

EMN SWEDISH PRESIDENCY CONFERENCE

Displacement and migration related to disasters, climate change and environmental degradation

11-12 May 2023

Münchenbryggeriet, Stockholm, Sweden

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1. RATIONALE AND AIMS

The links between climate change, environmental disasters and displacement and migration are complex. For the time being, most climate-related displacement seems to take place within countries, however, in the long run, cross-border movements over greater distances are likely to occur.

The EMN Swedish Presidency Conference aims to explore the potential impact of climate change on global migration patterns and migration to the EMN Member (EU Member States except Denmark) and Observer Countries (NO, GE, MD, UA, ME, AM, RS). It also aims at discussing what the EMN Member and Observer Countries are currently doing in this context and what could be done in the future to address the challenges and impacts.

How can we better understand the interplay between displacement and migration? What is the state of play and what is the future outlook? What are the short-term and long-term consequences of climate change on displacement and migration? How can we ensure a better connection between the different policy areas, and what policy and practical measures are necessary to meet the challenges?

To address the above questions, the Conference will bring together a broad range of international experts on climate change and migration, from different fields including research, policymaking and policy implementation. During the Conference, speakers will reflect upon policy and practical measures already in place and future challenges. The Conference will explore new strategies and policies to meet these challenges of climate-related displacement and migration and look at some of the possible impacts on the labour markets and economic migration.

A joint EMN-OECD inform with the title "Displacement and migration related to disasters, climate change and environmental degradation", will soon be published and its findings will serve as an additional context to the conference.

2. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Conference is organised in connection to the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU and will take place in Stockholm, Sweden on 11-12 of May 2023.

The Conference will be a 1,5-day event and participants will be able to attend in person, on invitation and upon registration.

The event will gather EMN National Contact Points, EMN Steering Board Members, policy makers from EMN Member and Observer Countries as well as other countries, EU agencies, NGOs, international organisations and academia. Participants will be expected to interact, share knowledge and experiences.

FORMAT AND REGISTRATION

The event is in-person, with the possibility to join an online streaming.

Venue: Münchenbryggeriet, Söder Mälarstrand 29, 7th floor, 118 25 STOCKHOLM, Sweden

Date and time: 11 May 2023 from 9:00 to 16:00 and 12 May 2023 from 9:00 to 14:00

Language: English

To attend in person, please [register here](#) by **11 April 2023**. Please note that there is no automatic confirmation of your registration through the link. **A confirmation will be sent within a week from your registration.** Seats are assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

Online streaming: the link will be made available closer to the date.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that participants are requested to make their own travel and hotel arrangements.

The event organisers recommend the following hotels for accommodation:

- [Courtyard by Marriott](#), Rålambshovsvägen 50, Kungsholmen Stockholm (Booking link: [Book Your Group/Corporate Rate | Marriott International](#))
- [Hotel Rival](#), Mariatorget 3, 118 48 Stockholm (Booking code: **EMN2023**)
- [First Hotel Kungsbron](#), Västra Järnvägsgränd 17, 111 64 Stockholm

3. AGENDA

11 May 2023	
09:00 – 10:00	Registration and coffee
10:00 – 10:45	Opening and introduction of the conference ▪ Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs, (video message) (TBC) ▪ Representative from the Swedish Government (TBC) ▪ Mikael Ribbenvik, Director General, Swedish Migration Agency
10:45 – 11:15	Keynote speech ▪ Koko Warner, Director, Global Data Institute, International Organization for Migration (IOM) ▪ Rainer Münz, Professor, Central European University
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 13:15	Panel 1: The effects of climate change on migration. Examples from around the world <i>The panel will make visible the role of climate change in the complex interplay between different drivers of migration. It will provide an inventory of the effects that climate change has on migration and provide examples of situations in which climate change has influenced migration patterns in different parts of the world.</i> Moderator: Joakim Palme, Chair, Delmi (Delegation for Migration Studies) ▪ Mariam Yassin Hagi Yussuf, Special Envoy for Children and Migrants' Rights, Prime Minister's Office, Somalia ▪ François Gemenne, Senior Research Associate and Director, the Hugo Observatory, University of Liège ▪ Asha Mohammed, Secretary General, Red Cross Kenya (TBC) ▪ Anders Jägerskog, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, the World Bank Questions and Answers/ Moderated discussion
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 15:45	Panel 2: Possible impact of climate change on migration towards the EMN Member and Observer Countries – what can we expect? <i>In this panel, speakers will reflect upon the possible longer-term developments regarding migration over greater distances, mainly towards the EMN Member and Observer Countries. Panellists will also reflect upon the difficulties in identifying and forecasting climate-related migration.</i>

	Moderator: Bernd Parusel, <i>Senior Researcher, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS)</i> ▪ Michael Shotter, <i>Director Migration and Asylum, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</i> ▪ Lisa Andersson, <i>Economist, International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</i> ▪ Salvatore Petronella, <i>Senior Manager, Labour Mobility Partnerships</i> Questions and Answers/ Moderated discussion
15:45 -16:00	Wrap-up of day one

12 May 2023	
09:00 – 10:30	Panel 3: How are the EMN Member and Observer Countries currently addressing the effects of climate change and displacement and migration across different policy areas? <i>This panel will include presentations on how the EMN Member and Observer Countries work on mitigating any identified effects of climate change on migration. The panel will cover different aspects, including preparing contingency plans, possible national humanitarian protection statuses, enhancing resilience or helping to establish new livelihoods in regions affected by climate change. Examples will be given from EMN Member and Observer Countries.</i> Moderator: Elin Jakobsson, <i>Analyst at FOI (Swedish Defence Research Agency)</i> ▪ Matthew Scott, <i>Senior Researcher, Human Rights and the Environment thematic area, Raoul Wallenberg Institute</i> ▪ Göran Holmqvist, <i>Director, Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency)</i> ▪ Raffaella Greco-Tonegutti, <i>Lead Expert on Migration and Development, Enabel (Belgian Development Agency)</i> ▪ Chiara Scissa, <i>Expert in International Protection and Human Rights, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies</i> ▪ <i>Representative from France (TBC)</i> Questions and Answers/ Moderated discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Panel 4: How could the EMN Member and Observer Countries address the issue of displacement and migration related to climate change in the future, with existing or new migration policy approaches? <i>In this panel, speakers will reflect on opportunities to better address the possible effects of climate change on displacement and migration to</i>

	<i>the EMN Member and Observer Countries. The panel aims at identifying new strategies, policies or other innovative approaches, looking at areas such as legal migration opportunities for work or studies, addressing needs of displaced people, resettlement, humanitarian quotas, sponsorship programmes etc.</i> Moderator: Hanne Beirens, <i>Director, Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Europe</i> ▪ Andrew Harper, <i>Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Climate Action, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</i> ▪ Michelle Leighton, <i>Chief of the Labour Migration Branch, International Labour Organisation (ILO)</i> ▪ Alex Randall, <i>Programme Lead, Climate and Migration Coalition (TBC)</i> ▪ <i>Representative from third country suffering the effects of climate change (TBC)</i> Questions and Answers/ Moderated discussion
12:30 – 13:00	Concluding remarks ▪ Magnus Ovilus, <i>Head of Sector Forecasting, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch