Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB60)

Side event

***Reducing vulnerability and displacement related to climate change impacts through enhanced access to climate finance and national planning***

*Saturday 8 June, 14.45-16.00, Room Berlin*

Event description

All regions of the world are exposed to climate change, but local communities living in most vulnerable developing countries, in particular in fragile and conflict settings, have the fewest resources and capacities to cope with its adverse impacts, resulting in loss and damage for these vulnerable populations. Local actors are often the ones who can deliver more targeted, context-relevant and needs-tailored interventions to support at-risk communities. Yet, a tiny fraction of climate finance reaches the local level.

The event will explore innovative and practical ways to support local communities hardest hit by climate change, including people displaced or at risk of being displaced, through promoting their meaningful participation in decision-making related to national adaptation planning. The event will discuss concrete solutions to provide funding for adaptation and environment-friendly technological support at local level, provide necessary support to the displaced population at different levels of destination from mega cities to cosmopolitan, strengthen local governance and capacities and support community involvement in decision-making and planning. The panel discussion will primarily focus on exploring avenues to access climate finance aimed at supporting locally driven climate initiatives, with a specific focus on reducing vulnerability and potentially averting, minimising and addressing displacement in the context of climate change.

Format and speakers

**Introduction by the moderator**, Dr. Alice Baillat, Policy Adviser, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) (5 min)

**Panel discussion** (45 min / 9 min per speaker)

* Shamim Arfeen, Executive Director, AOSED – An Organisation for Socio-Economic Development
  + *Presentation of challenges faced by vulnerable communities in Bangladesh to cope with climate change impacts and access adequate finance to respond to it*
* Bénédicte Giæver, Executive Director NORCAP
  + *Presentation of innovative financing options to support communities in coping with climate change impacts without burdening the already limited budget of vulnerable countries*
* Dr. Emad Adly, General Coordinator, Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)
  + *Presentation of the study conducted by RAED and NRC to map the inclusion of human mobility in relevant policies in the Arab region*
* PDD Member State (Fiji?)
  + *Presentation from a local authority perspective of challenges and opportunities to access climate finance in order to support communities displaced or at risk of being displaced in the context of climate change*
* Adv. Mohammad Hafijul Islam Khan, Member of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage
  + *Sharing views from a Loss and Damage expert and member of the WIM EXCOM on how to ensure the inclusion and participation of affected communities, including displaced populations, to the decision making around loss and damage finance.*

**Q&A session** (25 min) – *Invite other members of the Advisory Group to take the floor during the Q&A*