

Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD)

Workshop on Forced Migration and Development

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The World Bank, Room MC 11-715, 1818 H St NW, Washington, DC

Introduction, objectives and key questions

Forced migration is a challenging and complex topic, encompassing different groups of people, fleeing from persecution or conflict, escaping environmental change, natural or human made disasters, migrating because of development projects or being deported or trafficked. More and more displaced persons are in protracted situations. Existing approaches based on humanitarian, human rights and security perspectives are failing to provide sustainable solutions on a larger scale. There are also important knowledge gaps from a development perspective.

The workshop's objective is to brainstorm about these issues and find ways to support innovative solutions to forced migration. This will include identifying where research gaps exist and how to help address these. The workshop shall bring together an outstanding and diverse group of experts, researchers and thought leaders at the forefront of forced migration from the humanitarian side perspective as well as (and especially from) the development perspective.

The workshop will help the World Bank's Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) shape the work program of its newly created thematic working group on forced migration. Key questions are

- What are the three most relevant policy questions that KNOMAD should address?
- What are key activities for year 1, 2 and 3?
- What would be expected outcomes and impact?

More information on KNOMAD, a global hub of knowledge and policy expertise on migration and development issues, can be found under: www.knomad.org.

Agenda

8h30 – 9h00 Registration and Coffee

9h00 – 9h15 **Welcome remarks and objectives for the workshop**
Dilip Ratha
Head of KNOMAD

9h15-9h30 **Forced migration and development: Setting the scene**
T. Alexander Aleinikoff
Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees

9h30-11h00 **1st session: Typology and scope of forced migration**
Moderator: Sarah Rosengaertner, UNDP
Introductory remarks: Susan Martin, Georgetown University

- a) Who is a forced migrant? What do they have in common with each other and with other types of migrants? Where are the differences?
- b) What are the causes and the scope and scale of forced migration?
- c) Who is working on what aspects of forced migration and development?

Coffee Break 11h00 – 11h30

11h30-12h30 **2nd session: What do we know about development impacts of forced migration?**

Moderator: Peter Bonin, GIZ
Introductory remarks: Alexander Betts, Refugees Studies Centre Oxford

- d) What do we know about impacts of forced migration for the development of destination countries/regions?
- e) What do we know about short, medium and long-term implications of forced migration for forced migrants themselves?

Lunch 12h30 -14h00

14h00-15h00

2nd session (continued)

Introductory remarks: Kathleen Newland, Migration Policy Institute

- f) What do we know about impacts of forced migration for the development of countries/regions of origin?
- g) What are the key knowledge gaps in these areas and how can KNOMAD support filling them?

15h00-15h30

3rd session: What are the short, medium and long-term policy issues when linking forced migration and development?

Moderator: Uri Dadush, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Introductory remarks: Jeff Crisp, Refugees International

- h) What are policy issues for countries/regions of origin?

Coffee Break 15h30 –16h00

16h00-17h30

3rd session (continued)

- i) What are policy issues for countries/regions of destination? What are their perceived costs and benefits in hosting forced migrants? Are these aligned with real costs and benefits (for example with regards to allowing refugees to work and eventually to locally integrate)?
- j) What are policy issues for forced migrants themselves?
- k) How can governments be incentivized to help solve protracted displacement situations and prevent new situations from becoming protracted?

17h30-18:00

Conclusions and way forward

T. Alexander Aleinikoff and Dilip Ratha