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CONTEXT, OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

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BACKGROUND

The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) has focused on the complex and extensive interrelationship between migration and development since its first edition in 2008, including the issue of forced displacement and migration in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation. **In line with international commitments to reduce the adverse effects of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation on migration and displacement**, France, as Chair of the 2022-2023 GFMD wishes to engage the GFMD community in a dialogue aimed at defining concrete proposals to better understand, anticipate, mitigate and prepare for displacement linked to climate change and environmental degradation, support those most vulnerable to the consequences of these hazards, as well as consider migration as a lever for adaptation.

The workshop will explore key issues, including how different stakeholders can work together to bridge the gaps and foster constructive innovation in policy and science. Emphasis will also be placed on the importance of context-specific approaches, ensuring inclusive progress that caters to the diverse needs of communities affected by climate change. Additionally, it will examine the potential consequences of policies to ensure that solutions do not inadvertently worsen vulnerabilities or inequalities.

OBJECTIVES

- Engage GFMD stakeholders and experts in a dialogue to identify ways to better address human mobility in the context of climate change.
- Highlight successful climate-resilient initiatives and support initiatives that meet the needs of those most affected by the consequences of climate change, including forcibly displaced populations.
- Take stock of the state of progress made so far and identify possible ways to accelerate action.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Promote a better understanding of the links between human mobility, climate change and environmental degradation and hence a better understand of the current and future migration and displacement landscape.
- Foster dialogue on sustainable development practices that reduce the impact of climate change on human vulnerabilities and promote opportunities of human mobility for sustainable development.
- Discuss practices and operational recommendations to better address migration and displacement in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation.

FORMAT OF THE EVENT

This event is organized within the framework of the French chairmanship of the GFMD and is open to all GFMD stakeholders, including Member States, local and regional governments, civil society, the private sector, youth, as well as other institutional partners. Articulated in three roundtables, this event will be hybrid allowing streaming of the opening session, roundtables and written questions for remote participants during the Q&A sessions. Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

ORGANIZATION

Continuing the discussions of the Summit preparatory meetings around priority 1 'The effects of climate change on human mobility', this event will be structured around three round tables:

PANEL 1: *Understanding human mobility in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation: How can data, science and local knowledge help adopt and implement comprehensive public policies in an effective way?*

The fact that climate change is an increasingly significant factor in mobility is now unquestionable in international discussions. The World Bank projects that up to 216 million people could become environmental migrants within their own countries across six regions by 2050 if no immediate climate action is taken. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report recognizes that migration can be considered a form of adaptation that reduces risks and consequences to climatic and non-climatic stressors when it is voluntary, safe, and orderly. Despite the quantity and quality of existing data, there remains a crucial need to bridge the gap between data, science, and policy approaches in addressing human mobility challenges in disaster and climate change contexts.

In this regard, the panel aims to enrich the dialogue for the production of scientific knowledge, effective data, and analysis and identify harmonized methods to serve policymakers and populations affected by climate change and environmental degradation. It seeks to explore opportunities for progress lie in the adoption of adaptive and flexible policy framework that are responsive to the evolving nature of climate change and mobility, to discuss the measurement of slow onset effects of climate change and their impact on human mobility, and finally, better integrate citizen and local knowledge in the development of sustainable and context-specific policies.

PANEL 2: *Local governance in the context of human mobility, disasters, climate change and environmental degradation: How to strengthen urban and community resilience and reduce the adverse effects of these hazards on displacement and migration?*

The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11, which aims at sustainable cities and communities, cannot be achieved without considering and addressing mobility. Indeed, population movements are primarily directed towards large cities and contribute to their expansion and densification.

The objective of this panel will be to explore opportunities for local adaptation in the face of climate change and the arrival, internal movement and departure of populations. On one hand, territories of destination must cope with rural exodus and the scarcity of goods and services in rural areas. On the other hand, efforts should be made to accelerate risk-informed and sustainable urban development including resilient and sustainable urban architectures. In general, a local policy promoting participatory, efficient and sustainable urban planning and management enhances the attractiveness and adaptability of these territories, thereby facilitating the social and economic inclusion of newcomers and local communities.

PANEL 3: *Promoting effective action through partnerships: How to build multi-actor partnerships in the fields of human mobility, disasters and sustainable development to foster human rights, social cohesion and equitable access to resources?*

With the aim of aligning the agendas and stakeholders of migration and climate on a global level, this panel is dedicated to stimulating cooperation and strengthening intersectoral partnerships to develop and implement collective measures to these complex and interconnected challenges.

The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17 for inclusive partnerships to achieve the objectives of the 2030 Agenda aligns with the sixth priority of the program of the French Chairmanship of the GFMD,

¹ Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, Latin America, East Asia and the Pacific, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

which focuses on stimulating multilevel governance. This cooperation between actors and levels of governance is particularly crucial in the context of human mobility, where the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation often compound situations of fragility (crises, poverty, conflicts) throughout the migration journey. This roundtable aims to outline the multiplier impact of climate change on vulnerabilities and identify means of coordination and resource mobilization to address human mobility, support resilient societies, promote social integration, and prevent social divisions through multi-stakeholder partnerships, particularly in terms of resource access and the transition to inclusive and green economies.

PARTICIPANTS

This event will bring together **170 participants** in person, including actors engaged in migration and development, as well as technical experts on climate change and climate-induced displacement and migration. The event will aim to strengthen synergies among actors, foster partnerships and the implementation of concrete actions. In accordance with the GFMD's spirit of inclusiveness, the GFMD Chair, France, will endeavour to give voice to a wide range of stakeholders.

- Representatives from national, local and regional governments, civil society, private sector and youth, including at high-level and technical level;
- Experts and professionals from international organizations and a variety of fields to address in a transversal way the links between climate change, environmental degradation, human mobility and sustainable development.