

**Multi-disciplinary Symposium
Migration and Displacement:
Roots of Vulnerability, Roads to Solutions**

**Hilton Hotel
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PROGRAMME

Organisers

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DAY 1

8.30-9.00 Arrival and Registration

9.00-9.40 Welcome Addresses:

Professor Laura Hammond, GCRF Challenge Leader, Conflict and Displacement
Dr Truphena Mukuna, Executive Director, OSSREA
Mr Vincent Bernard, ICRC

9.40 – 11.10 Panel 1: Introduction: looking at needs and vulnerabilities from a multi-disciplinary perspective

- Defining the scope of the discussion, clarifying the terms ‘migration’, ‘displacement’, ‘protection,’ ‘needs’, ‘vulnerabilities’, ‘resilience’, and others.
- What are the most pressing needs and vulnerabilities in the region and the how might a multidisciplinary approach in terms of humanitarian response be developed?
- How to best look at roots of vulnerability from a multi-disciplinary perspective?

Moderator: Dr Neelam Raina, GCRF Challenge Leader for Conflict and Displacement

Speakers:

Professor Heaven Crawley, University of Coventry, UK

Mr Julien Lerisson, Head of Delegation, ICRC Ethiopia

Dr Michael Owiso, Maseno University, Kenya

Dr Alan Nichol, International Water Management Institute

11:10-11.30 Coffee/Tea Break

11.30- 12.30 Panel 2: Danger on the route: origin, transit, and destination

- How do people pass through different stages and dimensions of vulnerability along their journeys? What different protection needs do they face in countries and areas of origin, transit and destination?
- How do the needs and vulnerabilities of the displaced compare with those who are not displaced?

Moderator: Dr Azza Yacoub, CEDEJ Khartoum

Speakers:

Mr James Curtis, Regional Director for North Africa, Danish Refugee Council

Ms Olivia Akumu, Mixed Migration Manager, Mixed Migration Centre, Nairobi

Ms Meron Estifanos, Independent Researcher and Human Rights Activist

Dr Yordanos Estifanos, Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA)/Migrating Out of Poverty Programme

12.30-1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.30 Panel 3 Displacement by armed conflict and other situations of violence –

What are the particular vulnerabilities of those affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence, which force people to move?

- How do violations of international humanitarian law affect the displacement and the vulnerabilities of those affected more generally?
- How do protracted conflicts impact the lives of vulnerable migrants, refugees and internally displaced?
- How should humanitarian action address these vulnerabilities?

Moderator: Teferi Abate Adem, Yale University/HRAF

Speakers:

Ms Tsionawit Gebre Yoannes, Danish Refugee Council

Ms Mette Steen, Danish Red Cross

Mr Vincent Bernard, ICRC

2.30-3.45: Panel 4: Internal Displacement in Urban Settings

What are the main features and patterns of urban internal displacement? What are the humanitarian concerns regarding the internally displaced in urban areas?

- How does being displaced to an urban centre (as opposed to a rural area or settlement/camp) affect the vulnerabilities, needs, resilience of the displaced, as well as humanitarian response?
- What new thinking should be introduced to improve the humanitarian response to the needs of internally displaced in urban settings?

Moderator: Dr Truphena Mukuna, OSSREA

Speakers:

Dr Dereje Feyissa, Addis Ababa University

Dr Kalyango Ronald Sseba, Makerere University

Dr Nassim Majidi, Samuel Hall Associates

Ms Livia Hadorn, International Committee of the Red Cross

3.45-4.15: Coffee/Tea Break

4.15-5.15 Panel 5: Food, water, migration and displacement in the Horn of Africa

- Impacts to ecosystems arising from and leading to food crises along migration routes – what does displacement mean for food production, storage, and transport in the long run?
- Coping with risks to pastoral communities during drought and displacement – what successes and failures have been identified in coping mechanisms so far?
- Gender-specific challenges of food crises arising from displacement – how do women and girls experience food constraints during displacement differently from men and boys, and what mechanisms can help recognise and offset the adverse impacts of these differing experiences?

Moderator: Tahrat Shahid, GCRF Challenge Leader for Food Systems

Speakers

Dr Alan Nicol, International Water Management Institute

Ato Mandefro Ayele, Famine Early Warning System

5:30-7:00 Evening Event, Addis Ababa Hilton

Invited speakers:

Her Excellency Muferiat Kumil, Minister of Peace, Federal Government of Ethiopia (tbc)

Ato Hallelujah Lulie, Director, Ethiopian Foreign Relations Strategic Studies Institute

Ambassador Ayan Mohamoud, Somaliland Ambassador to the UK

Mrs Diane Misenga Kabeya, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the ICRC to the African Union

Moderator: Dr Lealem Mersha

Reception to follow (drinks and canapes)

DAY 2

9.00 – 9.15 Key messages from previous day

9.15 – 10.15. Panel 6: Youth, Gender and Remittances

- What are the pressures that drive young men and women to migrate to support their families?
- What protection challenges arise as they seek to meet these pressures?
- What ways are there to address these problems, or how effective are the steps currently being taken (youth employment programmes, training, etc.)

Moderator: Karin Sorensen, Deputy Regional Director, Danish Refugee Council

Speakers:

Dr Teferi Abate Adem, Yale University/HRAF

Dr Neelam Raina, GCRF

Mr Vincent Chordi, EU Trust Fund Research & Evidence Facility

10.15-11.15 Panel 7: Displacement and the Challenges of Return: Experiences of Ethiopian Red Cross Society Volunteers

Moderator: Mr Hans Storgaard, Danish Red Cross

Speakers:

Ato Umer Jemal Tusu, ERCS Volunteer, Oromiya Region

Wzo Yordanos Seyhu, ERCS Volunteer, Amhara Region

Ato Jemal Reja, ERCS Volunteer, Tigray Region

11.15-11.45 Coffee/Tea Break

11.45 – 12.30 Panel 8: *Intersections between education and protection during displacement*

- Is education recognised as a core part of child protection programming during displacement?
- What are the most effective ways that education can provide physical, psychosocial

- and cognitive protection during displacement?
- How can the links between education and child protection be strengthened?

Moderator: Dr Neelam Raina, Global Challenges Research Fund

Speakers:

Ms Ruth Naylor, Senior International Advisor: Education Development Trust

Dr Mary Goretti Nakabugo, Makerere University

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 3.00 Panel 9: Comprehensive responses to improve resilience

- How can humanitarian organisations, States, development actors and others work together to develop more comprehensive and holistic approaches to protection?
- How can we ensure that solutions are comprehensive and multi-dimensional in nature, as well as applicable in specific contexts?
- What new ideas should be incorporated in humanitarian action for better response, and how can these be implemented?

Moderator: Professor Laura Hammond, GCRF

Speakers:

Professor Alexander Betts, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

Dr Priya Deshingkar, Migrating Out of Poverty Programme, University of Sussex

Ato Allehone Abebe, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

3.00 – 3.30 Coffee/Tea

3.30 – 5.00 Conclusion: How to deal with the roots of vulnerabilities in a comprehensive manner?

Brief recap of the main findings of the two days.

- Suggested concrete recommendations for states, humanitarian and development organisations on how to best address the needs and vulnerabilities of migrants, internally displaced and others affected.
- Identification of key research priorities on migration and displacement.

Moderator: Dr Tanya Zack, Witwatersrand University

Speakers:

Prof Laura Hammond, GCRF

Ms Aude Galli, Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat

Ato Haileselassie Gebremariam, Administration for Refugee/Returnee Affairs