

GP Conference

Climate Change and Migration: Point of No Return!?

An African Perspective

Programme

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Programme

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Session 1

11.00 am ^{CET} **Welcome Talk** with the Organisers and Supporters

Keynotes

Jutta Urpilainen

European Commissioner for International Partnerships

Her Excellency Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil

Commissioner for Social Affairs of the African Union

Facts and Figures: Climate Change Induced Migration in Africa

Around the world, climate change is increasingly affecting the environment and people's livelihoods. Africa is especially hit by these consequences. How many people have to leave their homes due to disasters and gradual changes? And what does this mean for people's economic stability? Besides providing an overview on facts and figures, we discuss these questions with a closer look of the experiences on site.

Input: Facts and Figures

Alexandra Bilak

Director of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

Discussion

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Nathalie Delapalme

Executive Director of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Dr Workneh Gebeyehu

Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim

Environmental Activist and Member of Chad's Pastoralist Mbororo Community

12.30 pm ^{CET} **Breakout sessions**
Exchange with speakers

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Session 2

4.00 pm^{CET} **Welcome and Recap**

Keynote

Michelle Müntefering

Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office

Hotspot Africa: How to Manage Problems of Climate Change Induced Migration on the Continent?

Like with most crises, the consequences of climate change affect the most vulnerable people the most. What does it need to increase resilience, to strengthen adaption strategies and to decrease the impacts of climate change on the continent? How can those who (have to) move due to climate change be supported, especially in stricken areas, such as cities under the pressure of rising urbanisation?

Discussion

Yvonne Aki-Sawyer

Mayor of Freetown (Sierra Leone), Member of the Mayors Migration Council (MMC) Leadership Board

Dina Ionesco

Head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division at the UN Migration Agency (IOM)

Dr Kandeh Yumkella

Member of the Pan-African Parliament and the Parliament of Sierra Leone, Former Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All

5.30 pm^{CET} **Breakout sessions**
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Thursday, December 10, 2020

Session 3

2.30 pm^{CET}

Welcome and Recap

Dr Ingrid Hamm

CO-Founder and CEO of the Global Perspectives Initiative

Keynote

Dr Amina C. Mohamed

Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Culture and Heritage, Kenya

Cooperation: Global Responsibility and the Cooperation with Africa

Climate change is already a potent driver for migration and it will be even more in the future. This connection is increasingly gaining international attention. In this session we want to move from agenda to action, and discuss ways to handle the challenge of climate induced mobility internationally. What next steps need to be taken? How to achieve international cooperation and establish joint forces?

Discussion

Kamal Amakrane

Special Adviser for Strategic Partnerships supporting United Nations' advancement of digital innovation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Dr Christoph Heusgen

Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, Germany's Representative on the Security Council

Kumi Naidoo

Social, Economic and Environmental Justice Activist, Global Ambassador of the pan-African organisation Africans Rising for Justice

Dr Kanta Kumari Rigaud

Lead Environmental Specialist and Regional Climate Change Coordinator in the Africa Region of the World Bank Group

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3.45 pm^{CET}

Closing Remarks

Claudia Roth (Alliance 90/The Greens)
Vice President of the German Bundestag

4.00 pm^{CET}

Breakout sessions

Exchange with speakers

Moderation: Christine Mhundwa

Journalist, Deutsche Welle (DW)

Christine Mhundwa is a journalist who has covered current affairs, politics and financial markets in Sub-Saharan Africa. Mhundwa has worked for organisations including CNBC and Bloomberg and is currently based in Berlin where she presents Germany's international broadcaster Deutsche Welle's (DW) flagship Africa bulletin.



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Welcome Talk

Otilie Bälz

Senior Vice President and Head of Department of International Understanding and Cooperation, Robert Bosch Stiftung

Otilie Bälz's portfolio includes the Foundation's programs on migration and climate change. Until 2019, she was head of the department of Society including i.a. programs on integration and inclusion, muslims in Germany, and civil society. From 2004 to 2005 she was delegated to the Directorate-General for Culture and Education of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. Prior to joining the Robert Bosch Stiftung in 2002, she was a project manager at the Goethe-Institut Moscow and directed cultural programs in Russia.



Goran Buldioski

Director, Berlin Office and Director, Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE)

Goran Buldioski focuses on democratic transition in Eastern Europe, the development of policy research on social and political affairs, and the role of civil society. Before joining OSF, he worked for the Council of Europe, the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation, and the National Youth Council of Macedonia. His articles and research papers on think tanks, policy-relevant research and democratic transition have appeared i.a. in Politico, Euractiv, E!Sharp, LSE-UNDP Development and Transition Newsletter. He is member of the European Council of Foreign Relations.



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Welcome Talk (continued)

Dr Ingrid Hamm

CO-Founder and CEO of the Global Perspectives Initiative

As Founder and CEO of the Global Perspectives Initiative, Ingrid Hamm is deeply engaged in the international dialogue about global development. She has worked in large German foundations for three decades and most recently directed the Robert Bosch Foundation.



Winfried Kneip

Executive Director of Stiftung Mercator

Winfried Kneip was appointed as Executive Director of Stiftung Mercator in 2014, heads the Education Division and in 2020 is currently serving as spokesman of the Executive Board. Since 2009 he has been responsible for Education. Previously, he spent six years as a Managing Director of the Yehudi Menuhin Foundation in Germany. Since 2004, he has also been on the Executive Board of the Buddy Project, a project to promote social competence which he initiated and managed. Kneip previously worked as editor-in-chief at the publishing firm Verlag an der Ruhr and was the owner of the Agentur Menschenskinder.



Speakers

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Keynotes

Jutta Urpilainen

European Commissioner for International Partnerships

As European Commissioner for International Partnerships, Ms Jutta Urpilainen oversees the Commission's work on international cooperation and sustainable development. She served as a Member of the Finnish Parliament, as Finland's Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister. She was also the Foreign Minister's Special Representative on Mediation and chaired the Finnish National Commission for UNESCO.



Her Excellency Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil

Commissioner for Social Affairs of the African Union

Her Excellency Amira Elfadil was elected as the Commissioner for Social Affairs in January 2017. Before she served the Government of the Republic of the Sudan as Minister of Welfare and Social Security and Minister for Social Affairs for the Khartoum State Government. With her passion in addressing children, girls and women's empowerment issues, she has held various senior roles in various committees and boards on social development.



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Input & Discussion Participants

Alexandra Bilak

Director of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

Alexandra Bilak has almost 20 years of experience in the international non-profit sector, focusing on research and policy development on displacement in the context of armed conflict, violence, disasters and climate change. After a decade working in Africa, she joined the IDMC in Geneva as Head of Policy and Research in 2014, becoming its Director in 2016.



Nathalie Delapalme

Executive Director of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Nathalie Delapalme is Executive Director of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Her most recent position was Inspecteur General des Finances at the French Ministry of Economy and Finance between 2007 and 2010.



Dr Workneh Gebeyehu

Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

Workneh Gebeyehu is the Executive Secretary of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD). He served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and held office as Minister of Transport and Communications.



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Input & Discussion Participants (continued)

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim

Environmental Activist and Member of Chad's Pastoralist Mbororo Community

Environmental activist and member of Chad's pastoralist Mbororo community, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim began advocating for Indigenous rights and environmental protection at age 16, founding the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad. She is a member of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee and served as co-chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris.



Session 2

Keynote

Michelle Müntefering

Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office

Michelle Müntefering is the Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office and a member of the German parliament. She was a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and rapporteur for Turkey and the Middle East in the Committee as well as chairwoman of the German-Turkish Parliamentary Friendship Group.



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Discussion Participants

Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr

Mayor of Freetown (Sierra Leone), Member of the Mayors Migration Council (MMC) Leadership Board

Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr is the Mayor of Freetown and gained over 25 years of private sector experience as a finance professional. Her public sector engagement began with her work as the Director of Planning at the National Ebola Response Centre during the Ebola epidemic of 2014 – 2015 and her subsequent role as Delivery Team Lead for the President’s Recovery Priorities. In 1999, she co-founded the Sierra Leone War Trust for Children.



Dina Ionesco

Head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division at the UN Migration Agency (IOM)

Dina Ionesco is the Head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division at the UN Migration Agency and has over 20 years of international work experience. She is a member of the Task Force on Climate Displacement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Associate Member of the Hugo Observatory and represents IOM in the Platform on Disaster Displacement.



Speakers

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Discussion Participants (continued)

Dr Kandeh Yumkella

Member of the Pan-African Parliament and the Parliament of Sierra Leone, Former Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All

Dr Yumkella is a development economist and an expert in agricultural economics. He is founder and CEO of The Energy Nexus Network and served for almost two decades in the United Nations system including as Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All. He currently serves on the Pan-African Parliament and the Parliament of Sierra Leone.



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Keynote

Dr Amina C. Mohamed

Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Culture and Heritage, Kenya

Ambassador Dr Amina Mohamed is a Kenyan lawyer, diplomat and politician. She is presently serving as the Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Heritage and Culture in Kenya. She previously served as chairwoman of the International Organization for Migration and the World Trade Organization's General Council, as well as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program.



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Discussion Participants

Kamal Amakrane

Special Adviser for Strategic Partnerships supporting United Nations' advancement of digital innovation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Kamal Amakrane is Adjunct Professor at Columbia University, veteran UN diplomat, and non-profit leader with over 20 years of accomplishments in peacekeeping, tech innovation, migration and multilateral diplomacy. He established the first UN Innovation & Technology Accelerator for Cities and led efforts resulting in the adoption of the Global Compact for Migration. He served as Political Director to Presidents of the UN General Assembly and held senior positions in the UN missions in Côte d'Ivoire, Darfur, Myanmar and Iraq.



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Discussion Participants (continued)

Dr Christoph Heusgen

Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, Germany's Representative on the Security Council

Christoph Heusgen has been the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations since July 2017 and since 2019 has been Germany's representative on the Security Council. Prior to that, he, among others, served as Foreign and Security Policy Advisor to the Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel and as Deputy Head in charge of European Affairs in the private office of Foreign Minister Kinkel.



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Kumi Naidoo

Social, Economic and Environmental Justice Activist, Global Ambassador of the pan-African organisation Africans Rising for Justice

Kumi Naidoo, a globally recognized social, economic and environmental justice activist and global ambassador of the pan-African organisation Africans Rising for Justice, became an anti-apartheid activist at the age of 15. After attending Oxford University, he became the Founding Executive Director of the South African National NGO Coalition (SAN-GOCO). He also served as the Executive Director of Greenpeace International and as Amnesty International Secretary-General.



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Discussion Participants (continued)

Dr Kanta Kumari Rigaud

Lead Environmental Specialist and Regional Climate Change Coordinator in the Africa Region of the World Bank Group

Dr Kanta Kumari Rigaud is a Lead Environmental Specialist, and Regional Climate Change Coordinator in the Africa Region of the World Bank Group. She is a leading expert on climate adaptation and resilience and works on climate policy, strategy and knowledge management. She led multidisciplinary teams on the World Bank's report Groundswell – Preparing for Internal Climate Migration.



Session 3

Closing Remarks

Claudia Roth

Vice President of the German Bundestag Alliance 90/The Greens

Claudia Roth is Vice President of the German Bundestag since October 2013. She is a member of the committee on Economic Cooperation and Development and the subcommittee for Foreign Cultural and Education Policy. Her political activities have always focused particularly on human and civil rights, culture, climate change and fighting racism.



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