

Side event of the 74th session of the Executive Committee

Protecting people displaced across borders in the context of the impact of climate change and disasters

Moderated by Mr. Walter Kälin, Envoy of the Chair, Platform on Disaster Displacement
Opening remarks by Ms. Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR

Speakers:

Ms. Elizabeth Tan, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

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The global climate crisis is generating cross border displacement in many parts of the world with humanitarian consequences. In some circumstances, those displaced in situations involving climate change may be entitled to international protection under existing international refugee or human rights law or may otherwise receive protection through different national laws or practices. In the lead up to COP28 and the Global Refugee Forum, this event aims to discuss, among others, the applicability of existing instruments to provide for international protection for those in need, as articulated in UNHCR's [legal considerations regarding claims for international protection made in the context of the adverse effects of climate change and disasters](#), as well as State practices in this area.

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8:30 to 9:45

Palais des Nations, Room XXII

Refreshments will be served outside of the room prior to the event

Interpretation in English and French will be available

