



**CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE PERSONS IN
MIXED MIGRATION FLOWS**

PROMOTING COOPERATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF GOOD PRACTICES

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PLENARY DISCUSSION OUTLINE

Natural Disasters and Mobility -Data Collection and Analysis

Wednesday, 22 May 2013, 13:15-14:45

Context

Globally, the sharing of experiences, challenges, and good practices in migration management can help stakeholders learn from similar experiences elsewhere and inspire their own legal, policy, operational and procedural responses to migration issues.

A key to any coherent and comprehensive mixed migration strategy is the collection, analysis and exchange of data about the characteristics of the movement and those groups which make it up. Such data should typically include information relating to conditions in countries of origin, motivations for movement, modes of transport, transit routes and entry points.

The following questions should guide the plenary discussion with the aim to provide the participants an opportunity to exchange information, experiences, challenges, good practices and make recommendations on how data is collected, analyzed, and shared both when there is a natural disaster (hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, volcano eruptions) that prompt mobility (internal and external displacement, relocation, and/or migration) and in the context of mixed migratory flows and arrivals.

Key Questions

- What are the **key challenges** facing States/agencies in collecting, analyzing and sharing data in the context of natural disasters and mobility?
- What **kinds of natural disasters** affect your country/agency? What are the recent experiences? (How did or does it affect the population– how many people were

affected, how many people moved to shelter, for how long did they stay in shelter? How did they cope with their sudden lifestyle changes)?

- What are the **existing legal, policy and operational tools** in place in your respective countries to collect, analyze and share data in the context of natural disasters and mixed mobility (Is there a specific legal/policy/operational framework in place? What tools are used to ascertain who needed shelter and/or other services in the context of natural disasters and mixed mobility)?
- **How data is collected, analyzed, and shared** (e.g. data source; data entry; used software and hardware) in the context of natural disasters and mixed mobility? For what purpose(s) were/are the data collected and analyzed in the context of natural disasters and mobility) Are there any data protection safeguards in place or incorporated into your existing tools or mechanisms)?
- What are the **challenges in terms of coordination at national, bilateral and regional level**? Which agencies or stakeholders had, or can have, responsibility for data collection, analysis, and sharing in the context of natural disasters and mixed mobility? Is there standardized data collection and analysis criteria or standard operational procedures in place at national and regional levels? How do you see the role of the international community and regional organizations and mechanisms in assisting States in these endeavors)?
- Are there **good practices, positive developments or lessons learned** at national or regional level with respect for collecting, analyzing, and sharing data in the context of natural disasters and mobility?

Recommendations

- How would you address the challenges identified and what concrete recommendations would you make in this regard?