



Side Event - ECOSOC FFD Forum / 4th PrepCom FFD4

Addressing the growing gap in financing for solutions to internal displacement

Organizers: UNDP, IOM, UNHCR, Germany

Tuesday 29th April, 1:15-2:30,

UNHQ, Room CR-F (capacity of 42 persons)

Background

More people are displaced within their own countries than ever before due to conflict, violence, disasters, and the increasingly severe impacts of climate change. The number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) worldwide has doubled in the past decade, reaching 76 million by the end of 2023. The World Bank estimates that by 2050 more than 216 million people could be on the move within their own countries due to climate change. The sudden arrival of large numbers of IDPs strains basic services, infrastructure and social cohesion leading to significant socio-economic costs. With many remaining displaced for years or even decades, prolonged internal displacement poses a direct threat to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda commitment to leave no one behind.

The growing challenge of internal displacement requires responses that extend beyond meeting immediate humanitarian needs of IDPs. Development-oriented solutions that address both the root causes and the consequences of displacement are required. Affected governments are increasingly treating internal displacement as a development challenge by developing national solution strategies, plans, and policies, establishing cross-sectorial coordination mechanisms for multisectoral implementation, and allocating public resources.

However, the lack of adequate financing remains a key gap, preventing affected governments from moving towards solutions at scale. Many internal displacement-affected countries – the vast majority Low-Income and Middle-Income Countries and in fragile and crisis context – have limited prospects for significantly increasing both domestic public finance and private and donor investments to secure development-oriented investments for solutions to internal displacement. This challenging context requires transformative and systematic partnerships between the public and private sector, IFIs, MDBs as well as the international community to ensure that the scarce resources can be aligned and leveraged for impact at-scale, and that new investments can be channeled to the benefit of IDPs and their host communities.

Objectives of the Session

The 2025 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-Up (FfD Forum) – a key mechanism of the Financing for Development process – this year assumes added importance in mobilizing momentum for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4). It presents a unique opportunity to discuss and identify financing solutions for internal displacement within the broader conversation on a renewed global financing framework, required SDG investment push and the reform of the international financial architecture. The session will:

- Highlight the need for development financing for solutions to internal displacement, explore current barriers to large scale investments and present strategies for overcoming these barriers.
- Present recent progress and best practice by governments, IFIs and other development actors in unlocking development finance for solutions to internal displacement.
- Bring partners together to discuss which development financing solutions for internal displacement should be prioritized balancing development finance with new innovative blended finance including public, private, market-based, bonds and insurance risk financing.
- Discuss how to best integrate financing for solutions to internal displacement in broader INFF/financing strategies, SDG investments and the reform of the financial architecture.
- Set the stage for follow-up conversations at the Hamburg Sustainability Conference and the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development to inform global policy directions linked to FFD4 key themes.

Run of Show (1hr 15mins)

OPENING	
13.15 – 13.20	Moderator: Catalina Devandas, Representative of the Director General and Senior Director for Partnerships, Advocacy, and Communications, IOM – Welcoming remarks
13.20 – 13.28	Corli Pretorius, Head of Knowledge and Partnerships, UNDP Crisis Bureau – Opening remarks / setting the stage
PANEL DISCUSSION	
13.28 – 13.30	Moderator: Catalina Devandas, IOM – Introduction to the panel discussion
13.30 – 14.00	H.E. Dr. Abbas Al-Fatlawi, Charge d’Affaires, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations (Speaker TBC)

	<p>H.E. Mr. Mohamed Rabi A. Yusuf, Ambassador / Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the United Nations</p> <p>Ms. Jade Ndiaye, Senior Operations Officer, Fragility, Conflict and Violence and Forced Displacement, World Bank</p> <p>Private sector or Policy Expert (Speaker TBC)</p>
Q&A / INTERVENTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS	
14.00 – 14.25	Moderator: Catalina Devandas, IOM – facilitates interventions from participants / Q & A between audience and panelists
CLOSING	
14.25 –14.30	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany (speaker TBC) – closing remarks and conclusions