

## Highlights of UNHCR Organized Side Events at COP22

### **The Platform on Disaster Displacement and the UNFCCC Task Force on Displacement: Opportunities for Support and Action**

November 9 2016, 15:00-16:30, Green Zone Room Sebou



On 'Resilience day' at COP22, UNHCR organized a side event on The Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and the UNFCCC Task Force on Displacement and moderated a panel with representatives from the PDD, the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the Observatoire Régional des Migrations-Espaces et Sociétés (ORMES) and the South American Network for Environmental Migrations (Resama). Panelists discussed opportunities for mutual support between the Platform on Disaster Displacement, which aims to implement the Nansen initiative Protection Agenda, and the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) Task Force on Displacement, created by the Paris Agreement and tasked to develop recommendations 'to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse effects of climate change'. The side event highlighted opportunities for these recommendations to address a number of areas, including conceptual, operational, financial and legal gaps. Panelists also presented on regional dynamics and challenges in the Pacific, North Africa, and South America. During the question and answer session, audience members raised perspectives from South Asia region.



## ONE UN Side Event on Human Mobility and Climate Change

November 10 2016, 13:15-14:45, Blue Zone Room Mediterranean



On the following day, UNHCR organized and was a panelist at the ONE UN side event on Climate Change and Human Mobility, which brought together diverse perspectives from across the United Nations family. The panel included representatives from the Office of The UN High Commissioner For Human Rights (OHCHR), UN-Women, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), the International Organization of Migration (IOM), the UK branch of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF UK) and UN University Environment and Human Security (UNU- EHS), the civil society perspective of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and was moderated by the UNFCCC Secretariat. These panelists focused on the varied human rights implications of climate change on human mobility, in general but also for specific portions of the population who are often disproportionately affected by disaster displacement, including women, children, and rural farmers. Panelists also discussed solutions such as planned relocation, and concrete recommendations to implement the Paris Agreement. Presentation and relevant documents are available at:

[https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/reports/events\\_list.html?session\\_id=COP22](https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/reports/events_list.html?session_id=COP22)

