

# Warsaw International Mechanism Executive Committee Call for Submissions on possible activities under strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan

**Submission from the International Organization for Migration (IOM)**



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Since the development of the initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee (Excom) of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM), the issue of migration, displacement and human mobility in the context of climate change has gained increasing prominence on the global policy agenda. One and a half year after COP21 – where the Paris Agreement made reference to the need to protect the rights of migrants when taking action on climate change and where COP Decision 49 of the Paris Agreement invited

the WIM to create a Task Force on Displacement<sup>1</sup> -, issues related to climate migration remain high on the agenda of the global climate negotiations, as witnessed during COP22 in Marrakesh.

- Progress on the climate policy track:** On the one hand, questions of migration, displacement and human mobility have progressed on the climate policy track, with the Excom taking stock of its work accomplished over the course of its initial two-year workplan and key achievements identified include outcomes related to climate migration<sup>2</sup>: i) the organization, by the Excom/WIM and the International Organization for Migration (IOM)<sup>3</sup>, of the first ever technical meeting that brought together “national and regional experts, representatives of international and United Nations organizations and the academic community to distil relevant information, lessons learned and good practices on migration, displacement and human mobility”, ii) the production of an “initial synthesis of information, good practices and lessons learned on migration, displacement and human mobility”<sup>4</sup>, in coordination with IOM, and iii) “the establishment of a task force on displacement to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change”. In addition, over 25 side events were devoted to migration and climate issues over the course of the two weeks of COP22.
- Progress on the migration policy track:** On the other hand, climate issues have been of increasing relevance to global migration policy. IOM officially became a United Nations (UN) related agency in September 2016, bringing its migration expertise and wealth of policy and operational experience. As the only intergovernmental organization with an institutional structure dedicated to climate and migration issue, IOM is committed to supporting the inclusion of climate issues within the migration policy area. One important development in that respect are the state led negotiations within the UN on a Global Compact for safe, regular and orderly Migration (GCM). The GCM represents a strategic and significant opportunity for the international community to progress in terms of the overall international migration governance and management through inter-governmental dialogue, identification of existing migration policy good practices and state commitments on migration; and within that framework, to anchor the environmental and climatic dimensions in the international migration governance agenda.

The purpose of this submission is to offer IOM’s insight on potential activities in relevant areas of the Excom workplan, building on existing collaboration, notably the Casablanca Technical Meeting on Migration, Displacement and Human Mobility, co-organized by the Excom and IOM in July 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://environmentalmigration.iom.int/human-mobility-cop21>

<sup>2</sup> <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2016/sb/eng/03.pdf>



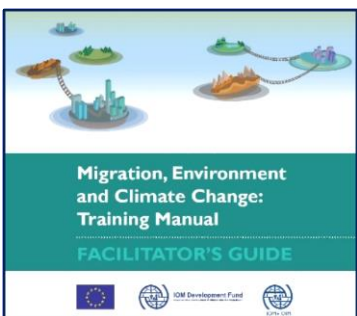
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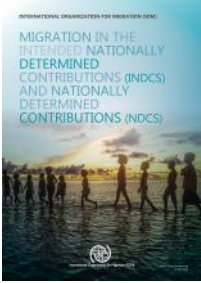




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<b>Migration, displacement and human mobility (including Task Force on Displacement)</b>			
	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Indicative timeline</b>	<b>Expected results</b>
1	Building on the Casablanca Technical Meeting (July 2016), organize regular consultations, inviting experts from all regions of the world working across policy areas as well as migrant and displaced persons communities and representatives, to exchange information on good practices and encourage the development of programmatic activities	Yearly or bi-yearly	Ensure that previous initiatives are acknowledged and scaled up, providing a basis to build upon to promote concrete action
2	Building on existing collaboration between the Excom and IOM and on the recommendations of the Casablanca Technical Meeting develop common activities, in coordination with relevant stakeholders, to fill gaps identified during the call for submissions under Action Area 6(a) in 2016. These activities should also contribute to fulfil the mandate of the Task Force on Displacement to avert, minimize and address climate displacement and enhance overall policy coherence and coordination. Examples of such activities include common workshops, briefs and assessments (see annex 1 below)	Throughout the 5 years	Ensure that existing knowledge and good practices inform the development of actionable commitments
3	Invite stakeholders active in migration and displacement policy governance frameworks, in particular the Global Compact for Migration and the Agenda for Sustainable Development, to share relevant information and analysis that can inform the work of the Excom; and vice versa, disseminate the Excom's messages in these frameworks	Throughout the 5 years	Foster global collaboration and enhance coordination across relevant policy fora
<b>Non-economic losses</b>			
	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Indicative timeline</b>	<b>Expected results</b>

1	Ensure that the results of the Excom's work on migration, displacement and human mobility are brought to the non-economic losses work, ensuring a smooth and effective flow of information	Throughout the 5 years	Foster coherence within the overall Excom's workplan at all stages and encourage the inclusion of migration, displacement and human mobility in all relevant workstreams
<b>Comprehensive risk management approaches</b>			
1	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Indicative timeline</i>	<i>Expected results</i>
	Ensure that the results of the Excom's work on migration, displacement and human mobility are brought to the comprehensive risk management approaches work, ensuring a smooth and effective flow of information	Throughout the 5 years	Foster coherence within the overall Excom's workplan at all stages and encourage the inclusion of migration, displacement and human mobility in all relevant workstreams
<b>Financial Instruments</b>			
1	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Indicative timeline</i>	<i>Expected results</i>
	Ensure that the work stream on financial instruments includes references to work on climate displacements and supports financial mechanisms that can build on the potential positive contributions of migrants to climate change policies (skills, investments, financial transfers etc.).	Throughout the 5 years	Foster coherence within the overall Excom's workplan at all stages and encourage the inclusion of migration, displacement and human mobility in all relevant workstreams
<b>Collaboration and Outreach</b>			
1	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Indicative timeline</i>	<i>Expected results</i>
	Promote active collaboration and partnerships between climate change and migration community at international, national and local levels across public, private, non-governmental, academic and financial sectors.	Throughout the 5 years	Foster coherence within the overall Excom's workplan at all stages and encourage the inclusion of migration, displacement and human mobility in all relevant workstreams

**Annex 1: Examples of potential common activities for the Excom, IOM and other stakeholders to contribute to the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, under the migration, displacement and human mobility workstream (including the Task Force on Displacement)**

Product /activity	Type of activity	Objective
	<b>Knowledge tools</b>	Contribute to the Task Force and WIM Excom work programme by enhancing the knowledge and awareness on climate change and human mobility at the level of States, negotiators, and practitioners supporting the UNFCCC process.
	<b>Country profiles on climate change and human mobility</b>	Contribute to the task force and WIM work programme by developing national assessments along a common methodology with the objective to inform policy making, identify areas for priority work and provide comparable information.
	<b>Workshops for technical capacity building and experience exchange, on climate change policy and migration/displacement policy</b>	Contribute to policy understanding, technical knowledge, capacity building, exchange of good practices, dialogue, network building, coordination and activity development at national or regional levels.
	<b>Briefs on understanding human mobility in the context of UNFCCC</b>	Provide the Task Force with an analysis of migration and displacement issues across all relevant areas that are of interest to climate policy and in line with the Paris Agreement (mitigation, technology transfer, capacity building, Nairobi work programme, adaptation,

		<p>loss and damage, Least Developed Countries, migrants' rights and Paris Preamble etc.).</p>
	<p><b>Briefs on Loss and damage and climate migration</b></p>	<p>Simple thematic briefs analyzing human mobility in the context of loss and damage (links to insurances, to non-economic losses, preventing displacement as a way to reduce loss and damage etc.).</p>
	<p><b>Briefs on targeted thematic areas (water, land, heat, forests, oceans etc.)</b></p>	<p>Selected areas of specific work undertaken by IOM that can contribute to the WIM's catalytic role on action related to specific climate change impacts on human mobility.</p>
	<p><b>“The Activities Hub”: How to move from knowledge to practice</b></p>	<p>Tools, good practices and exchange of knowledge that help unpack the complex nexus between migration, climate change and human mobility and translate it into simple policy-friendly tools that can directly support policy makers and practitioners with innovative ideas in terms of migration and climate policy making.</p>
	<p><b>“The Policy Coherence Hub”: working across policy processes</b></p>	<p>Contribute to policy coherence on climate migration across all relevant policy areas with simple briefs (SDGs; Global Compact, Sendai DRR, PDD, human rights, humanitarian policy, SIDS, land management etc.) that can help collaboration at the technical and policy levels.</p>

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