

Mr. Chair, Ms. Director General

Excellences, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Allow me, at the outset, to thank the Director General for presenting her annual report and to congratulate the newly appointed members of the Bureau, Jordan welcomes the selection of this important topic for the high-level segment that addresses "Climate impact on human mobility: a global call for solutions".

Mr. Chair,

We convene this meeting at a time of witnessing a catastrophe that Israel's revenge war is bringing on Gaza, and the humanitarian catastrophe resulting from this is beyond words, people in Gaza have no access to food or water, no sanitation facilities, and no medicine.

Mr. Chair,

In this regard, I would like to commend IOM for joining the calls with the inter-agency standing committee IASC for a humanitarian ceasefire.

The humanitarian situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate, Civilian lives are at stake as the urgent need for food and medical supplies increases, Increased humanitarian access and aid are desperately needed as the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) has reportedly risen.

Jordan commends and supports the recent IOM's launching Regional Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and encourages IOM to continue its necessary and vital support and assistance to the rising critical humanitarian needs of hundreds of thousands of civilians in Gaza affected by the ongoing hostilities.

Mr. Chair,

Climate change and its significant consequences on migration, food insecurity, and internal displacement of populations and human mobility is becoming a challenging reality that requires a coordinated and global effort to implement effective solutions that can help mitigate the challenges associated with

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climate-induced migration, including a global call for solutions emphasizes the need for a holistic and collaborative approach to tackle the complex and interconnected issues arising from climate change and its impact on human mobility.

Mr. Chair,

The number of people forced to flee due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, and events seriously disturbing public order reached more than 100 million for the first time on record in 2022.¹

Limited natural resources, such as drinking water, are becoming even scarcer in many parts of the world, especially countries that host refugees.

The negative impact of climate change and increasing numbers of refugees adds more pressure on a country's resources and food security. In such conditions, climate change can act as a threat multiplier, intensifying existing tensions and adding to the potential for conflicts, Jordan is one of those most affected countries in particular, in the water sector area.

Jordan hosts about 3.6 million refugees, the combination of climate change and population growth, enhanced by the influx of refugees are both expected to place a further strain on Jordan's scarce water resources and other natural resources.

Refugees hosting countries are among the most vulnerable to climate change, and to address this crisis, Jordan has put forward a Climate/Refugee Nexus Initiative, that aims, inter alia, at drawing the attention of the international community to these impacts and calls for international organizations and climate funds to prioritize refugee-hosting countries in climate hotspots in terms of creating and/or increasing financial, technical, and capacity building resources.

¹ IPCC Climate Change 2022: Impact, Adaptation and Vulnerability

Mr. Chair,

Jordan launched the National Climate Change Policy 2022-2050 which provides the necessary guidance to the various development sectors, decision-makers, and those working in the field of climate change.

The National Climate Change Policy took into account all potential impacts on development sectors and different segments of society through a package of integrated adaptation policies in the short, medium, and long term.

This approach will not only focus on achieving resilience but will also empower citizens to become future change agents who are resilient to shocks, as the world works collectively to reduce and eliminate the root causes of climate change.

Mr. Chair,

Finally, we would like to commend IOM for its flexibility and important contributions in response to the pandemic and the challenging humanitarian crises and for its standing by migrants and displaced persons. since its inception, IOM has sought to ensure the strengthening of international cooperation on migration issues and the provision of humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced persons.

Mr. Chair,

Jordan will continue to provide its support to the IOM.

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