

KAMPALA MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (KDMECC)

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF APRIL 2024

EAST AND HORN OF AFRICA

01

GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURES FOR KDMECC
IMPLEMENTATION

02

PLAN OF ACTION FOR
KDMECC IMPLEMENTATION
AND MONITORING

EVIDENCE AND CAPACITY
ENHANCEMENT ON HUMAN
MOBILITY IN THE CONTEXT
OF CLIMATE CHANGE FOR THE
KDMECC SIGNATORY STATES

03

COLLABORATION AND
KNOWLEDGE SHARING ON
HUMAN MOBILITY IN THE
CONTEXT OF CLIMATE
CHANGE AT REGIONAL
AND GLOBAL LEVELS

04

BACKGROUND

In July 2022, the Government of the Republic of Uganda, spearheaded by the Ministry of Water and Environment, was supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Regional Collaboration Centre based in Uganda, to organize a High-level, Regional Inter-Ministerial Conference on “Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC) in the East and Horn of Africa”. The conference resulted in a landmark, ‘Kampala Ministerial Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change” (KDMECC) signed by 11 countries in the East and Horn of Africa (EHOA) region.

This first regional, high-level Declaration on MECC demonstrates the urgency and whole-of-government prioritization that leaders in the region and the African continent place on this topic.

Through 12 commitments and 5 requests, the Declaration provides a comprehensive and action-oriented framework which addresses the challenges and opportunities of climate-induced mobility in practical and effective ways.

It outlines commitments on;

- Social inclusion and human livelihoods.
- Finance and investment.
- Policy and regulatory activities.
- Climate mitigation and adaptation by its signatory states to address the effects of climate change on human mobility in the region and capitalize on the opportunities for further sustainable development.





KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF APRIL 2024

1 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES FOR KDMECC IMPLEMENTATION

- 🎯 In May 2023, a Technical Expert Working Group was set up with climate change and migration experts from 11 signatory countries, regional bodies, and youth representatives.
- 🎯 The EWG convened 4 times between May 2023 and March 2024.

The 11th commitment of the Declaration is to “*Establish an IGAD-EAC and States of the East and Horn of Africa, Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Climate Change, Environment and Migration; develop a Plan of Action for the implementation of this Declaration, and monitor and report regularly on progress of implementation by Member States.*”

A technical Expert Working Group (EWG) was set up in May 2023 and comprises climate change negotiators to the UNFCCC and migration experts engaged with the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) processes from signatory countries and regional bodies as well as youth climate advocates. The EWG is chaired by the Government of Uganda and co-chaired by one of the signatory states of the KDMECC on a rotational basis. IOM acts as the Secretariat to support the EWG’s procedures and provide technical support to meet the commitments and priorities articulated in the KDMECC.

The EWG convened three times in 2023 to provide a baseline study on the Declaration’s commitments and requirements. In March 2024, the group agreed upon a Plan of Action for implementing the KDMECC during its fourth meeting.

Moving forward, the EWG will collaborate on information and knowledge sharing, providing technical guidance and oversight to the appropriate processes and steps required for advancing the implementation of the KDMECC and the Plan of Action.

2 PLAN OF ACTION FOR KDMECC IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- 🎯 A Plan of Action was created and validated by the EWG for the KDMECC implementation in March 2024.

A Plan of Action for the implementation and monitoring of the KDMECC was validated by the EWG in March 2024. It promotes efforts to mainstream climate-induced mobility, enhance governance, foster regional and international collaboration, and increase investments in the region to support the implementation of the KDMECC and advance the EHoA countries’ transition to environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient societies.

The Plan of Action summarises the 12 KDMECC commitments, outlining the expected results areas and high-level activities that will guide the implementation of the KDMECC at the regional level. Additionally, it encourages states to establish national KDMECC implementation strategies, which will allow them to include interventions that are reflective of their individual national contexts.

The KDMECC Plan of Action is designed to be implemented by the signatory countries of the KDMECC, with support from the EWG and governmental partners, parties to the UNFCCC, donors and international development organisations, civil society, and private sector stakeholders. All interventions should incorporate gender and human rights-based approaches as one of the commitments of the KDMECC.

[Read the Plan of Action](#)

3

EVIDENCE AND CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT ON HUMAN MOBILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE FOR THE KDMECC SIGNATORY STATES

- 2 studies were conducted to inform KDMECC implementation.
- 3 capacity enhancement sessions were conducted between May 2023 and March 2024 on enhancing access to climate mobility finance and understanding relevant global processes.

Multi-stakeholder platforms have been conducted to allow states to engage with various stakeholders and involve them in policy processes. This approach aims to enhance inclusivity and promote a whole-of-society approach to policymaking, allowing stakeholders to share lessons learnt, experiences, and technical knowledge towards effective and efficient implementation of the 12 commitments of the KDMECC.

- An Analytical Baseline Study was conducted to analyze the extent to which the governing instruments of each East and Horn of Africa (EHOA) country provide an enabling environment for the implementation of the commitments and the multi-dimensional elements contained within them.
- A study on 'Planning considerations for a financing mechanism for climate-induced human mobility' was conducted to demonstrate opportunities for signatory countries to increase their resource mobilization and access to climate finance as requested by the KDMECC. [Read the full report.](#)
- EWG meetings in October 2023 and March 2024 consisted of capacity enhancement sessions on climate mobility financing with guest speakers from the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund, IOM Development Fund, African Development Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Green Climate Fund, and Platform on Disaster Displacement.
- Two KDMECC countries participated in a Global Workshop on Mainstreaming Human Mobility into National Adaptation Plans held in Istanbul, October 2023.

4

COLLABORATION AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING ON HUMAN MOBILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AT REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS

- Various events discussed the importance of human mobility in the context of Climate Change.

KDMECC stakeholders have contributed to promoting human mobility recognition in regional and global forums by fostering dialogue on inclusive, coordinated, and coherent action to address the challenges and opportunities of human mobility in the context of climate change and environmental degradation.

Some of these forums include;

- The Africa Climate Week in Gabon, in August 2022; and Africa Climate Week in Kenya, in September 2023.
- The 7th Pan-African Forum on Migration #PAFoM 7 in Rwanda, October 2022.
- UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP27) in Egypt, November 2022 - Launch of the KDMECC.
- [Technical conference of 48 African states](#) to expand the KDMECC to a continental framework, KDMECC-AFRICA in Kenya, August 2023.
- IGAD Regional Consultative Process on Migration – Regional Dialogue on Human Mobility in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change in Djibouti, August 2023.
- The signing of the expansion of the KDMECC to KDMECC-AFRICA in the [Africa Climate Summit](#) in Kenya, September 2023.
- [UNFCCC Conference of Parties \(COP28\) engagement](#) in UAE, December 2023.
- International Migrants Day (IMD) 18 December 2023. Twitter space on [“Harnessing Climate Migrants’ Potential to Promote Climate Action, Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Building.”](#)
- African Union Experts meeting on the role of cities and local governments in addressing climate induced migration in Africa under the theme “Building Localized Resilience and Adaptation for Transient Populations” in Namibia, December 2023.
- UN Environmental Assembly (UNEA-6) side event [“High-level policy dialogue on human mobility in the context of climate change”](#) in Kenya, February 2024.



United Nations
Climate Change



COP28

DUBAI 2023



Meaningful Youth Engagement

To ensure meaningful youth engagement in the appropriate procedures and the various stages necessary to put the KDMECC into action, youth are part of the EWG and relevant processes related to KDMECC implementation.

Examples of youth engagement include:

- At least two youth representatives from the region participate in each EWG.
- [Youth forum in Kenya](#), August 2023. The youth forum brought together 72 youth from 36 African countries to update youth key messages for KDMECC-AFRICA. [Read the blog post](#).
- Four youth representatives participated in the [Technical Conference of states](#) in Kenya, August 2023.
- AYCA - Africa Youth Climate Assembly - Youth Africa Climate Summit. Side event on Strengthening African Youth Voices on Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change in Kenya in September.
- Contributed to the [AYCA declaration for the Africa Climate Summit \(ACW/ACS\)](#) in Kenya, September 2023.
- Collaboration with YOUNGO Migration working on 2 capacity building events including with the TFD, over 150 youth participated.
- COY18 and COP28 engagement, in UAE, December 2023, [advocacy and A youth-led event on Climate Mobility Solutions - A Collaborative Session with Youth Leaders and Experts](#).
- International Migrants Day on 18 December 2023.
 - [Twitter video](#)
 - [Twitter video](#)
 - [Twitter poster](#)
 - [Moderation of IMD Twitter Space](#)
- Youth panel discussion on human mobility and green economy development in a changing climate during the 5th regional ministerial forum on migration (RMFM) in Ethiopia, February 2024.
- A Youth Plan of Action has been created by youth to actively engage and empower themselves in addressing challenges and maximizing opportunities of human mobility in the context of climate change. The plan aims to identify actionable steps towards achieving youth's commitments and [key messages](#).



First Expert Working Group Meeting



Youth Engagement Forum



6th UN Environment Assembly

Digital Presence

[Website](#)

Videos:

- [IOM Regional YouTube Channel](#)
- [UNEA – 6 Highlights](#)
- [Highlights from the 3rd EWG meeting](#)
- [Conversation with Rose Kobusinge, a youth representative, addressing climate mobility](#)
- [Climate Migration is a reality! Importance of having a continental agreement \(KDMECC - AFRICA\)](#)

[RO Nairobi Twitter handle](#)

[IOM LinkedIn handle](#)

We can no longer talk about climate change without talking about human mobility

