



# International Organization for Migration (IOM)

## UNFCCC Task Force on Displacement – Update on IOM activities (2020-2021)

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The following update is produced as a follow up to the fourth meeting of the Task Force on Displacement, held remotely on 7-9 September 2020.

### 1. Update on IOM – led activities under the current TFD plan of action

The following table provides an update of IOM-led activities under the current Task Force on Displacement (TFD) plan of action for 2020-2021. Work has been initiated for most of the activities, but the implementation of several activities is delayed by the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. All activities should however be completed by end of 2021.

The activities that IOM leads under the TFD are given full attention by the organization as priority areas of work. This is of particular importance as the organization is developing a new institutional strategy on migration, climate change and environment looking at the decade ahead, and as part of the Director General’s Strategic Vision for the Organization. The Strategy is a response to the demand of Member States for IOM to invest more deeply in understanding and responding to the emerging drivers of migration, notably environmental degradation and climate change.

Activity number (in full plan of action)	Partners	Activity	Description of progress or current status	Outputs and outcomes
7		Updated mapping of national migration policies	Initiated Finalized by mid-2021	Analysis of existing practices where migration policies at national, regional and global levels integrate climate dimensions.  Supporting national policy efforts through the



				development of a step by step model of how national migration policy frameworks can integrate climate factors.
8		Share information on TFD work at GCM regional review	Initiated GCM regional reviews will be finalized by mid-2021 due to COVID-19 delays	Enhanced policy coherence by building synergies between climate policy and migration policy
11		Planned relocation mapping	Initiated Finalization estimated by mid-2021	Support national policy development through the analysis of existing practices of planned relocation linked to adverse climate impacts.
14	IOM/NRC/PDD	Use of UNDRR Word into Action (WiA)	Ongoing process Outputs end of 2020 and 2021	Supporting the implementation of the WiA guide in the Southern Africa region, in collaboration with SADC Member States and with inputs from UN agencies and NGOs in the region. This includes the development of a regional framework to reduce disaster displacement risk and address disaster and the development and implementation of disaster displacement guidance at national level (currently in Mozambique). The Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI): The Tool to assess the capacity of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation governmental actors to address human mobility is revamped and being tested and piloted and should be rolled out in collaboration with other UN partners.
16		NAP Guidelines	Initiated Finalization estimated by mid-2021	Supporting national policy efforts through the development of a step by step model of how NAPs can



				integrate migration dimensions to support national policy development
21		Guidance note GCF Programming	2021	Analysis of entry points and methodological guidance on how vulnerable states can integrate migration dimensions in their project development process for GCF
22	IOM/PDD	Stakeholder meeting	TBC – will depend on COVID-related developments	

## 2. Update on other ongoing IOM activities that directly contribute to the implementation of the TFD Recommendations

IOM implements a number of activities in different parts of the world that directly contribute to the implementation of the 2018 TFD recommendations at regional and national levels. The table below presents a restricted selection of notable activities that have been specifically developed and/or are implemented to align with some TFD recommendations. From IOM’s perspective, the policy work conducted under the UNFCCC has led directly and indirectly to the development and implementation of common operational activities conducted by members of the TFD beyond the TFD workplan. The activities presented below are therefore indicative of the TFD’s impacts outside the Convention and of the catalytic role of the Excom/WIM.

Activity	TFD Recommendations implemented
Regional Programme - Enhancing protection and empowerment of migrants and communities affected by climate change and disasters in the Pacific region, funded by the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS), implemented by IOM with OHCHR, ILO, PDD, ESCAP and PIFS	<p>(g) (i) To consider formulating laws, policies and strategies, as appropriate, that reflect the importance of integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change</p> <p>(g) (ii) To enhance research, data collection, risk analysis and sharing of information</p> <p>(g) (iii) To strengthen preparedness, including early warning systems, contingency planning, evacuation planning and resilience-building strategies and plans, and develop innovative approaches</p> <p>(g) (vi) To facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people</p>



	(h) (iii) To continue developing and sharing good practices, tools and guidance
Regional Programme - Pacific Response to Disaster Displacement (PRDD), funded by EU DEVCO, implemented by IDMC, IOM and PDD	<p>(g) (i) To consider formulating laws, policies and strategies, as appropriate, that reflect the importance of integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change</p> <p>(g) (ii) To enhance research, data collection, risk analysis and sharing of information</p> <p>(g) (iii) To strengthen preparedness, including early warning systems, contingency planning, evacuation planning and resilience-building strategies and plans, and develop innovative approaches</p>
Global Project- Guidance for mainstreaming environmental and climate considerations into reintegration programming (funded by France)	<p>(g) (i) To consider formulating laws, policies and strategies, as appropriate, that reflect the importance of integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change</p> <p>(g) (vi) To facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people</p>
Regional Project: Implementing Global Policies on Environmental Migration and Disaster Displacement in West Africa - Project funded by France within the scope of its presidency of the Platform on Disaster Displacement, implemented by IOM, PDD and UNHCR	<p>(g) (i) To consider formulating laws, policies and strategies, as appropriate, that reflect the importance of integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change</p> <p>(g) (ii) To enhance research, data collection, risk analysis and sharing of information</p> <p>(g) (iii) To strengthen preparedness, including early warning systems, contingency planning, evacuation planning and resilience-building strategies and plans, and develop innovative approaches</p> <p>(h) (i) To continue supporting efforts, including finance, technology and capacity-building, of Parties and other actors, including with and for communities and local actors</p> <p>(h) (ii) To support and enhance regional, subregional and transboundary cooperation,</p> <p>(h) (iii) To continue developing and sharing good practices, tools and guidance</p>
National project: Mapping and analysing the coherence among the migration, climate change, development and disaster	(g) (i) To consider formulating laws, policies and strategies, as appropriate, that reflect the importance of integrated



<p>risk reduction policies, including internalization of the TFD recommendations in Tajikistan</p>	<p>approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change</p> <p>(g) (ii) To enhance research, data collection, risk analysis and sharing of information</p> <p>(g) (iii) To strengthen preparedness, including early warning systems, contingency planning, evacuation planning and resilience-building strategies and plans, and develop innovative approaches</p> <p>(g) (iv) To integrate climate change related human mobility challenges and opportunities into national planning processes,</p> <p>(h) (i) To continue supporting efforts, including finance, technology and capacity-building, of Parties and other actors, including with and for communities and local actors</p>
<p>Scoping studies in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan</p>	<p>(g) (ii) To enhance research, data collection, risk analysis and sharing of information</p> <p>(h) (i) To continue supporting efforts, including finance, technology and capacity-building, of Parties and other actors, including with and for communities and local actors</p>

In addition, several common activities geared towards the implementation of the TFD Recommendations are under advanced development. This includes notably the development of a concept note in collaboration with the UNFCCC Regional Center in Grenada and PDD - *Promoting a human security approach to disaster displacement and environmental migration policies integrating the COVID-19 pandemic response in the Eastern Caribbean* (Budget - 300,000 USD); and a project proposal with PDD, UNHCR, ILO and IGAD for the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to implement the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration - *Addressing Drivers and Facilitating Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change in the IGAD Region* (Budget - 2,150 000 USD).

### 3. Update on IOM Institutional Strategy on Migration, Climate Change and the Environment

IOM is currently developing an Institutional Strategy on Migration, Climate Change and the Environment. The Strategy will be rooted in the current institutional engagement and capacities of the Organization and aligned with United Nations’ instruments, policies, processes and core values, including the principles of the Paris Agreement.

The Strategy will also be articulated around three broad institutional objectives that are aligned with the TFD recommendations:



- 1) To minimize forced migration in the context of climate change and environmental degradation.
- 2) 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.
- 3) To facilitate voluntary migration in the context of climate change and environmental degradation.

One of the main goals of the Strategy is to define a roadmap for enhanced engagement in policy discussions and their follow-up and review processes where IOM is already actively involved with a clear focus on the implementation of the Paris Agreement and its role in the UNFCCC Taskforce on Displacement (TFD) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and in coherence with the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and IOM's role in the United Nations Network on Migration. Other key processes and their implementations will also be considered, in particular the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Agenda for Humanity and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction. Therefore, the Strategy should enhance IOM's capacity to support the work of the TFD and to develop and implement operational activities in countries most vulnerable to climate impacts that are aligned with the TFD Recommendations.

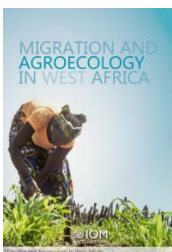
#### Recent resources to support IOM's input



[Guidance for mainstreaming environmental and climate considerations into reintegration programming 2020](#)



[Internal Displacement in the Context of the Slow-Onset Adverse Effects of Climate Change - Submission by the International Organization for Migration to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, 2020](#)



[Migration and Agroecology in West Africa 2020](#)



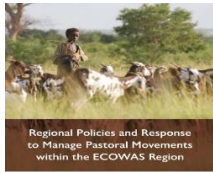
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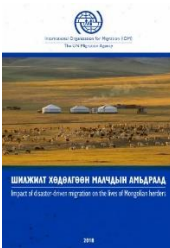
[IOM and the Sendai Framework: A Global Review of IOM's Contributions to Strengthening Disaster Resilience 2020](#)



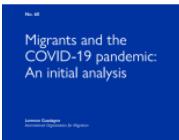
[World Migration Report 2020 Chapter 9 Human Mobility and Adaptation to Environmental Change 2019](#)



[Regional Policies and Response to Manage Pastoral Movements within the ECOWAS Region 2020](#)



[Impact of disaster-driven migration on the lives of Mongolian herders](#)



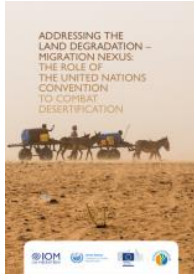
[Migrants and the COVID-19 pandemic: An initial analysis](#)



[La movilidad humana en la agenda climática de las Américas: Necesidades y Oportunidades](#)



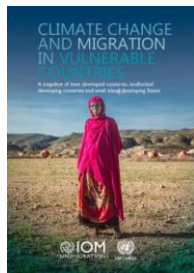
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[Addressing the Land Degradation – Migration Nexus: The Role of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, 2019](#)



[Informe final - Taller sobre la movilidad humana como respuesta ante la degradación del medio ambiente, los riesgos y los impactos del cambio climático, La Habana, 23-24 de mayo de 2019, 2019](#)



[Climate Change and Migration in Vulnerable Countries A snapshot of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, 2019](#)

[Response of the IOM to the United Nations Secretary-General High Level Panel on Internal Displacement Call for Submission, 2020](#)