



# THEME

**Addressing drivers of migration, including the adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development and poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution**

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## DRIVERS OF MIGRATION

- Drivers of migration – factors influencing peoples decision to migrate.
- A contextualized understanding of these factors is essential for formulating policy interventions.
- Government policies affect the decisions potential migrants make with regard to their choice of channels and mode of migration.
- Primary focus is not to stop the flow of migration but to reduce unsafe, irregular migration and reduce vulnerabilities.



# DRIVERS OF MIGRATION IN AFRICA

- Diversity of primary factors in different sub region/country of the African continent
- Some common elements





## .....DRIVERS

- Socio-Economic development
- Human-made crises
- Environmental drivers: climate change and natural disasters (whether through sudden or slow-onset environmental changes)



# Socio Economic Development and Poverty

- The search for **livelihood and economic opportunities** (including poverty and food insecurity) still remain primary drivers of migration in the region. (Not the poorest)
- Current **demographic changes** and expected trajectories: a high rate of population growth and the consequent **youth bulge in developing countries**.
- **Tradition\ethnicity**: pastoralism, community across borders.
- both the **interplay of multi-faceted drivers as well as the positive contributions of migrants to development can be addressed through development measures** and international cooperation to create favorable conditions for productivity and economic growth at local, national and regional level



# Human made crisis

- necessity to migrate may arise due to drivers such as conflict, violence, human rights violations and discrimination
- Movements mainly within the region
- interrelations between peace, development and human rights = importance of an integrated approach to conflict prevention and resolution (importance of bridging the humanitarian-





# Environmental events and processes

## Natural hazards:

- Meteorological, hydrological, climatological, geophysical
- Impact of natural hazards is influenced by human activity

## Disasters:

- serious disruption of the society/community functioning and losses that exceed the ability of a community or society to cope

## Climate change:

- identified change in the climate over extended periods

## Climate extremes:

- Change in tropical storms; Change in rainfall patterns; Increase in temperatures; Melting of mountain glaciers

## Slow onset events:

- E.g. Sea level rise; Increasing temperatures; Ocean acidification; Glacial retreat; Land salinization; Desertification



# Environmental events and processes

## Adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters

1. complex interrelations of environmental factors and other drivers of migration, in particular slow-onset climate change tends to exacerbate socioeconomic vulnerabilities
2. migration should not be regarded as a mere failure to adapt to changing conditions, but rather as a proactive adaptation strategy
3. natural disasters: most displacement occurs internally, but can lead to international migration
4. Importance of comprehensive approaches from prevention, risk reduction, to protection and assistance





# In summary:

- Seasonal, temporary or permanent migration
- Voluntary and forced migration
- Internal (rural-urban)/international movements
- Drivers not just negative factors but like in other region: peoples move for work, study , family.

## **Response within migration management scope:**

- Protection of vulnerable migrants
- Inclusion of migration\migrants in national/regional disaster risk reduction plans/ peace agreements
- Importance of linking migration policy and development policy as well as humanitarian responses
- Policy that supports safe, orderly and regular migration



Thank you!

