

# Virtual Launch of the Mixed Migration Review 2023

"Regional issues through regional perspectives"



The vast majority of the world's migration takes place within countries and within regions. Not between regions and certainly not from the majority world to the minority world, despite some common misconceptions. In line with this predominantly regional nature of mixed migration, the <u>Mixed Migration Review 2023</u> (MMR 2023), while as always global in its coverage, offers a deliberately regional focus, zooming in on specific regional or, primarily, country contexts.

What are the prospects for a continent-wide freedom to move in Africa? What are the impacts of new immigration laws in the United States on regional movements? What are the current refugee reception and integration dynamics in South America? What is Bangladesh's mixed migration landscape, both as a receiving and sending country? How is Lebanon's crisis impacting the mixed migration situation of Syrian refugees and their onward movements? Can the Ukrainian refugee response be seen as a model for success, or does it reveal the failures of the international refugee regime? What is the example of the European Nordic countries, at the same time top UNHCR donors but increasingly unwelcoming towards asylum seekers at home, telling us about the future of international protection? As usual, the review also documents the best and worst behaviour by authorities in relation to mixed migration around the world, in the annual "Resisting and Normalising the Extreme" features.

Learn more about the report at the virtual launch of the #MMR2023 on **November 29th**, **14:00-15:30 CET**. Join our webinar with regional experts, journalists, and academics who will debate and discuss some of today's most pressing mixed migration issues globally. We look forward to your participation!

→ Register on Zoom: bit.ly/MMR2023event

## Agenda

### 14:00 – 14:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Charlotte Slente, Secretary-General of the Danish Refugee Council
- Jens Godtfredsen, Ambassador for Migration, Return and Readmission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
- Bram Frouws, Director of the Mixed Migration Centre

### **14:15 – 15:10** Panel Discussion

# Challenging western-centrism on mixed migration – a conversation between continents

Is there an issue of Western-centric approaches to migration policy development and, broadly speaking, migration management globally? If so, how does it manifest itself and what are the consequences on migration policies and their impact? Are there alternative approaches and how can models and lessons learned from the Global South help shape such alternatives? This discussion will offer regional perspectives, with speakers from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.

**Moderator: Roberto Forin**, Deputy Director of the Mixed Migration Centre

#### **Panellists:**

- 1. Sana Mustafa, Chief Executive Officer, Asylum Access
- 2. Gaia Vince, Journalist, Author and Broadcaster
- 3. Eromo Egbejule, Africa Editor, Al Jazeera
- **4. Guerline Jozef,** Founder and Executive Director, Haitian Bridge Alliance

### 15:10 – 15:30 Q&A with the audience

### **Panellists**



Sana Mustafa Chief Executive Officer, Asylum Access

Sana Mustafa is a movement leader in the forced displacement sector and a feminist human rights activist fighting against systems of oppression in Syria and around the world. Sana's work has been informed by her experiences as a queer, Arab, and forcibly brown, displaced woman. After being forcibly displaced by the Assad regime, Sana led the establishment of global efforts for the representation and inclusion of forcibly displaced persons such as the Global Refugee-led Network. Sana is currently Chief Executive Officer of Asylum Access, where she leads the organization's work to dismantle decades of colonialism, fight self-representation, and build to intersectional coalitions demand human rights for all forcibly displaced people.



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Gaia Vince is an award-winning science journalist, author, broadcaster, speaker. She is interested in the interaction between human systems and Earth's planetary systems and has traveled worldwide to research it. She writes for various publications, including the BBC, The Guardian, and New Scientist, and has held senior editorial positions at Nature, Nature Climate Change, and New Scientist magazine. She won the 2015 Royal Society Winton Prize for Science Books for her book "Adventures in the Anthropocene: A Journey to the Heart of the Planet We Made." In 2022, she released her third book, "Nomad Century", in which she argues that the coming decades will inevitably see billions of people migrate due to global heating. Vince argues that—with the right policies—this migration could benefit both migrants and the host countries that receive them.



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Eromo Egbejule is a Nigerian journalist, writer, and filmmaker, known for his quality, nuanced storytelling across themes such as conflict, disaster, politics, culture, human identity, and girl child rights in mostly West and Central Africa. He started his career as a music journalist for local Nigerian newspapers and now works as the Africa Editor at Al Jazeera English. He was previously West Africa Editor at The Africa Report magazine. His work has also appeared in The Guardian, The Atlantic, New York Times, Financial Times, FAZ and elsewhere.



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Guerline Jozef is a Haitian immigrant rights activist and a leading human rights advocate. She is the Executive Director and Co-founder of the Haitian Bridge Alliance, a nonprofit organization that advocates for fair and humane policies provides immigration and humanitarian, deportation defense, legal, and social services to migrants and immigrants. Guerline is also the cofounder of the Black Immigrants Bail Fund and the Cameroon Advocacy Network. Her work has been recognized through numerous awards, including the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award and the Las Americas' Border Heroes Award. She was named one POLITICO's 2021 40 Most Influential People on Race, Politics, and Policy in the United States for her leadership.