



PLATFORM
ON DISASTER
DISPLACEMENT
FOLLOW-UP TO THE NANSEN INITIATIVE



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Multi-stakeholder Side Event of the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Cancún, Mexico.

“PROTECTING DISASTER DISPLACED PERSONS THROUGH BETTER DATA AND KNOWLEDGE ON DISPLACEMENT RISKS”

24 May 2017 | 13:30 – 14:30
EXPO 2, Cancún, Mexico

Organizers: Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) in partnership with the Federal Government of Germany, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC).

Background

In July 2016, the Governments of Germany and Bangladesh established the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), as a follow up to the work of the Nansen Initiative, and to support the implementation of the recommendations made in the Nansen Initiative Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change. Policy coherence and mainstreaming of human mobility challenges in, and across, relevant policy and action areas, is one of the four strategic priorities of the Platform on Disaster Displacement. ISDR is a Member of the Advisory Committee of the Platform on Disaster Displacement; the 2016-2019 Strategic Framework and Workplan includes a number of activities to support States' efforts in implementing the Sendai Framework.

Objective

The Sendai Framework (para 16.) sets as its overall goal: 'The substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries'.

In this light, it is the goal of this side event to contribute to the outcomes of the 2017 Global Platform through awareness-raising and exchange of knowledge on the need for the inclusion of disaster displacement and displacement risks into the monitoring and implementation of the Sendai Framework.

Rationale

This event is organized as part of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction in Cancún, Mexico, the first opportunity at global level after Sendai to take stock and assess progress in implementing the 2015 – 2030 Sendai Framework. After the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group convened in November 2016 in Geneva and given the need to put policies in place on time to reach Target E before 2020, a discussion on how to measure and include disaster displacement in the context of national preparedness and contingency plans is particularly timely.

This side event will discuss key opportunities for the inclusion of disaster displacement considerations into national and regional DRR policies by 2020 (Target E) and the efforts supported by the Platform on Disaster Displacement towards that goal.

How can Governments and key actors working in the field of disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management ensure that they are sufficiently well prepared for displacement internally and across borders in the context of disasters? In the absence of a global indicator on displacement in the monitoring of the implementation of the Sendai Framework, how can governments improve their data collection to more effectively reduce the risks of disaster displacement before, during or after a disaster?

The panel discussion will gather a variety of stakeholders (governmental and non-governmental) from different regions to present and compare effective practices on addressing disaster displacement.

Michelle Yonetani of IDMC will share state of the art research findings on the mapping of disaster displacement, overcoming challenges to data collection as well as different ways of modelling disaster displacement risks more broadly.

H.E. Evan Garcia of the Philippines will give account of his government's attempts at including data on displacement in national DRR strategies, practice and reporting.

Roy Barboza of CEPREDENAC will present opportunities and best practices at the regional level for the inclusion of disaster-displacement in the context of regional Policy and other instruments in Central America.

Filipe Nainoca of the Fiji Red Cross Society will reflect on the information and knowledge challenges posed in the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Winston and how the Red Cross worked with the government and other stakeholders to overcome them, including how they are working together to reduce risks of disaster displacement in the future.

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13:30 – 13:35	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Peter Felten <i>Head of Division for Humanitarian Assistance - Policy, International Organizations, Multilateral Coordination at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany</i> <i>Chair, Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)</i></p>
13:35 – 13:40	<p>Introduction to the Side Event and Panellists Dr. Allan Lavell (moderator) <i>Coordinator, Programme for the Social Study of Risks and Disasters, FLACSO</i></p>
13:40 – 13:45	<p>A global view: The state of data and knowledge on disaster displacement Ms. Michelle Yonetani <i>Senior Strategic Advisor, Disasters, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)</i></p>
13:45 – 14:05	<p>Regional and national perspectives – Questions by the moderator and answers by the panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Evan P. Garcia, <i>Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva</i> - Mr. Roy Barboza, <i>Executive Secretary, Coordination Center for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America, CEPREDENAC</i> - Mr. Filipe Nainoca, <i>Director General, Fiji Red Cross Society, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, IFRC</i>
14:05 – 14:15	<p>Summary and Closing Remarks Dr. Allan Lavell (moderator) <i>Coordinator, Programme for the Social Study of Risks and Disasters, FLACSO</i></p>
14:15 – 14:30	<p>Questions and Answers</p>