



The Climate Mobility Pavilion

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Country Deep Dives on Climate Mobility Launching of the UCESA/GCCM Project

Union of Economic & Social Councils and Similar Institutions of Africa (UCESA)

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Concept Note

A. Context & Objectives

UCESA has set up a partnership with the African Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI) and the Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM) with the aim of assessing the impact of climate-induced displacement in Africa, to sensitize and inform policy makers on the urgency of governing these new migratory dynamics and to propose guidelines for effective policies and actions likely to mitigate the impact of this type of migrations.

This Panel will present the **UCESA/GCCM Project Country Deep Dives** project, its aims, focus areas, methodology, respective roles and responsibilities, and the anticipated outcomes.

Country Deep Dives will: support a localized assessment and understanding of climate risks and climate mobility trends and patterns; mobilize local knowledge and expertise; facilitate a whole-of-society dialogue about adaptation and climate mobility; and inform deliberation and decision-making processes at the intergovernmental, continental and national levels.

The Panel discussion will outline how the Country Deep Dives project will be carried out in three participating countries (Morocco, Ivory Coast, and Niger). Each Deep Dive is conducted in close collaboration with national Economic and Social Councils, local universities or research centres, and UCESA. The project will be launched at the Climate Mobility Pavilion during COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh.

This Panel will be an opportunity to communicate on the Country Deep Dives, benefit from the inputs of participants, and engage potential partners along the implementation process.

Africa Shifts shows the impact of climate change on human mobility in Africa is projected to increase substantially as climate impacts affect livelihoods across the continent. Various linkages between climate change and climate mobility are highly complex and often interact with the social, political, cultural, and economic conditions of a specific country. In addition, the current knowledge with the potential to guide change processes is often limited or inappropriate.

To fill such a gap in Africa, especially in the area of climate mobility, UCESA will continue to bring the voice and feelings of African citizens on climate change by formulating solutions adapted to the needs of African populations and territories and oriented towards sustainability and resilience. This will enable evidence-based responses.

In this regard, the Country Deep Dives project has been conceived as a core component of the “Knowledge & Data for Greater Impact” flagship programme of the GCCM. The project is a part of the GCCM’s commitment to harness data and research for on the ground impact, including through the inclusion of the contributions by local stakeholders. It aims to foster a “whole-of-society” approach to the development of national blueprints that are geared towards anticipating, addressing, and harnessing climate mobility. The resulting knowledge and experience will be used as a benchmark for other country deep dives to follow across the African continent, as well as city deep dives, which will focus on local-level blueprints for harnessing climate mobility. Together, these Deep Dives respond to the urgent plea by local and national actors for more effective responses to the climate crisis in Africa. They translate knowledge into practice at the local scale for climate mobility, building resilience through enhanced adaptation capacity.

The analysis substantiating the outcomes of the Country Deep Dives will be grounded in the data & analysis from the Africa Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI), which is a joint undertaking between the African Union Commission, the World Bank, and the United Nations. ACMI endeavours to address climate-forced migration and displacement in Africa and harness climate mobility to advance its development agenda and further its economic and political integration. Based on this, the GCCM will partner with the UCESA and academic partners to analyse the implications of the ACMI’s findings and climate mobility projections at the national level and for different hotspot geographies, drawing on complementary national and local data.

B. Guiding Questions

- What are the aims of the Country Deep Dives?
- Why have UCESA/GCCM embarked on a joint Country Deep Dives project?
- What are the key data sources that will inform the Country Deep Dives?
- What methodologies will be applied or developed for the Country Deep Dives?
- What are the respective roles and responsibilities of participants in the Country Deep Dives?
- Which countries will be involved in the first Country Deep Dives and what are the next steps?
- What are the anticipated outcomes?

C. Information

This event will be held at the Climate Mobility Pavilion (*directions below)

The event will be chaired by Mr. Ahmed Reda Chami, President of ESEC-Morocco & UCESA (www.ucesa.africa)

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