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Workstream on Climate Change, the Global Compact on Migration, and the Paris Agreement

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Background

- This Regional UN Network workstream is linked to the UN Network Global Workstream on ***Climate Change, the GCM and the Paris Agreement***, co-chaired by IOM and ILO
- GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 18 and 23, and IMRF Progress Declaration, paras. 27 and 59.
- Issue-based Coalition on Migration (IBC/M) in the Arab region, with support from the Regional UN Network, organized an online ***Regional Dialogue on the Climate Change and Migration Nexus in the Arab Region*** (24-25 October 2022)
- ***Joint Policy Brief on Migration and Climate Change in the Arab Region***
- The Regional Dialogue discussed the following
 - Migration and climate change trends in the Arab region
 - Climate-induced migration and displacement dynamics
 - Migration and mobility as an adaptation strategy to climate change and the importance of just transitions
 - The effect of climate-induced migration and displacement on women and children
 - Food insecurity and water scarcity as a driver and outcome of climate-induced migration
- 17 key messages and way forward

Regional Dialogue: Select key messages

- Important to integrate climate change issues in migration governance frameworks and to adopt a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach as well as a gender-responsive approach as stated in the GCM.
- Data on climate change-induced migration and displacement in the region is very limited. Investing in the collection, analysis and dissemination of these data is vital to support countries in developing strategies that are responsive to the need of all migrants, including workers, women, and children.
- Essential to strengthen the cooperation and coordination mechanisms and build partnerships at the regional level to address the challenges posed by climate change-induced migration.
- Effective policies on **labour mobility** as an adaptation to climate change and national plans on just transition need to be inclusive of all stakeholders and based on social dialogue, involving employer, worker and civil society representatives.
- Need for evidence-based policies, laws and guidelines to protect all workers, including migrant workers, against the impact of climate change on working conditions, including rising temperatures and water scarcity.
- More efforts are needed to develop the green economy in countries of the region since it can be a significant source of jobs that will need new skills. It is therefore crucial to upgrade the skills of all workers, including migrant workers.
- Green enterprises require a skilled labour force, which in turn provides opportunities for migrant workers who have the required skills.



GCM Talk on Climate Change and Migration in the Arab Region

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GCM Talk on Climate Change and Migration in the Arab Region: Just transition and labour mobility as an adaptation strategy

- The GCM Talk drew on the Regional Dialogue on the Climate Change and Migration Nexus in the Arab Region held in October 2022
- In keeping with the GCM's guiding principle of a whole-of-society approach, the Talk was a multistakeholder event and included speakers from government, employers' and workers' organizations, civil society and youth
- The Talk comprised two interactive panel discussions
 - Panel I: Importance of a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all
 - Panel II: Skills-based labour mobility as an adaptation strategy to climate change
- The summary report of the GCM talk is available at
 - https://migrationnetwork.un.org/system/files/docs/GCM%20Talks_Report_20NOV_FINAL.pdf



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