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Monthly Snapshot

UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement



PANEL MEMBERS

Co-chair: Mr. Donald Kaberuka
Chair of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Co-chair: Ms. Federica Mogherini
Former High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur
Director-General of Fundacion Compaz, Colombia

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Mr. Nasser Judeh
Senator, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Ms. Pauline Riak
Chair of the Board of Directors at the Sudd Institute, South Sudan

Ms. Sima Samar
Member of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation

The Expert Advisory Group (EAG) is comprised of **Mr. Chaloka Beyani**, Associate Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics; **Ms. Alexandra Bilak**, Director of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre; **Ms. Elizabeth Ferris**, Research Professor at Georgetown University; and **Mr. Walter Kaelin**, Former Representative of UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

SPOTLIGHT

"Fundamental shift" needed in urban internal displacement response as global urbanization increases



Photo: The roundtable gathered more than 40 urban and forced displacement experts to exchange lessons and good practices, drawing from the series of local consultations, to inform the work of the Panel. (April 19, Virtual)

April 19 - Leaders and managers of municipalities and urbanization experts called for a "fundamental shift" in internal urban displacement response in a virtual global roundtable that took place on 19 April 2021. The event, titled "Internal Displacement in an Increasingly Urbanized World: Challenges and Opportunities," was the culmination of a series of consultations on urban displacement co-organized by UN-Habitat, the Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS), the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the Secretariat of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement.

Building on an earlier [submission](#), the series was designed to help inform the Panel in its exploration of the unique challenges and opportunities presented by internal displacement in urban contexts. It involves six separate discussions, starting in February, with mayors, municipality administrators and other local

authorities from Burkina Faso (Kaya, Kongoussi, Tougouri and Dori), Colombia (Medellin), Iraq (Mosul), Ukraine (Luhansk Oblast), Somalia (Mogadishu) and Honduras (San Pedro Sula). Five of the discussions took place prior to the global roundtable. Representing the Panel in these conversations were Panel members Paula Gaviria Betancur, Sima Samar, Pauline Riak and Per Hegggenes, and Expert Advisory Group members Walter Kaelin and Alexandra Bilak.

The roundtable brought together some 40 urban and forced displacement experts from municipalities, financial and technical partners and academia, who shared their reflections and experiences on the current urban displacement response, the growing challenges faced by cities and towns, and proposals for the ways forward. Opening the event, Panel Member Betancur noted that while the majority of internally displaced persons (IDPs) today reside in towns and cities, the...

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APRIL EVENTS

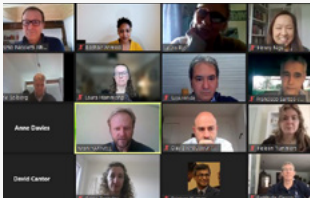


SPOTLIGHT

Consultation with the Benadir Durable Solutions Unit of Somalia on Mogadishu's response to urban displacement
 April 9, Virtual



Secretariat meeting with UN USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock
 April 13, Virtual



Workshop on political economy research in partnership with SOAS and UNDP
 April 15, Virtual

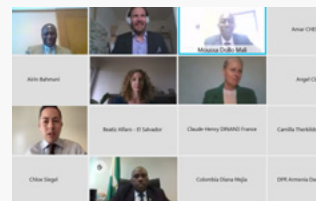


Secretariat meeting with the Expert Advisory Group
 April 16, Virtual



SPOTLIGHT

Joint event on Internal Displacement in an Increasingly Urbanized World
 April 19, Virtual

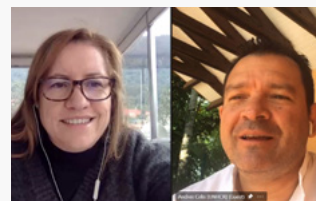


Secretariat meeting with "Group of Friends" Member States
 April 21, Virtual

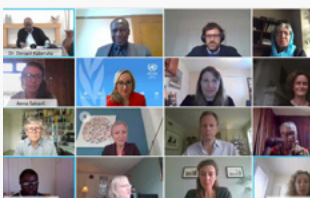


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Consultation with the Vice Mayor and municipality administration members of San Pedro Sula, Honduras
 April 22, Virtual



Meeting between Panel member Paula Gaviria Betancur and Andrés Celis, UNHCR Representative in Honduras
 April 27, Virtual



SPOTLIGHT

Roundtable: Financing for Solutions to Internal Displacement
 April 29, Virtual

NEW EVENT SUMMARIES



This brief reflects the interventions and recommendations from the 19 November 2020 virtual regional exchange on "Managing Risk and Addressing Disaster Displacement: Challenges, Effective Practices and Solutions in Asia" organized jointly by the Asia-Pacific Disaster Displacement Working Group, the Asia-Pacific Issue-Based Coalition on Building Resilience, the GP20 Initiative, the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and the Secretariat of the Panel.

Executive Summary of Panel-EU event on Supporting Nationally Owned Durable Solutions Processes for Internal Displacement

This document summarizes the key points from the event on "Supporting Nationally Owned Durable Solutions Processes," co-organized by the European Union (EU) and the Secretariat of the Panel on 10 February 2021.

Executive Summary of Pacific Regional Consultation on Internal Displacement

This executive summary captures the key points from the Pacific Regional Consultation on Internal Displacement, co-organized by the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP)'s Technical Working Group (TWG) on Human Mobility and the Secretariat of the Panel on 11 February 2021.

"WE CAN KEEP PEOPLE ALIVE OR WE CAN LET PEOPLE START LIVING."

Quote taken from the urban displacement consultation in Mogadishu



Photo credit: UN-Habitat

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...attention devoted to the issue was often ad hoc. She called for the reality and extent of displacement in the urban contexts to be duly acknowledged and its nature and dynamics to be properly understood.

"You have amazing people working on these issues at the local and municipal levels. Yet when national humanitarian response or solutions plans are developed, they do not always take into account the unique challenges and opportunities of urban displacement environments," she said.

The first session of the roundtable was devoted to the rethinking that was called for in the current approach to internal displacement in the urban context. Among other points, participants highlighted the need for changes in development and humanitarian assistance and programming in urban contexts, as well as strengthened coordination across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. The centrality of local governments in responding to urban displacement was also underlined given that municipality officials are typically the primary responders who serve on the "front lines" of each crisis.

The second session looked into the approaches and technical expertise from non-crisis contexts in support of sustainable and equitable urban

development. Participants highlighted the importance of developing and disseminating flexible, fit-for-purpose urban planning tools tailored to different situations including cases of acute shocks.

The complete findings and conclusions from the six local consultations and the global roundtable will be drawn on by the Panel as it carries forward and concludes its work on this question.



Photo: Panel member Paula Gaviria Betancur opened the roundtable on "Internal Displacement in an Increasingly Urbanized World: Challenges and Opportunities." (April 19, Virtual)

Timeline of Urban Displacement Consultations



UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement



23 March: Colombia

Municipality of Medellín and Colombia's Victims' Unit

31 March: Ukraine

Regional authorities and IDP representative in Luhansk Oblast

22 April: Honduras

Vice-Mayor of San Pedro Sula and municipality administration members

26 February: Burkina Faso
Mayors of Kaya, Kongoussi, Tougouri, Dori

29 March: Iraq
Mayor of Mosul

9 April: Somalia
Benadir Durable Solutions Unit on Mogadishu's response

Note: The consultation with the Vice-Mayor of San Pedro Sula took place following the roundtable discussion due to scheduling conflict.



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Does the International System Support Solutions to Internal Displacement?
 Dr. Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University
 Dr. Sarah Deardorff Miller, Refugees International

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Durable Solutions for IDPs
 Dr. Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University

Note: Dr. Elizabeth "Beth" Ferris serves as one of the Expert Advisory Group members of the Panel.

SPOTLIGHT

Roundtable informs on-going work of Panel on catalytic and long-term financing



Photo: The roundtable on Financing for Solutions to Internal Displacement gathered various stakeholders, including States, IFIs, UN agencies and NGOs, to discuss the themes of catalytic financing and long-term funding. (April 29, Virtual)

April 29 - In a virtual expert roundtable on 29 April 2021, representatives of States, international financial institutions (IFIs), UN agencies and NGOs shared their inputs on catalytic and long-term financing for solutions to inform the work of the Panel. The roundtable was opened by Panel Co-Chair Donald Kaberuka who was joined in the event by his colleagues Sima Samar and Per Heggnes and the Panel's Expert Advisors Chaloka Beyani, Alexandra Bilak, Beth Ferris and Walter Kaelin.

In the opening, Panel Co-chair Kaberuka highlighted the dilemmas of what he described as the vertical and horizontal approaches to funding. The former refers to the tendency to establish issue or population targeted financial mechanisms. The latter envisages an integrated approach in which the needs of IDPs are addressed as part of the national plan. He underscored the importance of leveraging the strengths of actors such as IFIs and the private sector in the search for durable solutions to internal displacement. However, he added that solutions would be difficult to achieve durably without political commitment and ownership of national governments.

In the first session on catalytic financing, participants shared their reflections on a number of financing channels to kickstart the solutions process. Inputs were shared on the existing country-based pooled fund and peacebuilding fund, as well as the possibility of creating new

multi-partner trust funds. Many came into agreement that the current financing landscape is heavily reliant on humanitarian funding and there is a strong need to involve development actors, the private sector and other new donors. At the same time, there was no consensus on expanding the scope of humanitarian tools.

Discussions on long-term financing shaped the second session. Whereas catalytic funds would prioritize efficiency and be geared towards achieving a proof of concept, longer-term funds would seek to scale up action and drive more holistic recovery. Participants highlighted the importance of being context specific in the pursuit of such funding. Moreover, they exchanged their views on different opportunities to systematically address solutions such as through bilateral development assistance. While there was overall agreement that ideally solutions should be systematically integrated into broader development financing (as per the new [World Bank approach paper](#)), there was no consensus on specific instruments dedicated to the issue of solutions to internal displacement.

The outcomes of this meeting, as well as of additional roundtables in the coming months, will inform the on-going work of the Panel as it fine-tunes its conclusions and recommendations.



Photo: Panel Co-chair Donald Kaberuka opened the virtual roundtable on Financing for Solutions to Internal Displacement. (April 29, Virtual)

For more information, [click here](#) to read the discussion paper on "Financing for Action on Internal Displacement" which serves as a background document for the roundtable.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**03
MAY**

Dedicated dialogue with leadership of impacted states: Mexico
 Panel member Paula Gaviria Betancur will meet with H.E. Martha Delgado Peralta, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico.

**05
MAY**

Roundtable: leadership and coordination for solutions
 The Panel will hold its third roundtable discussion on coordination for solutions with experts including representatives of States, UN agencies and NGOs.

**11
MAY**

Event on "Displacement in Times of Disasters and Climate Change"
 The Co-chairs of the "Group of Friends" of PDD and the Panel, based in Geneva and New York, will host a disaster displacement consultation with a focus on coordination for solutions and financing.