

Human Mobility and Regular Migration Pathways – Private sector and green economy Side Event at African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Background: The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region is considered one of the most vulnerable to climate change. It regularly faces a wide range of natural hazards leading to displacement and forced migration, adversely impacting all sectors of society and jeopardizing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). 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. Many countries in the IGAD region have already identified the green economies as a key opportunity to fulfill their climate promises and are elaborated through their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) or National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs). Some countries also have specific Green Economy policies. Although, there are weak or no links to human mobility in these policies and the positive role migration can play in climate adaptation and risk mitigation through jobs and skills-matching, job and livelihood creation and policy-inclusion is not recognized to the extent possible if at all. Collaboration with relevant stakeholders will help to enhance both vertical and horizontal policy coherence and therefore sustainable development, the green economy and regular migration pathways. Enhancing partnerships in migration, climate action and green economy development can support the efforts of regional, national and local state-actors in improving the situation.

Organizers: the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Regional Collaboration Center (RCC), Kampala

In collaboration with partners: the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) including the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC)

Speakers and panelists: IGAD Secretariat, UNFCCC- RCC Kampala, IOM, ILO, UN Environment Programme (UNEP), SEED¹, private sector, academia, employers' organizations and trade unions (TBC)

Purpose: engage with academia, private sector actors, employers organizations and trade unions in enhancing climate action in the IGAD region; and to enhance dialogue, establish synergies and partnerships among stakeholders to address challenges and opportunities to facilitate regular migration pathways, promote sustainable development and green economy in the context of disasters, environmental degradation and climate change in the IGAD region.

Guiding questions:

1. *What are the environmental and climate related factors that influence human mobility in the IGAD region? What links exist with gender and individual vulnerabilities?*
2. *How does climate change affect the economy and individual livelihoods for women and men in the region and what is the potential for skills development in the green jobs sector, as a climate change adaptation strategy, to prevent forced migration?*

¹ <https://seed.uno/>

3. *How can partnerships with private sector enhance climate change adaptation and green economy development in the IGAD region whilst also considering gender and individual vulnerabilities? What needs do private sector actors have?*
4. *How do different stakeholders (such as academia, private sector, employers' organizations and trade unions) see migration as a contribution to the green economy?*

Outcomes expected from consultative forums: key messages shared with the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on how inclusive green economy and green economy/climate can be enhanced in the region, considering human mobility, gender and vulnerabilities.

Language: English.

SDGs: cross-cutting inclusive of SDG 4, 5, 14, 15, 17

SESSION – Private sector and Green Economy

Suggested agenda:

Start	End	Session	Speaker
14:00	14:10	Welcome	IGAD Secretariat
14:10	14:25	Human mobility, gender and Climate Change Introduction to human mobility and climate change in the IGAD region, including gender and vulnerabilities; and briefing on policy responses and programming, particularly on green economy	IOM East and Horn of Africa Regional office
14:25	14:45	UNFCCC Private sector engagement in Climate Action study Results from UNFCCC study on Capacity Building for Enhanced Private Sector Engagement in Climate Action in Eastern and Southern Africa: Mapping Study.	Climate Change Specialist – Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) Programme Officer - UNFCCC
14:45	15:25	Panel discussion: inclusive green economy development Perspectives from academia, private sector, employers' organizations and trade unions on enhancing inclusive green economy and green economy/climate policymaking in the region, considering migration, gender and vulnerabilities. Moderator: UNFCCC, UNEP	Academia, SEED, ILO, UN Global Compact, CEDA ² , Electric three wheelers from Southern Africa etc. (TBC) With possibility for audience to pose questions
15:25	15:30	Concluding remarks and way forward	Regional Lead - Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) Kampala UNFCCC

² <https://www.ceda-uganda.org/>