



2023 High Level Political Forum
IOM Institutional Statement
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Madame President,
Distinguished delegates,

We have heard throughout the HLPF proceedings, that halfway to 2030, the world faces a crossroads.

The just released 2023 Special Edition of the Sustainable Development Report makes it abundantly clear: we are facing a setback with a confluence of crises resulting in a major blow to SDGs implementation efforts.

But we cannot lose hope or motivation to act.

The SDG Summit must be the wake-up call to deliver a better future for all.

Human mobility is increasingly complex impacted by major global transformations, including climate change, conflicts, demographic shifts, urbanization, and widening inequalities.

These risk leaving hundreds of millions of international migrants, internal migrants, and displaced persons behind – that's 1 in 8 people worldwide. Many have suffered, been excluded and exposed to abuse, exploitation and discrimination solely on the basis of their status.

As IOM Director General, as Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration, reiterated in the HLPF session on SDG 11, “migration is a key driver of sustainable development”. The in-depth review of SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11, and 17 has evidenced human mobility is, more than ever, a multi-faceted reality that spans the SDGs.

Excellencies, People on the move – and their positive contribution to sustainable development- are part of the solution. When managed well, human mobility can be a central element of the rescue plan for the SDGs.

The 2030 Agenda, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration; and the Secretary General’s Action Agenda on Internal Displacement are the blueprints that can help us leverage human mobility for the benefit of all, to advance SDG attainment.

Throughout the years, there have already been encouraging initiatives that mainstream migration in national development plans, in climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, and in public health responses.

IOM is committed to support Member States, people on the move, and all other stakeholders across levels of governance and throughout society, to devise and seize the opportunities that human mobility brings to sustainable development.

Thank you.