

Climate Change and Human Mobility
Towards dignified, coordinated and sustainable solutions

Rabat, 24 May 2017

CONCEPT NOTE

CONTEXT AND OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE THEMATIC WORKSHOP

One of the main objectives for the German-Moroccan co-chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development is to contribute to the elaboration of the Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration and to the monitoring of migration-related goals of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

The question of the impact of climate change on human mobility has attracted considerable attention over the past years. It has been integrated in the preamble of the Paris Agreement (COP21) and will be discussed at the United Nations in May 2017 as part of the preliminary consultations for the elaboration of the Global compact.

It is in this context that the German-Moroccan co-chairmanship organises this thematic workshop on “*Climate change and human mobility: towards dignified, coordinated and sustainable solutions*” in Rabat on 24 May 2017. The objective is to feed GFMD’s contribution to the Global compact and to contribute to provide tools to States in order to respond to challenges created by all kinds of human mobility associated to climate change.

This workshop also corresponds to Morocco’s presidency of COP22, which took place in Marrakesh in November 2016 and witnessed a large number of side-events dedicated to migration and climate change. By linking this workshop to the Global compact, the objective is also to continue advocating at global level for this issue to be taken into consideration and responded to in an effective and sustainable manner in global and national processes.

UNDERSTANDING AND TAKING ACTION- SESSION 1

Human mobility induced by environmental and climate change is not a new phenomenon. However, the potential migratory scale and the vulnerability of affected populations have increased over the past decades as a result of climate change. This is particularly salient in vulnerable countries, where climate change impacts areas with fragile populations, limited adaptation capacities and constrained access to resources. And these countries are also the ones that need to meet the development challenge.

Over the past years, research work and initiatives have increased to better understand the complex link between human mobility and climatic events, whether slow or sudden, and to develop appropriate responses. However, migratory policies seldom integrate climate change issues, and inversely, to allow to give a real impulse to action. A better sharing of knowledge and experience is necessary for decision-making.

After a first introductory presentation that will shed light on the state of advancement of research on migration, environment and climate change, **the first session will be dedicated to the question of knowledge sharing, whether at academic level or oriented towards action.** The objective is to

continue supporting efforts directed towards knowledge production, and to identify best practices and concrete initiatives that can serve countries and decision-makers in public policy.

It is also proposed to draw on the experience of research networks as well as on pilot initiatives on prevention, management and adaptation to demonstrate concretely and to a wide audience how action is possible at all stages. And this within the objective of implementing proactive measures targeting resilience strengthening, efficient and integrated crisis management strategies, as well as the upholding of rights of people to mobility and access to resources.

Questions to be asked to the panellists and the audience:

1. From your experience, which practices are replicable and how?
2. What measures and what mechanisms need to be implemented for effective action? What knowledge is needed to support action?

TOWARDS RESPONSIBILITY SHARING: COLLABORATING TO STRENGTHEN ACTION - SESSION 2

With numerous political processes taking place at global level on migration on the one hand, and on climate change on the other hand (Sustainable Development Goals, Global compact, UNFCCC, etc.), environmental migrations are increasingly taken into consideration. However, collaboration is paramount to ensure coherence of action. The objective is to provide a global strategic framework for the inclusion of migration in climate issues and reciprocally. This is also applicable at country-level, where public policies on migration and environment are generally elaborated separately. Likewise, whether at global, regional, national or local level, responding to climate change and human mobility challenges requires multifaceted and multilevel partnerships.

Funding is another main limitation to adequately respond to climate change induced migration. While funding for climate financing is available, diasporas have too often to complement public aid for natural disaster response.

With the presence of specialists of the international debates on climate, environment and migration, and of donors and State representatives, the second session will be dedicated to **pursue greater consistency of global and national strategic frameworks and to formulate recommendations for a greater access of climate migration to funding.**

Questions to be asked to the panellists and the audience:

1. How to build greater consistency between climate and migration agenda, whether at global, or national level?
2. Which recommendations to finance responses for climate change induced migrations?
3. What is needed to stimulate inter-institutional and multilevel collaboration?

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DRAFT AGENDA

09h00 – 09h30	Registration
09h30 – 10h30	Opening Plenary Session
10h30 – 10h45	Introductory presentation State of advancement of research and best practices for recognition and integration of climate change induced migration at global level
11h15 - 13h00	Session 1*: Understanding and taking action <i>Guiding questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What initiatives are ongoing to promote the need to address human mobility challenges in the context of climate change? ○ From your experience, which practices are replicable and how? ○ What measures and what mechanisms need to be implemented for effective action? What knowledge is needed to support action?
13h00-14h30	Lunch for all participants
14h30-16h30	Session 2*: Towards responsibility sharing: collaboration to reinforce action <i>Guiding questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to build greater consistency and to promote policy coherence between climate and migration agenda, whether at global, or national level? ○ Which recommendations to finance responses for climate change induced migrations? ○ What is needed to stimulate inter-institutional and multilevel collaboration? ○
16h30-17h00	Closing Session Wrap-up and recommendations

** All sessions will be held in plenary. A rapporteur will wrap up findings during the closing session.*

REGISTRATION FORM¹

Deadline for Registration: 10 May 2017

GFMD 2017-2018 Thematic Workshop

“Climate change and human mobility: towards dignified, coordinated and sustainable solutions”

**24 May 2017
Rabat, Morocco**

Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required. To promote a coherent participation in the GFMD process, registration should be coordinated with the government/organization's GFMD Focal Point.

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LOGISTICS NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

GFMD 2017-2018 Thematic Workshop

***“Climate change and human mobility:
towards dignified, coordinated and sustainable solutions”***

**24 May 2017
Rabat/Skhirate**

Background

The German-Moroccan co-chairmanship organises, in the framework of the GFMD, a thematic workshop on *“Climate change and human mobility: towards dignified, coordinated and sustainable solutions”* in Rabat on 24 May 2017. The objective is to feed GFMD’s contribution to the Global compact, to provide tools to States in order to respond to challenges created by all kinds of human mobility associated to climate change and to address the protection needs of people displaced in the context of climate change.

Date

24 May 2017

Venue



The thematic workshop will be held at **Mohammed VI International Conference Center in Skhirat.**

Address : Skhirat Plage - Skhirat, Morocco

Tel : +212 (0) 537 62 10 00

Website: <http://www.lamphitrite-palace.com/meetings-en.html>

This is about 45 minutes ride from Rabat International airport, and 1 hour from Casablanca airport. No public transportation is available between the airport and the Conference Center, unless arranged beforehand. The cost is about USD 30 from Rabat International Airport and USD 80 from Casablanca airport.

The Conference center offers Free WiFi - internet connectivity.

Meals

Lunch and coffee break will be made available in keeping with the [schedule of the workshop](#) meeting.

Language and Interpretation services

Simultaneous interpretation services will be made available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. To avail of interpretation headphones, delegates will be asked to present an official ID with photo or passport.

Conference documents are available in English, French and Arabic.

Transport: Venue – Hotel transfer

Necessary transportation services have been arranged for delegates' transfer or transportation to the venue and hotels during the meeting.

Registration

For logistical considerations, all delegations are encouraged to fill in the [registration form](#) and send it to registration@gfmd.org

Registration should be received no later than **10 May 2017**.

Accommodation

Non-sponsored delegates are responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodation and all related costs during their stay. A single occupancy room has been provisionally reserved by the host government; however, in order to avail of preferential rates, delegates are requested to forward a copy of the filled-in reservation form, along with a copy of the passport via email to: registration@gfmd.org.

All hotel booking requests must be received by the hotel no later than **10 May 2017**.

Hotel accommodation for *sponsored delegates* will be arranged directly by the GFMD Support Unit (support.unit@gfmd.org), in coordination with the hotel.

Single occupancy rooms will be available in the following hotel based on a specially-negotiated tariff for the meeting:

[Hotel Farah Rabat](#) *****

Address:

Place 16 Novembre - Hassan
Rabat 10000

Phone: +212 694-610488

Delegates are advised to inform the GFMD Desk at Hotel Farah Rabat to avail of the shuttle services. Reporting time for shuttle services is tentatively set at 08:00 AM.

Entry to Morocco and Visa

In order to find out if a visa is required for Morocco, please check:

<https://www.diplomatie.ma/en/Conseilsauxvoyageurs/tabid/3175/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

The City of Rabat



The coat of arms of Rabat

Rabat is the capital of Morocco and its seventh largest city centre with an urban population of approximately 580,000 (2014) and a metropolitan population of over 1.2 million. The city is located on the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the river Bou Regreg. Rabat is accessible by train through the ONCF system and by plane through the nearby Rabat–Salé Airport.

It is one of four Imperial cities of Morocco, and the medina of Rabat is listed as a World Heritage Site.

Climate:

Rabat features a Mediterranean climate with warm dry summers and mild damp winters. Located along the Atlantic Ocean, Rabat has a mild, temperate climate, shifting from cool in winter to warm days in the summer months. The nights are always cool (or cold in winter, it can reach Sub 0 °C (32 °F) sometimes), with daytime temperatures generally rising about +7/8 °C (+15/18 °F). The winter highs typically reach only 17.2 °C (63.0 °F) in December–February. Summer daytime highs usually hover around 25 °C (77.0 °F), but may occasionally exceed 30 °C (86.0 °F), especially during heat waves. Summer nights are usually pleasant and cool, ranging between 11 °C (51.8 °F) and 19 °C (66.2 °F) and rarely exceeding 20 °C (68.0 °F). Rabat belongs to the sub-humid bioclimatic zone with an average annual precipitation of 560 mm.

Main sights

- [Mausoleum of Mohammed V](#)
- [Hassan Tower](#)
- [Chellah Necropolis](#)
- [Kasbah of the Udayas](#)
- [Rabat Archaeological Museum](#)
- [Mohamed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art](#)



Currency

The dirham (MAD) is the currency of Morocco

	EUR	USD	CHF
1 MAD	0,09313	0,09970	0,09948
Opposite :	10,7374	10,0306	10,0527

Currency exchange services are available at the airport, hotel reception (for smaller amounts in USD and EU only) and outside the hotel.

Power plugs and sockets

In Morocco the power sockets used are of type [C and E](#). Your need for a power plug adapter depends on the power plugs used in your own country.

Dial code

International dial code: +212

Police : 190

Ambulance : 150

SOS Médecins Maroc (SOS Doctors): 05 22 98 98 98

Train (ONCF) : 0890 20 30 40

Airports : 05 22 53 90 40 / 05 22 53 91 40 / 05 22 43 58 58

Information call : 160