

Call for applications for a virtual training on the CLIMB Database methodology 27 – 28 March 2024

The Climate Mobility Africa Research Network (CMARN), in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), is offering virtual trainings on the methodology supporting the development of the [CLIMB Database](#).

The CLIMB Database is an online database compiling over 1500 policy instruments on human mobility in the context of disasters, the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation. The tool provides a resource for policymakers as well as researchers, practitioners and other stakeholders working on policy development in these areas.

The training takes place over two half days. There will be one training in French and one in English:

- In English: the morning of 27 and 28 March 2024
- In French: the afternoon of 27 and 28 March 2024

Interested participants fulfilling the eligibility criteria should send the required information (shared below) by **05 March 2024** to Itan Valencia, ivalencia@iom.int

BACKGROUND:

In December 2018, Member States of the United Nations (UN) adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), a historical non-binding international agreement proposing for the first time a common and comprehensive approach to the governance of international migration aligned with obligations and principles under international law. The agreement includes, among other issues, specific commitments to address the drivers that compel people to leave their countries of origin in the context of disasters, the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation, and to protect and assist people affected by such contexts. This includes 12 actions under Objectives 2, 5, 21, and 23 of the GCM that are of particular relevance to addressing these challenges.

In preparation for the 2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), with generous financial support from the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ), launched a project to develop a baseline mapping of national and regional policies and practices relevant to addressing human mobility in the context of disasters, the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation under the GCM. The project culminated in a set of indicators on the basis of which a baseline analysis report was developed (see [here](#)), an accompanying analytical framework, a global database of national and regional policies, and a shorter infographic (see [here](#)) containing the GCM baseline mapping report.

IOM and PDD presented the results of the GCM baseline mapping report at the IMRF in New York in May 2022, bringing an evidence-based approach to the discussion on human mobility in a changing climate, highlighting key gaps and opportunities for future policy development in this area. Following the successful completion of the first phase of the project, PDD and IOM went on the second phase

in October 2022 with the goal to enhance the GCM baseline analysis, publish the improved database initially developed in the first phase, and implement a capacity-building pilot exercise in a Member State. In turn, these activities may support Member States to prepare for the upcoming GCM regional reviews by providing a framework to facilitate input on their progress and priorities within their own regions in the area of human mobility in the context of disasters, climate change, and environmental degradation.

This online platform emerges in this context. It focuses on policy and legal instruments and practices addressing human mobility in the context of the adverse effects of climate change, disasters, and environmental degradation. The tool provides a resource for policymakers as well as researchers, practitioners and other stakeholders working in the area of policy development on human mobility, disasters, climate change, and environmental degradation. Although the database uses the implementation of GCM commitments as a starting point, it can also be relevant in relation to other key global policy frameworks in this area (e.g. the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Sendai Framework). The database should be considered as a living repository, regularly updated as national and regional policy review efforts progress.

OBJECTIVES OF THE VIRTUAL TRAINING

The virtual training aims to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding and practical skills in using and contributing to the CLIMB Database. Besides sharing the latest updates regarding the data collection, the training focuses on the methodological foundations, with particular attention to the nuanced approaches required for mapping policies and legal frameworks addressing human mobility in the context of disasters, the adverse effects of climate change, and environmental degradation across countries and regions. Furthermore, the training will offer guidance on navigating the CLIMB Database's search functionalities, enabling participants to locate and use relevant data. The training's program will also be dedicated to elucidating the nature and utility of indicators used, providing participants with a clear understanding of how to implement them in practice, and how they related to other indicator frameworks in international policymaking.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are anticipated upon completion of the virtual training:

- Participants will gain knowledge on how to use the CLIMB Database, leveraging the resources it offers for research and analysis.
- Participants will be qualified to employ the data collection methodology, adhering to the established parameters of the global database, as well as directed to specific cross-cutting elements and thematic analyses of relevance (e.g. gender perspective, child sensitivity, human rights).
- Researchers specializing in the field of human mobility in the context of disasters, climate change, and environmental degradation will be better prepared to analyze the implementation of GCM commitments pertinent to the topic and respective regional reviews.

- Participants will have received guidance on applying indicators in their future projects, with an understanding of how these link to the development of a limited set of GCM indicators.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Participants are expected to meet the following criteria to ensure they can benefit from and contribute to the training objectives:

- We welcome applications from those with a keen interest in human mobility in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation.
- Submissions from students, early career researchers and practitioners based in Africa and members of CMARN will be given priority. *If you are not already a member of CMARN, please [JOIN NOW](#) to also hear about upcoming workshops.*
- Two trainings will be conducted, one in English and one in French and, as such, fluency in at least one of these languages is required.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested participants should apply by **05 March 2024** and send the following to ivalencia@iom.int via e-mail with the title “CLIMB Database - Virtual Training”:

- A CV (two-page maximum);
- A brief cover letter, outlining motivation for participating in the training; and

Upon selection, participants are required to complete a brief exercise that will be sent out once applicants are selected. Only complete applications received before the stated deadline will be taken into consideration.