

Task Force on Displacement Side Event

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Moving forward together: The second phase of the Task Force on Displacement

The event marked the launch of the second phase of the Task Force on Displacement (TFD), presented the new Plan of Action of the TFD, outlined developments in evidence and data on displacement linked to climate change, and provided a sample of activities being implemented at the global, regional and national levels. The organization of the event was supported by two TFD Members: the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD).

The panel included State Parties of the WIM Excom (Australia and Tuvalu), other State Parties (Senegal and Vanuatu), members of the TFD (IFRC, ILO, IOM, PDD, UNHCR), and civil society and other stakeholders (ActionAid International, IDMC, World Bank), to bring their perspectives on the TFD's work and future priorities. Several TFD members highlighted some of the priorities in the adopted two-year Plan of Action: knowledge and data (IDMC), policy coherence (IOM, UNHCR), regional approaches (PDD and ILO), operational tools (IFCRC).

The event was well attended and generated awareness of the existing work of the TFD and of the priorities that will be carried out by individual members of the TFD. The event built upon the work done during the WIM Review event a few days earlier, where the TFD was widely acknowledged as a good practice.



The broad representation of States, international organizations and civil society representatives drew a large audience, filling the room to capacity and eliciting a significant number of people following the discussion remotely via live webcast. The discussion brought in perspectives from the global South and global North, with a mix of policymakers, civil society, academia and other stakeholders.



The side event also included a segment with the winners of the 2019 Coalition for Art and Sustainable Development (COAL) Prize, Lena Dobrowolska and Teo Ormond-Skeaping. They showcased and discussed their artwork on the topic of displacement in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change. The 2019 edition of the Prize focused on the topic 'Climate, Disasters and Displacement', in collaboration with PDD and DISPLACEMENT: Uncertain Journeys.



Further details of the side event can be found [here](#) and the webcast of the event can be found [here](#).