

Protection in Mixed Movements:

Policy Workshop on Protection Challenges on the Central (CMR) & Western Mediterranean Routes (WMR)

15, 16 & 17 February 2021



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1. Joining the workshop

For all non-participants

15, 16 & 17 February 2021

9 AM - 5 PM Tunisia Time



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2. Aims of the workshop

This is a solutions-oriented workshop

The Policy Workshop on Protection Challenges on the Central (CMR) & Western Mediterranean Routes (WMR) brings together approximately 50 academics, practitioners, civil society advocates and policy influencers to highlight protection challenges and identify opportunities for advocacy, policy development and reform of asylum and protection in the context of broader migration management.

The movement of refugees and migrants along the Central and Western Mediterranean routes, from Sub-Saharan Africa to North Africa and onwards to Europe, often encompassing a multitude of stepwise, circular and return movements, is a longstanding, historic phenomenon. Driven by persecution, insecurity and conflict, and socioeconomic instability and stagnation in their home countries, and seeking security, better lives and opportunities elsewhere, thousands of people continue, annually, to risk their lives on dangerous, irregular journeys by land and sea on these routes, or take advantage of limited legal pathways such as visa-free entry to countries like Morocco and Tunisia. Mixed movements¹ span many countries in East Africa, West Africa, the Sahel and North Africa. Significant effort has and is being placed by humanitarian and development actors as well as actors focused on peacebuilding to address the drivers of conflict and instability in countries of origin and to promote the effective realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Extensive political and media attention on the cross-Mediterranean dimension of these mixed movements has led to a pointed lack of dedicated fora for analysis of the protection challenges facing those who do not cross to Europe from North Africa. This also extends to a lack of focus on how to engage with and support concerned States to understand and contribute effectively to a more inclusive, visible and solutions-oriented management of the issues and the people involved. The workshop will help address these gaps.

During this three-day digital workshop, we will present daily wrap ups on protection in mixed movement and key points for advocacy, policy reform, and action. A set of strategic recommendations will follow to engage asylum and migration policy makers at the local, national and international level, reflecting discussions at the workshop and validated by participants.

The complexity of mixed movement poses challenges to policy makers and practitioners along the Central and Western Mediterranean Routes.

How should asylum and migration actors respond to mixed flows of people, with different legal statuses, but travelling along the same routes, using the same smugglers and facing similar risks and protection violations while on the move? Should actors differentiate between refugees and migrants when their needs and experiences on the move are similar and, in the immediate humanitarian response, the distinction may feel artificial to those on the ground? How can we better understand the factors that influence people's decision to migrate, and their aspirations? And how do the changes in human mobility in turn impact upon our world, our governance structures and policy frameworks and vice versa?

1 Mixed movement is a term used by UNHCR. MMC normally applies the term 'mixed migration' to refer to cross-border movements of people including refugees fleeing persecution and conflict, victims of trafficking and people seeking better lives and opportunities. See MMC's full definition of mixed migration and associated terminology here. UNHCR applies the term 'mixed movement', defined as: The cross-border movement of people, generally in an irregular manner, involving individuals and groups who travel alongside each other, using similar routes and means of transport or facilitators, but for different reasons. People travelling as part of mixed movements have different needs and profiles and may include asylum-seekers, refugees, victims of trafficking, unaccompanied or separated children, stateless persons, and migrants (including migrants in irregular situations or migrants in vulnerable situations). In light of the partnership between UNHCR and MMC to develop this joint workshop, the term 'mixed movement' is used.


3. Programme

Day 1: 15 February 2021

Title	Speaker / Moderator	Tunisia Time
Introduction and Aims of the Workshop	Vincent Cochetel , Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Bram Frouws , Head of the Mixed Migration Centre (MMC)	09:15 – 09:30
Keynote: Protection along the Central Mediterranean Route in 2021: Questions, Gaps and Possibilities	Vincent Cochetel , Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation, UNHCR Moderated by Joost Klarenbeek , Special Envoy for Migration, The Netherlands	09:30 – 10:00
Panel 1: Critical approaches to trafficking in persons and policy		10:00 – 12:00
Moderator	Joost Klarenbeek , Special Envoy for Migration, The Netherlands	
Embracing Complexity: Calling for Critical Approaches in Counter-Trafficking Policy and Practice	Sarah Elliott , Legal Officer, UNHCR Megan Denise Smith , Protection & GBV Specialist, International Organization for Migration (IOM)	10:05 – 10:20
Anti-Trafficking's Blind Spot: Long-term Solutions for Victims of Trafficking	Johanna Bögel , Advisor to GIZ East Africa, Better Migration Management (BMM) Programme	10:20 – 10:35
Fit No More: Victims of Trafficking Negotiating Vulnerabilities and Protection Gaps	Dalmar Hamid , Refugee Researcher, International Institute for Social Studies, Erasmus University (Rotterdam)	10:35 – 10:50
Identifying and Protecting Trafficked People, and People at Risk of Being Trafficked, in Mixed Migration Flows	Prof. Ryszard Piotrowicz , Professor of Law, Aberystwyth University; Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, member from 2013-20	10:50 – 11:05
Discussion	All Participants	11:05 – 12:00
 Break		12:00 – 14:00

Title	Speaker / Moderator	Tunisia Time
Panel 2: Key links in the chain of smuggling policies: intermediaries, people on the move, and local communities		14:00 – 16:00
Moderator	Marzia Rango , Data Innovation & Capacity-Building Coordinator, Global Migration Data & Analysis Centre, International Organization for Migration (IOM)	
Understanding Intra-Network Dynamics for non-Libyan Smuggling Intermediaries along Libya's Western Migration Corridor	Ana-Maria Murphy-Teixidor , Research Specialist, Mixed Migration Centre North Africa	14:05 – 14:20
Refugee Voice on the Ground: Smuggling Networks and the Use of Smuggling Services	José Dogma Tebou , 4Mi Monitor in Tunis, Mixed Migration Centre North Africa	14:20 – 14:35
A Telling and an Illustrating of Loss, Hope, Action: Families of Missing Migrants of the Mediterranean	Dr. Odessa Gonzalez Benson , Assistant Professor, University of Michigan Imed Soltani , President, La Terre pour Tous Bader Albader , University of Michigan Marwen Saidi , volunteer, Association La Terre Pour Tous Gemma Baccini , volunteer, Association La Terre Pour Tous	14:35 – 14:50
Discussion	All Participants	14:50 – 16:00
Day 1 Wrap up of Key Points for Advocacy, Policy Reform, and Action	Moderated by Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio , Mixed Migration Centre Manager – North Africa	16:00 – 16:30

Day 2: 16 February 2021

Title	Speaker / Moderator	Tunisia Time
Welcome and quick introduction to the day's schedule	Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio , Mixed Migration Centre Manager – North Africa	09:00 – 09:10
Keynote: The AU's role in managing and responding to mixed migration – Key priorities for future policy development and implementation	H.E. Amira El Fadil , Commissioner of Social Affairs of the African Union Commission	09:10 – 09:40
Roundtable Discussion: Gaps and good practices in national protection frameworks		09:40 – 11:40
Moderator	Yadh Bouselmi , Tunisia Country Representative and Regional Program Advisor, Danish Refugee Council	
Roundtable Speakers	<p>Prof. Hassen Boubakri, University of Sousse, President of the Tunis Center for Migration and Asylum (CeTuMa)</p> <p>Prof. Amira Ahmed, American University of Cairo</p> <p>Khaled Menna, Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliquée pour le Développement (CREAD, Algiers)</p> <p>Soumia Bouchouk, CREAD</p> <p>Hanane Mansour, CREAD</p> <p>Abderazaq Ouïam, Organisation Marocaine des Droits Humains (OMDH)</p> <p>Hamissou Alasane Ibrahim, NGO Jeunesse-Enfance-Migration-Développement (Niger)</p>	09:45 – 10:40
Discussion	All Participants	10:40 – 11:40
 Break		11:40 – 14:00

Title	Speaker / Moderator	Tunisia Time
Panel 3: Protection in contexts of mixed movement		14:00 – 16:00
Moderator	Dr. Catherine Duric , Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)	
Disclosing and Identifying International Protection Needs Among Individuals in Mixed Movements: North Africa - joint research by UNHCR and Washington University in St. Louis	Prof. Kim Thuy Seelinger , Director, Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration, Washington University in St. Louis Julia Uyttewaal , Lead Researcher and Manager, Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration, Washington University in St. Louis Ana Belén Anguita Arjona , Senior Community-Protection and Mixed Movements officer	14:05 – 14:20
Gaps in Protection for West-African Refugees in Times of Crisis: The Role of a Multi-Stakeholder Platform Within a Partnership in Preparedness Model	Dr. Leander Kandilige , Senior Lecturer, Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana	14:20 – 14:35
Protection programming in transit settings: challenges and recommendations on targeting and accessing transit migrants in Agadez, Gao and Ouagadougou	Pauline Vidal , Research Manager, Research Manager – IMREF, SEEFAR	14:35 – 14:50
“See Migration Like Water”: An analysis of flow monitoring survey data on migration flows in and through West and Central Africa IOM & François Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University	Benedetta Francesca Cordaro , Information Management Officer, IOM’s Migrant Protection and Assistance Division (MPA) Verena Sattler , Research and Data Support Officer, IOM’s Migrant Protection and Assistance Division (MPA)	14:50 – 15:05
Rethinking Responses to Migration: Evidence from children and young people in Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia	Teona Aslanishvili , Child Protection Specialist & Children on the Move Focal Point, UNICEF MENA Iolanda Genovese , Migration Research Officer, UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti	15:05 – 15:20
Discussion	All Participants	15:20 – 16:00
Day 2: Wrap up of Key Points for Advocacy, Policy Reform, and Action	Moderated by Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio , Mixed Migration Centre Manager – North Africa	16:00 – 16:30

Day 3: 17 February 2021

Title	Speaker / Moderator	Tunisia Time
Welcome and quick introduction to the day's schedule	Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio , Mixed Migration Centre Manager – North Africa	09:00 – 09:10
Keynote: Human Rights Dimensions of Migration from the Horn	Laetitia Bader , Horn of Africa Director, Human Rights Watch Moderated by Danielle Botti , Mixed Migration Centre Manager – East Africa and Yemen	09:10 – 09:40
Panel 4: Regional policy responses to mixed movement		09:40 – 11:40
Moderator	Edward O'Dwyer , Senior Policy Advisor, OSE, UNHCR	
State and Humanitarian Responses to the Migration, (Im)Mobility and Covid-19 Nexus: Lessons from North Africa	Prof. Jo Vearey , Director, African Centre for Migration and Society (ACMS), University of the Witwatersrand Nicholas Maple , Post-Doc Researcher, ACMS, University of the Witwatersrand Dr. Kuda Vanyoro , Post-Doc Researcher, ACMS, University of the Witwatersrand	09:45 – 10:00
Migration Management in The Time of COVID-19: EU Policies and Libya	Amera Markous , Libya Team Leader, Mixed Migration Centre North Africa	10:00 – 10:15
Policy regions and migration routes: Where is the (mis)alignment?	Dr. Georgia Cole , Chancellor's Fellow, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Edinburgh	10:15 – 10:30
Local Authorities as Allies in Promoting Protection Frameworks for Mobile Urban Populations	Janina Stuermer , Research Fellow, University of Nuremberg Lionel Nzamba , Migration Officer, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) of Africa	10:30 – 10:45
Discussion	All Participants Key reflections from Miriam Brewka , European External Action Service Global 4 (migration division)	10:45 – 11:40
 Break		11:40 – 13:00

Title	Speaker / Moderator	Tunisia Time
Panel 5: Advocating for improved protection responses		13:00 – 15:00
Moderator	Laetitia Bader , Horn of Africa Director, Human Rights Watch	
Protecting young migrants and refugees in Libya: an operational perspective by MSF	Lucie Eches , Protection Activity Manager Misrata, MSF France	13:05 – 13:20
Key Gaps in Libya’s Legal and Social Protection Frameworks for Refugees and Migrants	Manon Radosta , Advocacy Advisor, Libya INGO Forum	13:20 – 13:35
How does the news media contribute to protection advocacy in Libya? What has been the impact of protection reporting on Libya?	Faras Ghani , Editor, Al Jazeera Annalisa Camilli , Journalist, Internazionale	13:35 – 13:50
When Private Vessels Rescue Migrants and Refugees	Dr. Jean-Pierre Gauci , Arthur Watts Senior Research Fellow, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), Director of the People for Change Foundation (Malta) Idel Hanley , Research Fellow, BIICL	13:50 – 14:05
Refugee voice on the ground: protection situation of people on the move from East and Horn of Africa to Tunisia	Nahom Gebremeskel , 4Mi Monitor in Médenine, Mixed Migration Centre North Africa	14:05 – 14:15
Discussion	All Participants Key reflections from Sylvain Astier , Delegate for Migration Libya and North Africa, Embassy of Switzerland in Tunisia	14:15 – 15:00
 Break		15:00 – 15:30
Strategy Session – Synthesis of Key Points for Advocacy, Policy Reform, and Action / Validation of Action Plan		15:30 – 16:45
Moderator	Ayla Bonfiglio , MMC Edward O’Dwyer , UNHCR	
Discussion	All Participants	
Workshop Close	Vincent Cochetel , UNHCR Ayla Bonfiglio , MMC	16:45 – 17:00

4. Speakers

Day 1: 15 February 2021



Bram Frouws

Head of the Mixed Migration Centre (MMC)

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Bram Frouws is the Head of the Mixed Migration Centre (MMC) in Geneva. Before moving to Geneva, Bram was living and working in the Horn of Africa for 5 years, where since early 2016 he was heading the Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat (RMMS) for East Africa & Yemen in Nairobi. Before that he was working with the RMMS as Migration Specialist and Senior Research Associate. He also worked as a Mixed Migration Consultant for UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa and worked on migration research projects for IOM Kenya, the ILO, the European Commission, the Danish Refugee Council Myanmar, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other agencies. Before moving to the Horn of Africa he worked for 5 years as a policy researcher on integration, migration and labour market issues with Panteia, a Netherlands-based consultancy firm. He has authored a range of research publications (reports, papers, articles) on various migration issues, including irregular migration, human trafficking and migrant smuggling, migration and development and immigration detention, mostly focused on the Horn of Africa and migration routes out of the Horn and with a strong focus on protection.



MODERATOR

Joost Klarenbeek

Special Envoy for Migration, The Netherlands

Joost Klarenbeek is the Netherlands Special Envoy for Migration. As ambassador-at-large, Joost works with governments, international organizations and civil society to foster dialogue with countries of origin and transit, and help create solutions to the challenges of irregular migration. He currently chairs the EU-Horn of Africa migration dialogue (Khartoum process) and sits on the strategic board of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Vincent Cochetel

Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

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Vincent Cochetel is UNHCR's Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation, conducting urgent coordination, policy and advocacy work regarding countries along the land and sea routes through Africa and towards Europe. He was previously director of the Bureau for Europe, Representative for the US and Caribbean, and Deputy Director of the Division for International Protection in Geneva. He joined UNHCR in 1986.



Sarah Elliott

Legal Officer, UNHCR

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Sarah Elliott has ten years' experience working in refugee situations across Australia, East Africa and the UK. Sarah specializes in the intersections between refugee law, migration studies and international criminal law, in particular trafficking in persons. Sarah has managed community responses to refugee victims of trafficking in Egypt during the Arab Spring, and has designed and implemented counter-trafficking programmes in partnership with the UNODC, UNICEF, UNFPA and IOM in Sudan. From 2015-2017, Sarah developed institutional policy guidance on counter-trafficking and refugee protection in mixed flows from within UNHCR's Division of International Protection in Geneva, before joining the UNHCR UK office in 2018. She is admitted to practice law in Australia and has a Masters in International Relations and Human Rights from Cambridge University.



Megan Denise Smith
Protection & GBV Specialist, IOM
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Megan Denise Smith is a Protection and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Specialist and Programme Manager currently based in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh with the

International Organization for Migration (IOM) where she has managed IOM's GBV programming as part of the Rohingya refugee response since 2017. Prior to this, she designed and managed a wide-range of protection programmes in Egypt, Lebanon, Rwanda and the UK focused on case management and counter-trafficking in mixed migration flows. Her expertise and research centres on migrant and refugee protection, gender-based violence and counter-trafficking in crises. She holds a Masters in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

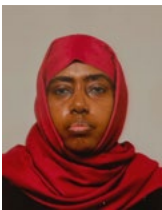


Johanna Bögel
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Johanna Bögel is an advisor for the Better Migration Management Programme in East

Africa working with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. In her work, she supports a network of over 60 anti-trafficking civil society organisations from all over East Africa. She facilitates their regular exchange of best practices on the protection of and advocacy for victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants.

Johanna holds an MPhil from Cambridge University in International Relations and Politics and an MSc in Public Policy and Human Development from the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, United Nations University/University of Maastricht. She has previously published on public policy issues and has work experience in the civil society sector and with the European External Action Service's Maghreb unit.



Dalmar Hamid
Refugee Researcher, International Institute for Social Studies, Erasmus University (Rotterdam)

Dalmar Hamid is a refugee of Somali origin, with several years' experience in immigrant integration projects. She has done research

and voluntary work with local support organizations, including faith-based organisations, supporting refugees and undocumented migrants. Her research specialisation is in irregular migrants, and their inclusion at city level, in and beyond The Netherlands. Currently Dalmar Hamid is completing her MA in Governance of Migration and Diversity at the International Institute of Social Studies, of Erasmus University, in The Hague.



Ryszard Piotrowicz
Professor of Law, Aberystwyth University; Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, member from 2013-20

Prof Ryszard Piotrowicz, FLSW, teaches in the Dept. of Law and Criminology, and specialises in migration law. He was a member of GRETA, the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, for two terms, from 2013-20, and Vice-President from 2017-20. He also served two terms as a member of the European Commission's Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings (2008-15). He is Adjunct Professor at the University of South Australia and a Senior Research Associate at the Refugee Law Initiative, University of London. He is an Alexander-von-Humboldt Fellow, and a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales. He has acted as a consultant on human trafficking for the Council of Europe, IOM, OSCE, UNHCR, EU and ICMPD, as well as national governments and NGOs, and has conducted training programmes on human trafficking in many countries. He has published extensively on the law relating to human trafficking. He is a member of the Wales Anti-Slavery Leadership Group, and is currently working on a number of projects relating to legal issues concerning human trafficking. He is a member of the Board of Editors of the International Journal of Refugee Law.



MODERATOR

Marzia Rango

Data Innovation & Capacity-Building Coordinator, Global Migration Data & Analysis Centre (GMDAC), IOM

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Marzia Rango works as Data Innovation and Capacity-Building Coordinator at IOM’s Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) in Berlin. She is one of the co-convenors of the Big Data for Migration Alliance (BD4M), a joint initiative with the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the Governance Lab at NYU (GovLab) that aims to harness data innovation to improve the evidence base on migration and its use for policy making. Her capacity-building work focuses on strengthening migration data collection, analysis and use for policy in low- and middle-income countries, particularly across Africa. Marzia has also been managing a project focusing on migration on the Central Mediterranean Route, as part of which she has co-edited the volume Migration in West and North Africa and across the Mediterranean (2020).



Ana-Maria Murphy-Teixidor

Research Specialist, Mixed Migration Centre North Africa

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Ana-Maria Murphy-Teixidor is the Research Specialist at the North Africa regional office of the Mixed Migration Center, focusing

primarily on quantitative analysis on themes of protection, labor market integration, and smuggling in Libya. Previously, she worked at the Development Cooperation Directorate at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on projects related to inclusive governance and governance financing, along with a variety of research projects with INGOs (Oxfam, Concern, and Millennium Promise). She holds a B.A. in International Relations and Biology from Tufts University and a MSc. In Development Practice from Trinity College and University College Dublin. During her studies she has carried out research in Costa Rica and Senegal, examining the role of effective implementation of environmental regulation in the Costa Rican national park system, and in the localization of metric evaluation for SDG achievement in Senegal.



José Dogma Tebou

4Mi Monitor in Tunis, Mixed Migration Centre North Africa

José is a leader of a fashion project in Tunisia. She left her country of origin on September 18, 2009 to enter Tunisia on September 19, 2009. With a professional

baccalaureate in sewing, she was able to continue her studies in Tunisia in model making with a double specialization for men and children. Her initial goal was to complete a master’s degree in haute couture with the possibility of employment in a large fashion house. Considering the fact that Tunisia turned out to be limited in relation to the training offer, she decided to invest in entrepreneurship.



Dr. Odessa Gonzalez Benson

Assistant Professor, University of Michigan

Odessa Gonzalez Benson, PhD, is a professor at the University of Michigan School of Social Work and Detroit School of Urban Studies. Her areas of research are: refugee resettlement and forced migration, refugee/migrant-led organizations, participatory approaches to urban governance and social services with refugees, state-civil society relations, critical policy studies. Currently, her work is place-based research on refugee-led grassroots organizations in Michigan, USA. She also works with a migrant advocacy group in Tunisia on action research utilizing visual media, and with the Commission on Human Rights in the Philippines on community responses to climate displacement.



Bader Albader
Doctoral Student, University of Michigan College of Urban Planning

Bader Albader is a doctoral candidate based at the University of Michigan's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. His research examines spaces and institutions of higher education and the ways in which they contribute to the development of cities and states, particularly in the Arab World. Bader is also interested in issues of multilingualism, transregionalism, and translation, especially as they relate to academic production. The most recent conference he has organized is 'Utopia vs. the City'.



Imed Soltani
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Imed Soltani is the President of the "La Terre pour tous" association. Since 2011 he fights to prevent migrants' death and disappearance in the Mediterranean Sea and to bring their bodies back home. Imed founded the association after the disappearance of his nephews Slim and Belhasen. Each year, he organizes with the Italian association "Carovane Migranti" a tour from Tunisia to Italy to raise awareness about the migration crises. Also, he participated in "La Marche de La Liberté" from Strasburg to Brussels in 2014, and more recently in the 8th World Social Forum on Migration in Mexico.



MODERATOR
Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio
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Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio is the Regional Manager of the Mixed Migration Centre - North Africa. For the last decade, she has worked on issues of forced migration and mobility, with a focus on how refugees and migrants make decisions about their movement, including in relation to education, across a variety of mixed migration contexts in Africa. In 2016, she co-founded the Conflict and Education Learning Laboratory (CELL) in the Netherlands, which works towards the reduction of divisive stereotypes in educational materials and examines the impact of educational content on conflict and crisis. Ayla obtained her PhD from UNU-MERIT and Maastricht University and MSc in Forced Migration from the University of Oxford

Day 2: 16 February 2021



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

H.E. Amira El Fadil

Commissioner of Social Affairs of the African Union Commission

H.E. Amira El Fadil is Commissioner of Social Affairs of the African Union Commission, and will speak on the role

of the AU in managed mixed movements, and the policy frameworks and processes which govern the AU's response to refugee and migration issues. The Department's Migration, Labour & Employment Directorate is responsible for migration, counter-smuggling and counter-trafficking policy, and for the AU's Migration Policy Framework and Plan of Action.



MODERATOR

Yadh Bouselmi

Tunisia Country Representative and Regional Program Advisor, Danish Refugee Council

Yadh Bouselmi is currently the Danish Refugee Council's Tunisia Country

Representative and Regional Program Advisor for DRC's North Africa Regional Office. He studied Public Law in Tunisia (FSJPS) -1999- and Public International Law at Columbia University in NY (2011). He holds a postgraduate certificates in Diplomacy from the University of Oxford (2007) and Westminster University (2002). He is a career diplomat who served in New York as the political officer of the Tunisian Mission to the UN and in Tunisia as Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director at the General Directorate of International organizations, Desk Chief of Sudan and Egypt and Assistant to the Deputy Minister in charge of Maghreb, Arab and African Affairs. Before joining DRC, he has worked as a University teacher mainly as a tutor to Masters level students on "International Relations and Diplomacy" and consultant/trainer on asylum issues (training and drafting two national guidelines on coordination between national institutions and coordination within the Ministry of Employment on livelihood opportunities for refugees), youth development, political discourse and parliamentary dynamics.



Hassen Boubakri

University of Sousse, President of the Tunis Center for Migration and Asylum (CeTuMa)

Hassen Boubakri is full Professor of Geography and Migration studies at the University of Sousse (Tunisia), and

Associated Professor at the University of Sfax (Tunisia). He has more than 25 years of experience in teaching, research, participating and/or leading research projects and programs in different migration fields. He is the Tunisian partner (University of Sousse) and the Steering Committee member of the EuroMedMig / Jean Monnet Network (Leader: Universitat Pompeu Fabra/Barcelona), the Tunisian partner (University of Sousse) of the MADAR (Maghreb Action on Displacement and Rights) Network Plus (6 Maghreb and UK Universities & 3 Maghreb NGOs), and a Member of the Steering committee of the North African Migration Academic Network (NAMAN). Themes related to current research: Irregular migration, asylum, refugees; and migration policies; international migration flows in North Africa and in its neighbourhoods; the migratory triangle Tunisia-Libya-Italy; migration, investment and development in the Mediterranean regions of origin.



Prof. Amira Ahmed
American University of Cairo

Amira Ahmed Mohamed currently teaches core courses on social anthropology and community development, e.g. "Arab Family's Structures & Dynamics" and "Special Problems of the Middle East" at

The American University in Cairo (AUC). Amira obtained her PhD in Social and Cultural Studies from University of East London and an MA in Anthropology from AUC. Both her Masters and PhD degrees focus on the nexus between gender, migration and globalization while her PhD dissertation had researched the vulnerabilities of female domestic workers in Egypt. She has held academic positions at Clark University and Northeastern University in the US; AUC in Egypt; and Roehampton University and the University of East London in the UK. She also worked as humanitarian and development practitioner with several national and international organizations such as the United Nations' IOM in Jordan and Egypt and IFRC in Switzerland. Her current research focuses on the intersections of gender, sexuality and human rights challenges facing migrants and refugees, particularly those who are vulnerable to trafficking and in domestic work.



Khaled Menna
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Khaled Menna is an Economist and Research Associate at CREAD (Algeria).

At the beginning of his career, he was interested in the problems of financing the economy (bank financing, foreign direct investment and tax policy) and its relation to economic growth. The conduct of economic policy, its interactions in a rentier economy, especially budgetary, the impact of institutions and inflation in rentier countries have also taken part of his research activities. Other aspects of the economy related mainly to the economy and informal employment have made up a significant part of his publications. He was called upon to lead projects on innovation in the energy sector, the integration of university graduates and the labor market, issues relating to economic diversification and public-private partnership. Recently he has started to invest in migration issues, particularly those relating to the migration issue and the perception of Europe among migrants, and forced migration in the countries of North Africa. He has published two books on monetary writings and private investment in Algeria, a book chapter on informal employment and publications on the rentier state, inflation, FDI and attractiveness. Currently, he occupies the post of Deputy Director of CREAD.



Soumia Bouchouk
Research Support Engineer,
Research Center in Applied
Economics for Development
(CREAD)

Soumia Bouchouk is currently a member of the Mobility and Migration Research Team,

within the Human Development and Social Economy Division at CREAD. She holds a state engineer diploma in statistics in management of organizations and decision models from the Higher School of Statistics and Applied Economics "ENSEA" in Algeria. She is currently preparing a master's degree in demography "Health and population". Her thesis explores the factors influencing the health situation of migrant women. She has participated in numerous research projects and studies, including "Innovation in the pharmaceutical sector in Algeria", "study on measurement indicators for research and development at the Center for Applied Economics Research for Development (CREAD)", and has worked in numerous national surveys and studies on the issue of migration. She has also worked on projects with Danone, the International Labor Office "ILO" and the BBC.



Hanane Mansour
Research Center in Applied
Economics for Development
(CREAD)

Hanane Mansour holds a doctorate in media, society and communication from the National School of Journalism and

Information Sciences (ENSJSI) in Algiers. His doctoral research focused on institutional communication in the research sector. She joined the Applied Economics Research Center for Development (CREAD) in 2013 as communications officer, then head of the external relations and communications department since 2017. Recently she has been interested in the issue of displacement and migration, particularly forced displacement in the central Maghreb region (refugees, asylum seekers). Currently, Official member in the perceptions H2020 project with the European Union, on the perception of Europe among migrants, and was part of the MADAR Algeria N + team responsible for setting up the MADAR N + network which brings together academics, artists and associations from the central Maghreb region and Great Britain (Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and UK) around the issue of forced displacement.



Abderazaq Ouïam
Moroccan Organisation for Human Rights (OMDH)

Abderazaq Ouïam is a member of the National Council of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights (OMDH), and the General Secretary of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights (Oujda branch). He was a coordinator of the protection working group in the field of migration and asylum for the East region, and a member of the Migration and Asylum Task Force of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network. He also was also the coordinator of the Legal Aid Center for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Oujda in the framework of a partnership between the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He's also a former member of the Regional Human Rights Committee of the National Council for Human Rights.



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Hamissou Alasane Ibrahim holds a sociology degree and is the migration manager for the Jeunesse-Enfance-Migration-Développement (JMED), an NGO for development and human rights that has been working in Niger since 2013 on migration issues, rights of migrants and refugees and the fight against trafficking. Since May 13, 2013, he coordinates and supervises the development, implementation and monitoring of migration, asylum and migrant and refugee rights projects and programs, including anti-statelessness issues. The experience he has acquired as a program officer for the NGO JMED on issues of migration, asylum and rights of migrants and refugees, including issues of fight against statelessness and as an independent consultant on human rights / migration issues (coordination of activities, training, studies and surveys), allowed him to develop proven professional skills on these issues and to master the national, regional and international legal framework on these issues.



MODERATOR
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Dr. Catherine Duric is the migration programme team leader in the UK's FCDO, a position she has held for the past three years. She has previously worked in DFID country offices across sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on humanitarian programming.



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Benedetta Cordaro is an Information Management Officer within IOM's Migrant Protection and Assistance Division (MPA).

She previously worked with IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) in humanitarian emergency contexts, as a research officer in Iraq, later as a coordinator in Bangladesh and Venezuela. She has also worked as Analysis Team Leader for ACAPS global analysis team in Geneva. Before joining IOM, she earned experience in the private sector as a MENA researcher and analyst.

She has a background in migration and refugee studies, focusing on human trafficking in humanitarian emergencies.

Benedetta is completing an MRes in Social Research at University College London (UCL). She previously received an MSc in International Management focusing on MENA political economy from SOAS-School of Oriental and African Studies, London. She also holds an MA and a BA degree in Middle Eastern Studies, focusing on migration, from Università Ca' Foscari of Venice.



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Verena Sattler is a Research and Data Support Officer within IOM's Migrant Protection and Assistance Division (MPA).

Verena is part of the division's programme of work to establish and build capacity on international standards for the production of human trafficking administrative data. She is working with primary data relevant to human trafficking and migrants in vulnerable situations, with a focus on migratory routes within and from West and Central Africa.

Before joining IOM, she has worked in the field of project management and multilateral diplomacy at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Her previous work experience on migration includes case management and direct assistance of migrants and refugees.

Verena has a double Master's degree in European Labour Studies and Social Policy from Università degli studi di Milano and the University of Bremen, and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Alice-Salomon Hochschule, Berlin.



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Iolanda Genovese
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Iolanda Genovese is a Research Officer on the Migration Programme at the UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti.

She is currently working on a multi-country research on Children on the Move in the Horn and North of Africa and a research on returnee children in Afghanistan. Iolanda has technical expertise in field-based research on child migration, displacement and urban refugees and has worked with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Ethiopia, Kenya and Italy. Prior to UNICEF, she led child protection programmes for unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs) in Sicily as part of the migration crisis response in the Mediterranean for various non-government organizations – including Oxfam, focusing on guardianship, alternative care and socio-economic integration. She also has lengthy experience running development and humanitarian programmes in Burundi, Tanzania and Peru. Iolanda holds an MSc from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) - University of London, in Violence, Conflict and Development

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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MODERATOR

Botti Danielle Botti

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Danielle Botti is the Regional Coordinator of the Mixed Migration Center (MMC) for East Africa and Yemen based in Nairobi. She has nearly fifteen years of experience in the humanitarian and development sectors, focusing on advocacy and protection work with vulnerable groups. She specializes in research, project management and migration analysis. Prior to joining MMC, Danielle worked with UNDP, UNICEF, Save the Children, and Pact in countries across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. She holds a Master's Degree in Migration and Diaspora Studies from University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies.



MODERATOR

Edward O'Dwyer

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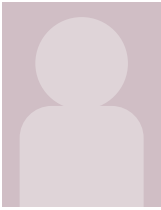
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Professor Jo Vearey is an Associate Professor and Director of the African Centre for Migration & Society, University of the Witwatersrand. With a background in public health, Jo Vearey's work focuses on the relationship between migration, mobility, and health. Her research explores international, regional, national, and local responses to migration, health, and urban vulnerabilities and her research interests include urban health, public health, migration and health, the social determinants of health, HIV, informal settlements, and sex work. Vearey coordinates the Migration and Health Project Southern Africa (maHp), focused on improving responses to migration, health, and well-being in the SADC region



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Georgia Cole recently joined the Department of Social Work within the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Edinburgh as a Chancellor's Fellow. Prior to this, I was a Research Fellow at the Margaret Anstee Centre for Global Studies at Newnham College, Cambridge, and a Junior Research Fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford, where I also completed my PhD looking at the 'ceased circumstances' cessation clause of the 1951 Convention. My current research explores alternative geographies of refuge through research with Eritrean forced migrants who have travelled to the Gulf States to work and/or in search of protection from persecution in the Horn of Africa. I have recently acted as a research consultant for the UK Government's Research and Evidence Facility on the Horn of Africa and its East Africa Research Fund looking at forced migration trends in the Horn of Africa, as well as migratory linkages across the Red Sea Region.



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Nahom Gebremeskel
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Idel Hanley
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About the Mixed Migration Centre – North Africa (MMC NA)

The Mixed Migration Centre (MMC) is a leading source for independent and high-quality data, information, research and analysis on mixed migration. Through the provision of credible evidence and expertise on mixed migration, MMC aims to support agencies, policy makers and practitioners to make well-informed decisions, to positively impact global and regional migration policies, to contribute to protection and assistance responses for people on the move and to stimulate forward thinking in the sector responding to mixed migration.

The MMC is part of, and governed by, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). While its institutional link to DRC ensures MMC’s work is grounded in operational reality, it acts as an independent source of data, research, analysis and policy development on mixed migration for policy makers, practitioners, journalists, and the broader humanitarian sector.

About the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) — the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people. UNHCR works in over 130 countries, protecting millions of people and delivering life-saving assistance. UNHCR helps safeguard fundamental human rights and develops solutions that ensure that people have a safe place to call home where they can build a better future.

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