

## **PRESS CONFERENCE HUMAN MOBILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE AT COP23**

**3.00pm, Tuesday 7 November  
Press Conference Room 1 Theatre, BULA ZONE 3**

Human mobility (displacement, migration and planned relocation) related to disasters and the adverse effects of climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing States, communities and CSOs in the 21st century. According to the Norwegian Refugee Council's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), sudden-onset disasters displace an average of 25 million people a year. That is equivalent to someone being forced to flee their home every second. At the same time, rising seas, drought, and other 'slow-onset' changes are eroding people's land, livelihoods and security, and magnifying existing vulnerabilities.

While climate change affects us all, the risks of displacement are significantly higher in lower-income countries and among people living in poverty. Women, children, older and indigenous peoples and other vulnerable groups are also disproportionately affected.

However, much can be done to minimize the risk of displacement linked to climate change, and to guarantee rights and protections for people who are forced to move.

This press panel will feature several lead organizations working to address displacement in the context of climate change, including members of the WIM Task Force on Displacement, established in Paris at COP21. Speakers will provide insights into human mobility and climate change, update on actions, and outline progress needed under the Paris Agreement, new Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees, and Sendai Framework.

### **SPEAKERS**

- **Camila Minerva**, Humanitarian Program Manager in the Dominican Republic, Oxfam
- **Aminul Haque**, COAST Bangladesh Haque, COAST Bangladesh
- **Nina M Birkeland**; Senior Adviser, Disaster Displacement and Climate Change, Norwegian Refugee Council / Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre
- **Marine Franck**, Climate Change and Disaster Displacement Programme Officer, UNHCR
- **Mariam Traore**, Migration, Environment and Climate Change Specialist, International Organization for Migration

- **Atle Solberg**, Head of Coordination Unit, Platform on Disaster Displacement

## RESOURCES

- [Uprooted by Climate Change: Responding to the Growing Risk of Displacement \(Oxfam, November 2017\)](#)
- [Climate Change, Displacement and Community Relocation. Lessons from Alaska \(Norwegian Refugee Council and Alaska Institute for Justice, May 2017\)](#)
- [2017 Global Report on Internal Displacement \(Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre and Norwegian Refugee Council, May 2017\)](#)
- [Global Disaster Displacement Risk - A baseline for future work \(Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, October 2017\)](#)
- [Global Displacement Risk Model \(Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre\)](#)

## KEY MESSAGES

- [Key Messages from UNHCR](#)

## VIEW PRESS CONFERENCE VIA LIVESTREAM

- <https://unfccc.cloud.streamworld.de/webcast/human-mobility-and-climate-change-at-cop23>

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