as a climate change adaptation strategy, to prevent forced migration and support those that had to move to access new livelihoods opportunities?*
2. *How does human mobility contribute to improving green economy development and how does labour mobility more specifically represent an adaptation strategy to climate change?*
3. *What protection frameworks are available for human mobility linked to climate change in the region and how are they implemented? What gaps and needs exist, and what are the proposed solutions and recommendations?*

4. *What programmes are being implemented in the IGAD region that relate to human mobility, regular migration pathways and green economy; what lessons learnt, and good practices could be shared?*
5. *What are the opportunities for inclusive policymaking?*

Time	Session	Facilitator
08:15-08:30	Registration	IOM
09:00-10:30	<p>Session 1 – Inclusive policy making in the changing climate in the IGAD region</p> <p>Sharing recommendations from studies conducted, such as better <a href="#">Integration of Human Mobility in Green Economy and Related Policies in the IGAD region</a>, followed by a discussion on inclusive policy-making</p>	IOM and RCC Kampala
10:30-11:00	Health Break	
11:00-12:00	Session 2 – Protection frameworks and Cross-border Mobility Frameworks in the IGAD region	UNHCR
12:00-13:30	<p>Session 3 – Enhancing just transition towards environmentally sustainable and inclusive economies in the IGAD region</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Human mobility and environmentally sustainable economies</p> <p>Moderator: ILO</p> <p>Participants: IGAD MS, social partners, employer organizations</p>	ILO
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30-16:00	<p>Session 4 – IGAD RCP – preparatory discussion - IGAD MS and stakeholders to share best practices on implementing GCM objectives while ensuring whole-of-society approach</p> <p>Moderator: IGAD Secretariat</p>	IGAD
16:00-16:30	Health Break & End of Day 1	



## Session descriptions

### DAY 1

#### **Session 1 – Human mobility, gender and Climate Change in the IGAD region - trends and emerging challenges**

This session will allow participants to familiarize with the key concepts and trends related to human mobility and climate change in the IGAD region, including gender and vulnerabilities. Furthermore, the session will allow the participants to acknowledge the international and regional policy frameworks applicable to human mobility in the context of disasters and changing climate. Relevant programming responses will be also briefly presented.

This session will respond to questions:

*What are the environmental and climate related factors that influence human and labour mobility in the IGAD region? What links exists with gender and vulnerabilities?*

#### **Session 2 – Migration, Disasters and Climate Change (MDCC) Programme and its achievements**

This session will introduce the participants to the programme titled “Addressing drivers and facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration in the context of disasters and climate change in the IGAD region” on 25 May 2021, funded by the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF). The programme is implemented by the Participating United Nations Organizations (PUNOs): the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) (hosted under United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and partners, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Secretariat including the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC) launched the first regional Joint Programme

Furthermore, this session will present the results created by the programme to support the IGAD Secretariat and IGAD member states in the region in the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration, and in the migration governance in the context of changing climate.

This session will give an opportunity to climate change affected communities, and migrants to share their inputs on solutions for improving climate change adaptation and resilience for preventing forced migration.

This session will respond to questions:

*How can partnerships address challenges and opportunities to facilitate effective GCM implementation?*

*How can inclusion be enhanced in policy-making?*

#### **Session 3 – Leveraging migration, environment and climate change nexus in Global and Regional Policy Framework**

This session will allow the participants to better understand the international and regional policy instruments and frameworks applicable to human mobility in the context of disasters and changing climate.

Setting the scene, presentations of the Global and Regional policy Frameworks, such as Global Compact on Migration (GCM), Global Compact on Refugees, IGAD Free Movement Protocol, Kampala Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change.

The session includes an interactive panel discussion with IGAD Member States on the effective coordination of the existing global and regional policy frameworks, and share good practices with opportunities to be scaled up in the region, while enhancing partnerships and coherence.

This session will respond to questions:

*How can existing regional and global policy frameworks such as the IGAD Protocols, the Kampala Ministerial Declaration on MECC and the GCM be effectively implemented to protect/support vulnerable communities affected by Climate Change and Environmental Degradation?*

*How can partnerships address challenges and opportunities to facilitate effective GCM implementation?*

#### **Session 4 – Data generation and Displacement risk models for evidence-based policy making and anticipatory action**

This session will introduce participants to the available data and evidence on disaster displacement to guide decision-making and policy development of national governments with the aim of reducing disaster displacement risk. The session will be based on ongoing work in risk modelling with a focus on floods and cyclones, conducted by the programme in the IGAD region.

IOM will set the scene by discussing the importance of data, human mobility data architecture, sources. The session then includes an interactive panel discussion with IOM, ICPAC, technical partners and an IGAD Member State (TBC) on the effective development and analysis of disaster displacement risk models for evidence-based policy making and anticipatory action.

This session will respond to questions:

*How can existing data and evidence be leveraged to support decision-making on reducing disaster risks?*

*What capacity exists at the IGAD level for early warning and early action in response to disaster displacement linked to floods and cyclones?*

## **DAY 2**

### **Session 1 – Inclusive policy making in the changing climate in the IGAD region**

This session will focus on improving the understanding of the participants in better integration of human mobility in Green Economy related policies, including national development plans, as well as migration policies. This session will be based on a study conducted by the programme in the IGAD region, as well as study conducted by a Better Migration Management Programme.

Furthermore, it will share good practices from interventions implemented under the joint programme.

This session will respond to questions:

*How does climate change affect economy, labour markets and livelihoods in the region? What is the potential for skills development and entrepreneurship training in the green jobs sector, as a climate*

*change adaptation strategy, to prevent forced migration and support those that had to move to access new livelihoods opportunities?*

*How does human mobility contribute to improving green economy development and how does labour mobility more specifically represent an adaptation strategy to climate change?*

*What are the opportunities for Inclusive policymaking?*

## **Session 2 – Cross-border Mobility and Protection frameworks in the IGAD region**

This session will include a brief presentation of the study “*Human Mobility and Climate Change in the IGAD Region: a case study in the shared border regions of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia*” undertaken by UNHCR. This will serve as a practical case study from which participants will have the opportunity to understand the protection issues arising from this complex situation, increase their knowledge of protection frameworks and develop their protection reflex (skills) to provide innovative responses to such situations. Participants will be able to discuss cross-border movements in the IGAD region and how to facilitate pathways for regular migration and minimize displacement risk in the context of changing climate.

This session will respond to questions:

*What protection frameworks are available for human mobility linked to climate change in the region and how are they implemented? What gaps and needs exist, and what are the proposed solutions and recommendations?*

## **Session 3 – Enhancing just transition towards environmentally sustainable and inclusive economies in the IGAD region**

The session includes an interactive panel discussion with IGAD Member States on enhancing just transition towards environmentally sustainable and inclusive economies in the IGAD region.

This session will give an opportunity to IGAD member states, social partners, civil society and young persons in the region to share their inputs on solutions for improving climate change adaptation and resilience for preventing forced migration. The focus will lie on interventions to support just transitions by supporting access to green jobs (through skills development/entrepreneurship support) for populations affected by the impact of climate change. In this regard, the importance of labour mobility as an adaptation strategy to climate change and the importance of including migrants in efforts to support just transition will be discussed.

This session will respond to questions:

*What programmes are being implemented in the IGAD region that relate to human and labour mobility, regular migration pathways and green economy; what lessons learnt, and good practices could be shared?*

*How does human mobility contribute to improving green economy development and how does labour mobility more specifically represent an adaptation strategy to climate change?*

## **Session 4 – IGAD RCP – preparatory discussion - Plenary**

This session will support IGAD MS to prepare for the IGAD Regional Consultative Process on Human Mobility, Disasters and Climate Change.



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IGAD Secretariat will moderate a plenary discussion on best practices on human mobility, disaster and climate change and regular migration pathways.

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