

# MMC-UNHCR-IOM Research Event

## *Examining the state of mixed movement data and research along the Southern Route*

The Danish Refugee Council's (DRC) Mixed Migration Centre (MMC) for Eastern and Southern Africa, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Regional Bureau for Southern Africa, and the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Regional Office for Southern Africa and Regional Data Hub for East and the Horn of Africa are organizing a research event focusing on the latest mixed movement trends and developments along the Southern Route.<sup>1</sup> The event will kick off with presentations on new research from MMC and IOM in collaboration with UNHCR. Participants will then take part in a facilitated discussion, reflecting on the state of mixed movement data and research along the Southern Route, and on key research priorities and gaps.

### Agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and light breakfast
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Welcome and introduction of participants</b>  <b>Introductory remarks</b> by Mr. Guy Rufin Guernas, Senior Protection Coordinator (UNHCR)  <b>Introduction to the workshop objectives</b> by Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio, Head of MMC Eastern and Southern Africa   Egypt and Yemen
09:15 – 10:45	<b>Presentations of latest research on the Southern Route:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Southbound: Mixed migration routes, experiences and risks along the journey to South Africa</b> by Mr. Jim van Moorsel, MMC, Research Specialist (including 10 minutes Q&amp;A)</li><li>• <b>Exploring migration dynamics and access to protection services from the Horn of Africa to Southern Africa along the Southern Route</b> by Ms. Princelle Dasappa-Venketsamy, IOM, Regional Research Officer and Mr. Christopher Zapp, IOM, Regional DTM Information Management Officer (including 10 minutes Q&amp;A)</li></ul>

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<sup>1</sup> Mixed movement transit and destination countries along the Southern Route may include: Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Additional countries linked to the route as origin, transit or destination country include, but are not limited to, Burundi, DR Congo, and Kenya and those linking towards the Indian Ocean Route, primarily including Comoros.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cross-border movements of refugees and asylum seekers along the Southern Route</b> by Mr. Clève Massamba, UNHCR, DIMA Coordinator (including 10 minutes Q&amp;A)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderation</b> by Prof. Loren Landau, Professor of Migration and Development at the University of Oxford, Research Professor at the University of the Witwatersrand's African Centre for Migration &amp; Society (ACMS), and co-director of the Wits-Oxford Mobility Governance Lab (MGL).</p>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:45</b>	<p><b>Facilitated in-person discussions in smaller groups on key questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you perceive as key data and research gaps with respect to mixed movement issues impacting the Southern Route and specific countries along the route?</li> <li>• What do you foresee as priority areas for data collection and research over the next 2-3 years?</li> <li>• How are you currently using data and research in your work?</li> <li>• How can we work towards shared strategies on collecting, providing and sharing evidence on the Southern Route?</li> <li>• What is the best format/modality to share mixed movement data and research among participants in the future?</li> <li>• How do we perceive linkages between the Southern Route and the so-called Indian Ocean Route, and where are key data and research gaps in this regard?</li> </ul>
<b>11:45 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>Final recommendations and upcoming research</b> by Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio, Head of MMC Eastern and Southern Africa   Egypt and Yemen</p> <p><b>Closing remarks</b> by SADC representative (TBC)</p>

## When and Where

25 March 2024 from 08:30 – 12:30 at the UNHCR Regional Bureau for Southern Africa, at Waterkloof House, Pretoria, South Africa.

## RSVP

Participants located in Johannesburg or Pretoria are encouraged to participate in-person. Participants who wish to attend virtually will be provided with an online link to join after RSVP'ing. All participants are kindly requested to RSVP through [filling out this form](#) by **Thursday 21 March**.

## Who

MMC, UNHCR and IOM are seeking the participation of regional economic communities (including SADC), national and local government actors, embassy and donor government focal points working on refugee and mixed movement issues, humanitarian and development actors working on mixed movement or refugee issues along the Southern Route, and academia specialising in the topics of South-South migration and the Southern Route.