

Side Event COP26

CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT: TOWARDS A PRAGMATIC GLOBAL RESPONSE

Effective practices & perspectives of actors across sectors in regions vulnerable to climate change

Date/ Time: 06.11.21, 13.15-14.30 (Glasgow, GMT) online, see link/details below

Organisers: Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), An Organization for Socio-Economic Development (AOSED), Coastal Association for Social Transformation Trust (COAST Foundation), Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)

Description: In this event, a range of stakeholders will take stock of progress made to address climate change-related displacement in recent years and present effective practices and perspectives across sectors and actors in vulnerable regions. Examples will be presented from climate hotspots of South Asia (Bangladesh), West Pacific (Fiji), and MENA region (Iraq/Syria) to explore untapped opportunities for addressing the challenges ahead. A case study from Egypt will be presented to highlight the importance of multi-stakeholder approach in enhancing resilience of vulnerable communities. Additionally, progress made under the UNFCCC WIM Task Force on Displacement will be discussed on how to move the human mobility forward as part of the climate change negotiations.

Speakers and Interventions:

- Opening, Dr. Emad Adly, General Coordinator of Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED), Moderator
- Role of regional cooperation in achieving climate resilience, *Ambassador Shahira Wahbi, League of Arab States*
- Climate change and displacement, Anare Leweniqila, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva, Government of Fiji
- Progress made under the UNFCCC WIM Task Force on Displacement, Atle Solberg, Head of Secretariat, Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)
- Strengthening evidence-based policy to address climate change displacement for a resilient 'Blue Pacific', Nacanieli Bolo, Project Manager from the Pacific region, International Displacement Monitoring Centre (NRC/IDMC)
- Enhancing community resilience to reduce displacement from coastal Bangladesh, *Shamim Arfeen, Executive Director, AOSED and Prof. Md. Mustafa Saroar, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET)*
- National Examples from Bangladesh, Habibun Nahar M.P. Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh
- National Examples from Bangladesh, *Barrister Shamim Haider MP, Member of Parliament Bangladesh*
- Enhancing Resilience through good governance A case study from Egypt, *Ghada Ahmadein*, *Programme Manager*, *RAED*

- Climate crisis hitting the Middle East: impacts of drought in Syria and Iraq, experiences and stories of vulnerable communities and displaced populations, key steps and action needed, *Samah Hadid, Middle East Head of Advocacy, Media and Communication Norwegian Refugee Council* (*NRC*)
- Short interventions from
 - Manuel Marques Pereira, Head of the MECC Division, IOM
 - Andrew Harper, Special Advisor on Climate Action, UNHCR
 - Shahin Ashraf, Head of Global Advocacy, Islamic Relief Worldwide
 - Harjeet Singh, Senior Advisor on Climate Impacts, Climate Action Network International (CAN-I)
- Discussion
- Closing and moving forward, Dr. Emad Adly and Atle Solberg

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