

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL EMN CONFERENCE 2022

Innovative Solutions to Create Sustainable Perspectives for Displaced Populations

17 March 2022, 09:30 – 17:00

Online Conference

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| 09:15 – 09:30 | Log-in and Registration |
| 09:30 | <p>Welcome and Opening</p> <p>Marian Benbow Pfisterer, Head of the Country Office for Austria, IOM Tobias Molander, Head of International Migration, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria</p> |
| <p>PART I</p> <p>Migrants' Realities in Host Countries</p> <p>Moderation: Saskia Heilemann, interim Head of Research and Migration Law, Country Office for Austria, IOM</p> | |
| 09:50 | <p>IOM Situation Report on Afghanistan and the Syrian Arab Republic</p> <p><i>The presentation will provide information on recent statistics and forecasts on the migration of Afghan and Syrian nationals. It will address facts as well as uncertainties about future movements within and across borders.</i></p> <p>Vivianne Van Der Vorst, Senior Regional Project Manager, Regional Office for Asia & the Pacific, IOM Modher Alhamadani, Senior Program Coordinator, Country Office for Turkey, IOM</p> |
| 10:30 | <p>Meet Ahmad Sufian Bayram</p> <p><i>Ahmad is a social entrepreneur who became an expert in supporting both entrepreneurship in the Middle East and Africa as well as refugee entrepreneurs in Europe. The presentation will focus on the reality of Syrian entrepreneurs in host countries and the opportunities and challenges they face.</i></p> <p>Ahmad Sufian Bayram, Regional Manager at Techstars & Author</p> |
| 10:50 – 11:05 | Coffee Break |
| 11:05 | <p>Displaced Populations' Situations in Host Countries: The Case of Turkey</p> <p><i>This presentation will elaborate on recent (political) developments in Turkey and Turkey's Temporary Protection Regime as well as on activities under the umbrella of the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey. It will highlight the needs of displaced persons residing in Turkey, touch upon the role of IOM and other international organizations in addressing those needs and showcase different (innovative) projects in the field.</i></p> <p>David Savard, Emergency Coordinator, Country Office for Turkey, IOM</p> |
| 11:30 | <p>Drivers for Displaced Populations' Decision-Making to Stay or to Leave</p> <p><i>Various factors influence the decision-making process of migrants and refugees. The presentation will examine how and why displaced populations residing in Turkey decide to stay or migrate further. Thereby touching upon subjective factors at the micro-level such as life satisfaction, visions of the future, and hope.</i></p> <p>Ayşen Üstübici, Assistant Professor, Koç University</p> |
| 11:50 | <p>Panel Discussion with Opening Statements</p> <p>Moderation: Belachew Gebrewold, Professor, Management Center Innsbruck</p> <p>Victor Jensen, Former Policy Advisor of the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior Michele Amedeo, Deputy Head of the Migration Unit/Head of Centre of Thematic Expertise on Migration, DG NEAR, European Commission</p> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |

PART II

Creating Sustainable Perspectives for Displaced Populations: From Theory to Practice

Moderation: **Saskia Heilemann**, interim Head of Research and Migration Law, Country Office for Austria, IOM

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| 13:30 | Keynote <i>Alexander Betts will elaborate on the concept of sustainable perspectives for the local integration of displaced populations focusing on socio-economic outcomes. He will present aspects related to social cohesion between displaced populations and the host community. In this context, examples of innovative solutions in Africa will be showcased.</i> Alexander Betts , Director, Refugee Economies Programme, University of Oxford |
| 14:10 | The Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus <i>Few debates on international cooperation currently generate as much momentum as the discourse around the 'Humanitarian-Development-Peace' Nexus (HDPN). The presentation will introduce the concept of HDPN, its principles and challenges. It will provide concrete examples of its implementation in the context of displacement, achievements, and lessons learned for future initiatives.</i> Annika Sandlund , Head of Partnership and Coordination Service Division of External Relations, UNHCR |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | Coffee Break |
| 14:45 | The Austrian Strategic Approach to Humanitarian Aid and Development Cooperation in the Context of Displacement <i>A central goal of the Austrian government is to support displaced populations in their regions of origin. The presentation will show how the Austrian strategic approach as a donor country has developed over the recent years. It will explain the objective to tackle the so-called root causes of (secondary) migration.</i> Erika Bernhard , Deputy Head of the Department for Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid, Federal Austrian Ministry of European and International Affairs |
| 15:05 | Germany's Partnerships for Prospects Initiative (P4P) <i>P4P is the attempt by the German government to bridge the gap between short-term support measures and medium- and long-term prospects for displaced people in countries bordering the Syrian Arab Republic. The presentation will give insights into the initiative, the results of a recent evaluation, and present one successful project example, focusing on the success factors and relevant partners.</i> Kathrin Löber , Senior Policy Advisor, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Rita Abou Jaoudeh , Decent Work and Gender Advisor, ILO Regional Office for Arab States Patil Mardigian , Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, ILO Regional Office for Arab States |
| 15:35 | Private Sector for Refugees (PS4R) Platform – Lessons for the Future <i>The presentation will focus on the initiative the Private Sector for Refugees (PS4R) Platform and will share ideas on future international programs, with a focus on economic cooperation, free movement of people and entrepreneurship.</i> Benjamin Herzberg , Senior Private Sector Specialist, World Bank Group |
| 16:05 – 16:20 | Coffee Break |
| 16:20 | Panel Discussion Moderation: Belachew Gebrewold , Professor, Management Center Innsbruck |
| 17:00 | Closing |

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