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BACKGROUND

At the end of 2015, the number of refugees and displaced persons worldwide reached a new record high of 65,3 million. Most remain inside their own national borders as internally displaced persons (IDPs) or flee to neighbouring countries. Only a very small number have so far sought refuge in Europe. Nonetheless, due to the surge in refugee numbers last year and the often dramatic circumstances in which they attempt to reach safety, which attracts considerable media coverage, there has been a noticeable shift in public attitudes in Europe and the pressure for action to be taken has increased. In addition to the question of how the refugees are initially to be cared for and subsequently integrated, the focus has shifted towards “tackling the causes of migration”. In media reports and political debates, however, the meaning of the phrase often remains unclear. A closer look at the situation reveals that the causes of displacement and forced migration are diverse and often interlinked. People leave their homes because their lives are at risk from war and armed conflict or because they lose their livelihoods, perhaps as a result of environmental change or the effects of international policy. The spread of Islamist groups in various countries also plays a role.

This year’s Berlin Summer Dialogue will provide a forum for debate about the underlying causes of displacement and forced migration and ways of tackling them – beyond short-term financial assistance and humanitarian aid. What role is played by international politics, e.g. trade or climate policy, in this context? Which political conditions in the countries of origin force people to leave their homes? What can the international community do to improve the situation in these countries? What measures can be taken in the host countries to create prospects for local communities but also for refugees – who often stay for many years – with a view to preventing further movements of people? And how can existing mechanisms be interlinked and refined to make them more sensitive to displacement and forced migration?

: Wednesday, 29 June 2016

09.45 hrs Registration

WELCOME

10.15 hrs Welcome notes
Barbara Loth
Permanent Secretary of State
Senate Department for Labour, Integration and Women's Issues, State of Berlin
Klaus Brückner
Member of the Executive Committee
Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

SESSION I

A GLOBAL CHALLENGE: INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND GERMANY'S ROLE IN THE FACE OF RISING REFUGEE NUMBERS

Last year, more people were displaced than at any other time since records began, according to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Large scale mixed movements of refugees and migrants are a global phenomenon, affecting all UN Member States and requiring closer cooperation and more robust responsibility-sharing. To address this, the UN General Assembly adopted a decision to convene a high-level plenary meeting on large movements of refugees and migrants on 19 September 2016. How can the international community fulfil its responsibility more effectively than it has so far? What are the results of the World Humanitarian Summit? How can fair burden-sharing be achieved? What is Germany's role here, both at UN and at EU level?

Chair
Klaus Brückner
Member of the Executive Committee
Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

10:30 hrs Keynotes
Fabrizio Hochschild
The UN Secretary-General's Deputy Special Adviser
on the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants, New York
Dr Elke Löbel
Commissioner for Refugee Policy
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn

11:15 hrs Plenary discussion

SESSION II**THE CAUSES OF DISPLACEMENT AND FORCED MIGRATION: THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

It is easy to gain the impression, from the current debate, that displacement and forced migration are a new – a modern – phenomenon. The fact that refugee movements and migrations have occurred throughout history tends to be overlooked. What were the main causes of displacement and forced migration in the past, and how should the current situation and the rise in refugee numbers be viewed in terms of this history? Can any qualitative changes in the causes of displacement and forced migration be identified? How do we need to react to possible shifts in the future?

Chair

Klaus Brückner

Member of the Executive Committee

Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

12:00 hrs

Input

Susanne Melde

Research and Policy Officer

IOM - Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC), Berlin

12:20 hrs

Plenary discussion

13:00 hrs

Lunch

SESSION III

ARMED CONFLICT AND INTERNAL REPRESSION AS CAUSES OF DISPLACEMENT

Displacement always has domestic as well as global causes. Civil war, human rights abuses and repression often force people to seek refuge abroad. And if they have no way of earning a living, or if they lose their livelihoods, leaving their home country may be the only option for their survival. During crises in particular, it is often difficult for the people affected to access assistance from the international organisations or engage in dialogue with those in positions of power. So can these local communities be helped? How can humanitarian aid and development link in with conflict and crisis prevention? How can development programmes be designed so that they are sensitive to refugees and displaced persons and have a preventive effect? And where do the limits to external engagement lie?

Chair

Dr Linda Helfrich

Deputy Head of Sector Programme Peace and Security

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Eschborn

14.00 hrs

Input

Professor Tobias Debiel

Director

Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), University of Duisburg-Essen

Member of the Executive Committee of the Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

14.15 hrs

Roundtable Talk

Caroline Njuki

Regional Migration Coordinator

Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Secretariat, Djibouti

Elizabeth J. Rushing

Senior Strategic Advisor on Conflict

Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (idmc), Geneva

Dr Christian Voelkel

International Advisor for Transitional Justice

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bogotá

15:00 hrs

Plenary discussion

16:00 hrs

Coffee

SESSION IV

REDUCING THE APPEAL OF EXTREMISM – KEY CHANGES IN POLICY AND PRACTICE

All over the world, extremist groups, most of them Islamist, are gaining in popularity. Transnational terrorism threatens the stability of numerous countries, particularly in the MENA region and Africa and has developed as one of the main causes for displacement. But what makes them so appealing, especially to young people? What role do the policies pursued by the West over the past decade play in this rejection of Western values? Has international politics recognised this trend too late? What changes are needed at the global level? What mechanisms are available so that development cooperation can make a contribution by offering young people an alternative to terror? And how can training and employment opportunities help?

Chair

Dr Jochen Hippler

Senior Researcher

Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), University of Duisburg-Essen

16:30 hrs

Roundtable Talk

Hesta Groenewald

Senior Conflict and Security Advisor

Saferworld, London

Liv Ingeborg Wibe

PhD Student

Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science (OSI)

Freie Universität Berlin

Mohamed Yahya

Africa Regional Programme Coordinator

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Addis Ababa

Rashid Zuberu

Founder

Young Peace Brigades, Obuasi

17:30 hrs

Plenary discussion

RECEPTION

19:00 hrs

Reception hosted by the Governing Mayor of Berlin

Venue: Berlin Town Hall

Welcome by

Secretary of State Hella Dunger-Löper

State of Berlin Delegate to the Federation, and Commissioner for European Affairs and Commissioner for Active Citizenship, Berlin

: Thursday, 30 June 2016

09.00 hrs Registration and welcome with coffee

SESSION V

ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE CAUSING MIGRATION. PREVENTION AND ADAPTATION

Wars and armed conflict are the main causes of displacement at present. However, climate change and growing scarcity of natural resources have the potential to trigger further conflicts and forced migration in future years and decades. People already living close to the poverty line in developing countries are especially vulnerable. What can be done to build the resilience of communities in affected regions so that they do not need to migrate due to environmental change? What can be done to prevent armed conflicts over water resources and land?

Chair

Dr Linda Helfrich

Deputy Head of Sector Programme Peace and Security

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Eschborn

9.15 hrs

Roundtable Talk

Dr Annabelle Houdret

Researcher

German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn

Professor Tasneem Siddiqui

Founding Chair

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka

Dennis Tänzler

Director International Climate Policy

Adelphi, Berlin

10:15 hrs

Plenary discussion

11:00 hrs

Coffee and refreshments

SESSION VI**PREVENTING FURTHER DISPLACEMENT. CREATING PROSPECTS FOR REFUGEES IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES**

Hosting refugees is rarely a short-term project. The situation often becomes entrenched, with the long-term presence of refugees, especially in neighbouring countries, creating challenges for both sides. In some cases, the lack of clarity over refugees' status can make it more difficult for them to create a new life for themselves in another country. This uncertain future can then lead to new refugee movements. So what measures can be taken to offer refugees prospects for the future in the host country while simultaneously building the capacities of these host countries and local communities? How can jobs be created to offer them opportunities? What role does education policy play in this context? What kind of new initiatives can make a contribution?

Chair

Andreas Cichowicz

Editor in Chief and Deputy Director of Television
Norddeutscher Rundfunk, Germany, Hamburg

11:30 hrs

Roundtable Talk

Dr Steffen Angenendt

Head Global Issues Division

German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Stefan Delfs

Advisor, Policy Planning Staff

German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Norah Gaiti Kariba

Programme Manager

Windle Trust Kenya, Dadaab

Dr Elke Löbel

Commissioner for Refugee Policy

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn

John Speakman

Advisor

World Bank, Washington, D.C.

12:30 hrs

Plenary discussion

13:30 Uhr

Closing remarks

Dr Michèle Roth

Executive Director

Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn