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## 600 DAYS OF WAR IN SUDAN:

Taking stock of the regional mixed  
movement trends, blindspots and  
future scenarios

#Sudan600Days

**December 3-4, 2024**

Trademark Hotel (Village Market),  
2nd Floor, Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya



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## Overview and Objectives

Sudan is rapidly approaching the 600-day mark since the outbreak of war on April 15, 2023, with no end to the fighting in sight. More than 11 million people have been forcibly displaced including over 8.1 million internally and 2.9 million to neighboring countries as of October 2024. Border areas in Chad, the Central African Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, and South Sudan are unable to meet the full scale of humanitarian needs, and an increasing number of displaced Sudanese and third-country nationals are planning onward movements to locations farther afield that offer better opportunities to provide for their livelihoods. Against this backdrop, **it is crucial that displacement and migration stakeholders and experts convene to reflect on the full regional scale of this displacement crisis and discuss joined-up policy and programming priorities.**

The Mixed Migration Centre (MMC), with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) proposes to convene a two-day, high-level conference in Nairobi to:

- Bring together the state-of-the-art empirical data and research on the mixed movement consequences of the Sudan war;
- Examine the barriers to (international) protection for Sudanese and third-country nationals fleeing Sudan, and national and regional policy responses;
- Analyze cross-cutting themes related to the gendered dimensions of this conflict and the impacts of food insecurity and looming starvation as a stress multiplier;
- Identify blind spots for research, policy

and programming and explore future scenarios for onward movement and their implications for humanitarian programming and policy.

## Backdrop

Since 15 April 2023, war in Sudan has ravaged the country, erasing the lives of entire communities, homes and livelihoods. Millions of people have become displaced, and many remain on the move in search of safety and protection. While initially internal displacement seemed a more viable alternative for many, with longer distance cross-border movements undesirable or unattainable for those intending to return in the foreseeable future, a prolonged stalemate in ceasefire talks and peace negotiations, further protracting the conflict, has prompted many to leave Sudan. Since the beginning of 2024, cross-border movements have been increasing more than internal displacement figures, demonstrating the desperation of people. After it was already dubbed the “world’s largest internal displacement crisis” in 2023, the UN called the situation in Sudan in early 2024 “one of the worst humanitarian crises in recent memory”.

Demonstrating the regional implications of the war on cross-border displacement, as of October 2024, over 2.9 million Sudanese and third-country nationals have fled the country crossing into Chad (815,000), the Central African Republic (35,228), Egypt (1,200,000), Ethiopia (149,000), Libya (100,200) and South Sudan (803,341). Those who do not have the opportunity or means to depart face widespread fighting and violence, causing immobility and generating (repeated) internal displacement, insecurity, a high risk of epidemic diseases, and hunger. Reports of sexual- and gender-based

violence and sexual exploitation and abuse of women and girls are rife, including in refugee camps across borders where many have sought refuge. In early August, after months of reported large-scale food insecurity, famine was confirmed in the Zamzam camp in North Darfur, other areas in Darfur at high-risk. According to the UN, it is estimated half of the population of Sudan is facing a hunger crisis. Sudan ranks among the top four countries globally for the highest rates of global acute malnutrition (GAM), impacting 13.6 percent of its population. Both warring parties in the conflict, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the RSF (Rapid Support Forces) have been accused of using starvation as a weapon. While peace negotiations have been slow and unfruitful, the multiplying impact of multidimensional crises including active conflict, hunger and climate shocks (floods) are leading to Sudan to a 'breaking point', as the International Organization for Migration (IOM) warned in early August. warned in early August.

## Target Audience

This conference seeks to engage a diverse range of actors central to a forward-looking discussion on **mixed movement**, including national and regional policymakers, donor country representatives, humanitarian practitioners, researchers, grassroots organizations and civil society activists. Moreover, the conference shall prioritize the participation of Sudanese displaced from the present conflict as well as those in protracted situations and/or third-country nationals from Sudan and their first-person accounts of the themes under discussion.

Priority will be given to actors working in or on Sudan and its neighboring

**countries**, namely Chad, the Central African Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, South Sudan, and Uganda. The participation of actors working farther afield in countries hosting newly displaced Sudanese and third country nationals in East and North Africa and Europe will also be encouraged.

The overarching aim is to bring together **displacement and migration stakeholders** and experts who represent a diversity of experiences and perspectives and are highly committed to reflecting on the state of play and advancing a roadmap that can guide future policy and programming on mixed movement.

## Conference Themes

The conference will be organized to critically explore the state-of-play with regarding to evidence, policy and programming on the following themes:

- Broader regional and route-based **mixed movement dynamics** linked to the Sudan war;
- Regional **policies** linked to visa regimes and access to asylum and protection, family reunification, and third country solutions for Sudanese and third-country nationals fleeing the war and the impact of policies on creating barriers to asylum;
- Experiences, challenges, and risks for **women and children** and other highly vulnerable groups, impacted by the Sudan war;
- **Food insecurity** as a stress multiplier factor within a context of multiple crises and mass displacement in Sudan;
- Current evidence blind spots on the mixed movement consequences of the Sudan war and possible **future scenarios**.

## Agenda

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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08:30 – 09:30 **Registration and breakfast**

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09:30 – 10:30 **Session 1: Setting the scene**

What are the most significant mixed movement trends related to the Sudan war that we are seeing at the 600-day mark? How is current programming across the region responding to or accounting for these dynamics?

- **Ms. Nisreen Elsaïm**, Sudanese Activist
  - **H. E. Kamal Gubara**, Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the UNON
  - **Dr. Mamadou Dian Balde**, Regional Director for East and the Horn of Africa and Great Lakes and the Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Sudan Situation, UNHCR
  - **Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio**, Regional Head of East and Southern Africa, Egypt and Yemen, MMC
  
  - **Moderator: Ms. Rebecca Kesby**, Journalist
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10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee**

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11:00 – 12:30 **Session 2: Data and evidence on the mixed movement consequences of the war**

This panel brings together the latest data and analysis to map displacement and routes, onward movement dynamics, future intentions, and geographies of risk.

- **Ms. Lavina Ranjan**, Data and Research Manager for East and Southern Africa, Egypt and Yemen, MMC
  - **Mr. Harry Cook**, Regional Thematic Specialist for East, Horn and Southern Africa, IOM
  - **Ms. Harriet Holder**, Regional Head of Programme for East Africa and Great Lakes, DRC and **Ms. Angeliki Karydi**, Protection Manager for Libya, Tunisia, and Algeria, DRC
  - **Mr. Stephane Savarimuthu**, Regional Senior Information Management Officer, UNHCR
  
  - **Moderator: Dr. Georgia Cole**, Chancellor's Fellow, University of Edinburgh
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12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

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13:30 – 15:00 **Session 3: Mapping the policy landscape**

This panel examines the protection landscape that Sudanese and third-country nationals fleeing Sudan face when they arrive in neighbouring countries and places of refuge farther afield. Panelists will explore how rights and services are ensured at a local, national, and regional level.

- **Dr. Sabelo Mbokazi**, Head of Labour, Employment and Migration Division; African Union Commission
- **Dr. Amira Awad Osman**, Abu-Alafya Foundation for Peace and Reconciliation
- **Ms. Enguday Meskele**, Director for the Department of the Rights of Refugees, IDPs and Migrants, Ethiopian Human Rights Commission
- **Moderator: Ms. Barbara Salcher**, Dialogue Coordinator, Khartoum Process
- **Discussant: Ms. Nour Moussa**, Researcher, University of Antwerp and Researcher working with Talent Beyond Boundaries

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15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee**

16:00 – 17:30 **Session 4: The experiences of women and children on the move**

Sudanese and third-country nationals fleeing the Sudan war have reported unprecedented rates of sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls. Moreover, assistance actors are seeing high levels of family separation and unaccompanied and separated children on the move. This panel discusses the experiences of women and children in this war and the targeted programming required to meet their needs.

- **Ms. Reem Alsalem**, Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, Its Causes and Consequences
- **Ms. Asma Taha**, Head of Implementation Gedarif, Save the Children Sudan and **Ms. Tsion Tefara**, Child Protection and Migration Thematic Director, Save the Children Ethiopia
- **Dr. Ishraga Mustafa Hamid**, Chairwoman, Mendy for Peace Culture and Diversity Management
- **Mr. Stephen Wandu Bimo**, Executive Director, I CAN South Sudan
- **Moderator: Ms. Omneya Ghamry**, Director of Policy, Advocacy and Communication, Save the Children – Egypt
- **Discussant: Ms. Nyatora Bang**, Deputy Director, MonyQadow

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17:30 – 19:00 **Reception – Rooftop Clubhouse (10th floor), Trademark Hotel**

Join us for informal networking over drinks and snacks. Live Sudanese music and walking art exhibition provided by [Contraband Art Collective](#).

## Agenda

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

08:30 – 09:30 **Breakfast**

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09:30 – 10:30 **Session 5: Blindspots, scenarios, and future planning**

With no end to the conflict in sight, what scenarios should we anticipate versus what are we prepared for vis-à-vis future mixed movement dynamics? What are our blind-spots? How can policy and programming actors ensure protection and solutions along the whole of mixed movement routes?

- **Mr. Edward O'Dwyer**, Senior Situation Coordinator, Office of the Special Envoy for the Central and Western Mediterranean Situation, UNHCR
  - **Ms. Li Fung**, Representative for Sudan, OHCHR
  - **Dr. Mariam Wagjalla**, President, DANIA for Diversity and Sustainable Development
  - **Mr. Paul Asquith**, Director of Research and Advocacy, Shabaka
  
  - **Moderator: Ms. Rebecca Kesby**, Journalist
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10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee**

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11:00 – 12:30 **Session 6: Shifting patterns of trafficking in persons and human smuggling**

Amidst reports that the demand for smugglers in Sudan has increased to help people move across borders and reports of heightened sexual violence and forced conscription by armed groups, this panel examines how human smuggling and trafficking dynamics are transforming in the midst of Sudan's war.

- **Ms. Binija Dhital Goperma**, Regional Programme Coordinator on TIP and Human Smuggling, UNODC
  - **Mr. Maxime Giraudet**, Key Expert and Senior Project Manager, Altai Consulting
  - **Mr. Morgan Mukhtar Ramadan**, Regional Coordinator of the Regional Operational Centre-ROCK
  - **Mr. Mutuku Nguli**, Chief Executive Officer, Counter Human Trafficking Trust-East Africa
  
  - **Moderator: Mr. Markus Hein**, Deputy Ambassador, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Sudan
  - **Discussant: Dr. Suad Musa**, Director General, Gender Centre for Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development in El Fasher, Sudan
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12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Session 7: Designing large-scale responses to meet the needs of Sudan and its neighbours**

How can and should international donors support actors on the ground in Sudan and the region to meet the needs of displaced Sudanese and third-country nationals? This panel brings together grant facility managers, donors, and grassroots organizations, as well as focal points working on Sudan Regional Response Plans and Sudan Humanitarian Response Plans.

- **Mr. Marcello Giordani**, Coordinator of the MMD Grant Facility, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- **Mr. Felix Volkmar**, Portfolio Manager, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) in Sudan
- **Ms. Alexandra Bean**, Regional Operations Director of East Africa and Great Lakes, DRC
- **Ms. Alexandra Farmer**, Deputy Director of Legal Aid Program and **Ms. Philippa Weichs**, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Saint Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS)
- **Ms. Gabrielle Fox**, Chief of Party, Cash Consortium of Sudan
  
- **Moderator: Ms. Wiesje Elferrich**, Deputy Ambassador and Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Sudan
- **Discussant: Ms. Marielys Padua Soto**, Researcher, American University of Cairo

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15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee**

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16:00 – 17:30 **Session 8: Reflections and synthesis**

The final session of this conference will be organized into three parts: a panel of youth directly impacted by the conflict, reflections from the moderators of each session, and an open discussion among all workshop participants. Moderators have been asked to share key recommendations and ways forward distilled from their sessions.

**Youth Panel**

- **Ms. Sheima Elrasheid**, Sudanese Youth Network, Kenya Chapter
- **Mr. Ali Osman Abdalla Abdelgadir**, Sudanese Youth Network, Sudan Chapter
- **Ms. Sarah Ali**, Project Coordinator, Mixed Migration Centre
- **Mr. Nagmeldin Daoud Abdalmoula Abdalla**, Uganda Chapter
  
- **Moderator: Ms. Rebecca Kesby**, Journalist

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17:30 – 18:30 **Reception in main conference area**



## Panelists



### **Ms. Nisreen Elsaim**

Sudanese Activist

Nisreen Elsaim is an accomplished climate and democracy activist with a Bachelor's in Physics and a Master's in Renewable Energy from the University of Khartoum, Sudan. Throughout her career, Nisreen has been actively involved in fostering community organization and has established over 13 organizations at local, regional, and international levels. Nisreen was the Chair at the Sudan Youth Organization on Climate Change (SYOCC), a youth-led organization committed to addressing climate issues; and, in 2020, Nisreen was appointed to chair the UN Secretary General Youth Adviser on Climate Change. In addition to her climate work, Nisreen was politically active during the revolution 2018 – 2019 in Sudan and was a voice representing young Sudanese. In 2022, Nisreen was selected as part of the inaugural cohort of the Marianne Initiative for Human Rights Defenders, a prestigious program initiated by the French president. Currently, she continues her work as a fellow at the Robert Bosch Academy, and Re.Generation leader by Prince Albert II foundation. She also serves as the General Coordinator for Youth and Environment - Sudan (YES), a platform dedicated to providing networking opportunities for environmentally-conscious youth.



### **H. E. Kamal Gubara**

*Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the UNON*

H. E. Kamal Gubara is a Sudanese diplomat and current Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan to the Republic of Kenya and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the UNON. Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993, he has served in various departments at the Ministry, including departments of the American Affairs, Protocol, Immunities and the European Affairs. Before taking up his duties as Ambassador in Kenya he served as Director of Economic & Technical Cooperation Department, prior to that he was the Director of the International Organizations Department. During his tour of duty at the Sudan Mission and Embassy in Geneva, Switzerland from 2014 to 2018, H. E. Kamal served as Deputy Head of Mission, Charge de Affaires a. i., and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office in Geneva. H. E. Kamal Gubara is fluent in English and Arabic (his mother tongue) and holds M. A. in International Studies, from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom in 1997 and B. Sc. in Economics and Political Science, from the University of Khartoum, Sudan in 1989.





### **Dr. Mamadou Dian Balde**

*Regional Director for East and the Horn of Africa and Great Lakes and the Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Sudan Situation, UNHCR*

Mamadou Dian Balde is currently the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Director for the Regional Bureau of the East, Horn of Africa, and the Great Lakes in Nairobi. Since June 2023, he has assumed the role of Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Sudan Situation. He has worked with UNHCR for over 25 years, with field postings in Africa (Benin, Liberia, Guinea, Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Chad, and Algeria), and Asia (South Korea), as well as at the organization's headquarters in Switzerland. Prior to his current assignment, Mamadou Dian Balde was the UNHCR Representative in Ethiopia. He was previously the Deputy Director of UNHCR's Division of Resilience and Solutions (DRS) at UNHCR's HQ in Geneva, where he oversaw and supported UNHCR's global programmes on education; livelihoods and economic inclusion; social protection; food security; and durable solutions. He has also served as the Acting Representative to the African Union (AU) and Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in Addis Ababa, and Head of the Comprehensive Solutions Unit in the Division of International Protection in Geneva. Mamadou Dian Balde holds a Ph.D. in International Law, from the Université



### **Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio**

*Regional Head of East and Southern Africa, Egypt and Yemen, MMC*

Dr. Ayla Bonfiglio is the Head of the Mixed Migration Center Eastern and Southern Africa | Egypt and Yemen. From 2019-2022, she was the Head of MMC's North Africa hub. For more than 15 years, she has worked on issues of forced migration and mobility. Her doctoral research (Maastricht University) examined how refugees and migrants make strategic decisions about their movements in relation to higher education. In this role, she conducted several hundred in-depth interviews with refugees and migrants in Kenya, South Africa, and Uganda. In 2016, Ayla co-founded the Conflict and Education Learning Laboratory (CELL) in the Netherlands, a non-profit research foundation. Formerly, she was a Research Officer at the International Migration Institute, Oxford. She obtained an MSc in Forced Migration from the University of Oxford and a BA (Hons) in Political Science from Columbia University where she won the Charles Beard Prize for her dissertation on refugee self-reliance. She has worked and carried out research in a number of countries across North and Sub-Saharan Africa, and for a variety of organizations, including GIZ, ICMPD, IOM, UNESCO, UNODC, and UNHCR.



### **Ms. Rebecca Kesby**

*Journalist*

Rebecca Kesby is a regular presenter for the flagship international news programme “Newshour” for the BBC World Service and an award-winning documentary maker in audio and short film. Rebecca’s most recent documentary “Iraq’s Secret Women’s Shelters” went on air 31.10.24 on the subject of safehouses for victims of domestic violence and the brave women who face arrest, imprisonment and death threats to run them. She has reported from many parts of the world, including China, Russia, Ukraine and Pakistan, as well as many parts of Europe and Africa. Rebecca teaches broadcast journalism, most recently, at Goldsmiths University in London.



### **Ms. Lavina Ranjan**

*Data and Research Manager for East and Southern Africa, Egypt and Yemen, MMC*

As the Regional Data and Research Manager at the Mixed Migration Centre, Lavina Ranjan leads research operations across East and Southern Africa, Egypt, and Yemen. Her career encompasses significant roles in humanitarian response and research, including positions at Chatham House, IOM, and REACH, where she has consistently demonstrated expertise in data-driven decision making and program management. With an MSPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Lavina has demonstrated strong capabilities in managing large-scale data collection efforts and coordinating multi-country research initiatives. Her experience includes managing emergency responses, conducting needs assessments, and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems across complex operational environments.



### **Mr. Harry Cook**

*Regional Thematic Specialist for East, Horn and Southern Africa, IOM*

Harry is the International Organization for Migration (IOM)’s Regional Specialist for Data and Research for East, Horn, and Southern Africa, based in Nairobi. He has led data science and research initiatives for IOM in various roles for over eleven years. Prior to joining this region, he led the organization’s evidence programming on trafficking in persons and migrant protection for IOM’s Protection Division, based in Geneva and Copenhagen. He previously covered the Middle East and North Africa from Cairo, during/after the Arab Spring.



**Ms. Harriet Holder**

*Regional Head of Programme for East Africa and Great Lakes, DRC*

Harriet Holder has 18 years' experience working with NGOs in West, Central and East Africa, with a background in Child Protection and Child Safeguarding. She has been the regional head of programmes for the Danish Refugee Council in East Africa and Great Lakes since June 2022, covering Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Prior to this, she was the head of programmes for DRC in Kenya from May 2017. Harriet heads up the regional team that supports DRC teams implementing Protection, Peacebuilding, Economic Recovery, Market Systems, Emergency Response, Alternative Financing, Anticipatory Action, Resilience, Climate Change and Environment, Humanitarian Disarmament, Localisation and Partnerships, Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning, Information Management and Borderlands projects in support of displacement affected communities across 71 field offices with more than 2,000 staff. Harriet has lived and worked in the East Africa and Great Lakes region since 2010.



**Ms. Angeliki Karydi**

*Protection Manager for Libya, Tunisia, and Algeria, DRC*

Angeliki Karydi is a Mental health professional with an MS in Social Clinical Psychology of Addiction and Psychosocial Problems. Angeliki has an experience of over 14 years as a Humanitarian response specialist in the fields of Protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) with different INGOs in North, West and East Africa and Europe. With expertise in General protection, GBV and MHPSS Angeliki has been spearheading protection programs and supporting coordination forums for Danish refugee council since 2017 in both country and regional roles. She has been working in diverse settings from complex contexts and emergencies to protected displacement and mixed migration flows settings. At the moment Angeliki is leading the protection programming as the Protection manager for Algeria, Libya and Tunisia.



### **Mr. Stephane Savarimuthu**

*Regional Senior Information Management Officer, UNHCR*

Stephane Savarimuthu is a dedicated humanitarian professional with over 20 years of experience in Data Management, Digital Identity Systems, and Analysis. His journey began in 2003 in Burundi, where he managed UNHCR's Identity Management Systems for asylum seekers and refugee protection. He later played a pivotal role in UNHCR's Population Registration and Identity Management System, including its adoption by governments such as Ecuador in 2007. Over the years, Stephane's focus expanded from identity management to analyzing data and building evidence to inform decision-making in complex humanitarian contexts. His diverse roles have included serving as Regional Data Analyst during the Iraq crisis, Shelter Cluster Hub Coordinator for IFRC and IOM in disaster-affected regions like Haiti and Pakistan, and Head of Information Management Units with OCHA in Iraq. From 2011 to 2018, he served as Emergency Data focal point at UNHCR headquarters. Currently, Stephane serves as a Senior Information Management Officer at UNHCR's Regional Bureau for East and Horn of Africa.



### **Dr. Georgia Cole**

*Chancellor's Fellow, University of Edinburgh*

Georgia Cole is currently a Chancellor's Fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Edinburgh. Her research focuses on the alternatives that people pursue to formal asylum pathways and works primarily with Eritrean refugees and migrants in Eritrea, East Africa and the Gulf States. More broadly, she is interested in exploring how displaced populations access durable solutions and how international and domestic politics affect this. At Edinburgh, she is involved in projects including the Mastercard Foundation-funded blended bridging programme for refugee and host community learners in Uganda. She has also worked on a project with the Mixed Migration Centre to design a longitudinal survey tool to capture how decision-making evolves among migrants in North and East Africa. Prior to this, Georgia was a Research Fellow at Newnham College, Cambridge, and the Joyce Pearce Junior Research Fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre in Oxford. She completed a DPhil in International Development at the University of Oxford. She is currently the Book Review Editor for *Journal of Refugee Studies* and has served on the editorial board for the *Journal of Eritrean Studies*. Alongside academic publications, she has written for outlets including *The Guardian*, *The Economist*, *The Independent*, *The Conversation* and *Open Democracy*.



### **Dr. Sabelo Mbokazi**

*Labour, Employment and Migration Division; African Union Commission*

Dr. Sabelo Mbokazi works at the African Union Commission as the Head of Labour, Employment & Migration. He has extensive experience in policy formulation, research and analysis, and advisory roles at Head of State and Minister levels. Dr. Mbokazi is charged with the responsibility to provide strategic action to advance the African Union Migration Policy Framework, as well as labour and employment policies to advance Agenda

2063. Dr. Mbokazi spearheaded several continental initiatives such as leading the establishment of Africa Migration Centres, Africa Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI), AU-Gulf Labour Migration Dialogue, Africa Cooperatives Centre, Africa Labour and Employment Council, and playing technical stewardship in the development of the AU strategy for Social and Solidarity Economy.

Dr. Mbokazi has extensive experience in multilateral institutions. He worked for SADC Parliamentary Forum and UN-IOM. He is Co-Chair of AU-EU continent-to-continent Migration and Mobility Dialogue. Currently, Dr. Mbokazi provides leadership to AU-EU-UN Tripartite Taskforce which coordinates repatriation of stranded migrants in Libya and along the Mediterranean area. Dr. Mbokazi represents AU and contributes to migration policy discourse in global technical working groups and communities of practice.



### **Dr. Amira Awad Osman**

*Abu-Alafya Foundation for Peace and Reconciliation*

Dr. Amira Awad Osman is a researcher with an interest in gender and forced migration, mixed migration, humanitarian intervention, diaspora communities and the use of evidence to inform policy-making. Her academic and non-academic experience has included working in Africa (primarily East and Southern Africa), the Middle East, and the UK. Dr. Amira has worked with different national and international NGOs including

the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Refugee Action, and Migrant Help. She has also worked with academic institutions including the University College London (UCL) and University College Dublin (UCD). She is a founding member of the Gender Centre for Research and Training (GCRT) in Sudan, and a former Council member of the International Peace Research Association Foundation (IPRAF) and a recipient of Senesh Fellowship from IPRAF. Her published articles include the “Sudanese women in civil society and their roles in post-conflict reconstruction,” “Good governance and the right of the displaced in Sudan,” and “Beyond the pan-Africanist agenda: Sudanese women’s movement, achievements and challenges.”



### **Ms. Enguday Meskele**

*Director for the Department of the Rights of Refugees, IDPs and Migrants, Ethiopian Human Rights Commission*

Enguday Meskele Ashine is the Director for the Department of the Rights of Refugees, IDPs and Migrants of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC). In this position, she plays key roles in leading and coordinating EHRC's programs on refugees, IDPs and migrants' rights. In her previous role, Enguday has served as an Assistant Professor of IHL and Human Rights at Wolaita Sodo University. She holds Master's degree in human rights from Addis Ababa University and a second master's degree in IHL and Human Rights from Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Switzerland. She has further attended several courses in the areas of international law including at the Hague Academy of International Law, University of Ghent and University of Pretoria. Besides her academic role at the University, Enguday undertook several studies and research work most notably on IDPs' rights and participated in national and international forums informing policy-level deliberations on human rights issues. Moreover, she published her research articles in reputable journal publications including Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press and Springer. Enguday is interested in forced migration topic, and she is an affiliate member of the Global Engagement Network on Internal Displacement in Africa (GENIDA), and member of Humanitarian Governance Observatory-Ethiopia Chapter.



### **Ms. Barbara Salcher**

*Dialogue Coordinator, Khartoum Process*

An experienced migration policy and project management professional, Barbara Salcher has a strong background in coordinating international programs across Europe, Africa, and Southeast Asia. She currently leads strategic initiatives in the EU-Africa Migration and Mobility Dialogue, facilitating high-level partnerships and providing policy guidance within the Khartoum Process. With over 15 years in migration policy, reintegration, and counter-trafficking, Barbara has held roles at ICMPD, IOM, and NGOs, combining her expertise in project development, stakeholder engagement, and team leadership to drive impactful, sustainable solutions in complex migration contexts.



**Ms. Nour Moussa**

*Researcher, University of Antwerp and Researcher working with Talent Beyond Boundaries*

Nour is a research manager for the ‘Skilled Migration for Refugees’ project funded by the World Bank. In partnership with Talent Beyond Boundaries (TBB), she is assessing the impact and scalability of emerging labour mobility pathways for refugees through quantitative and qualitative methods.

Previously, Nour worked at UNICEF’s headquarters in New York where she focused on advocacy, data and research efforts to protect migrant and displaced children’s rights and futures globally. She also designed the organisation’s ‘Youth on the Move Fellowship’ programme to offer migrant and displaced youth opportunities to work with UNICEF offices. Nour holds a MSc in Migration Studies from the University of Oxford and a BSc in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from the University of Warwick.



**Ms. Reem Alsalem**

*Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, Its Causes and Consequences*

Ms. Reem Alsalem was appointed United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences in July 2021 by the UN Human Rights Council for a three-year tenure. She started her tenure on 1 August 2021. Reem is an independent consultant on gender issues, the rights of refugees and migrants, transitional justice and humanitarian

response. She has consulted extensively for United Nations departments, agencies and programmes such as UN-Women, OHCHR, UNICEF and IOM, as well as for non-governmental organizations, think tanks and academia. Previously, she worked as an international civil servant, serving with the UNHCR in thirteen countries. During her service, she has planned, implemented, and monitored programs that served to protect persons that were survivors of gender-based violence, particularly women and girls. Reem has a Master’s in International Relations from the American University in Cairo, Egypt (2001) and a Masters in Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2003).





### **Ms. Asma Taha**

*Head of Implementation Gedarif, Save the Children Sudan*

Asma Taha is the Head of Implementation-Gedarif for Save the Children Sudan. Formerly, she was Project Manager for the East African Migration Routes (EAMR) project at Save the Children Sudan. Asma brings over six years of experience working with both international and local NGOs in Sudan, mainly in protection-including the area of populations on the move.

Asma's experience includes working in both humanitarian and development settings across different regions in Sudan, while also working in different contexts with refugees, migrants, IDPs and vulnerable host communities. Asma's current work with the EAMR project focuses on enhancing children and youth on the move protection, self-reliance, and wellbeing.



### **Ms. Tsion Tefara**

*Child Protection and Migration Thematic Director, Save the Children Ethiopia*

Ms. Tsion Teferra Zeleke is the Director of Child Protection and Migration at Save the Children, in Ethiopia. She has close to 14 years of experience serving as development practitioner in various capacities, working on areas of child protection and child rights promotion. She has frontline experience working with most vulnerable children, youth and families in development and humanitarian context, including with children in migration and displacement. For the past five years, Tsion has been leading the child protection and migration sector of Save the Children Ethiopia programme. Her work has focused on strategy and program development and management, and evidence-based advocacy to positively influence policies that promote rights of the most vulnerable and marginalized children, families and communities. Her work has also focused on durable solutions for children in migration and displacement. Tsion has a Master's of Social Work and Bachelor's of Psychology from Addis Ababa University.



### **Dr. Ishraga Mustafa Hamid**

*Chairwoman, Mendy for Peace Culture and Diversity Management*

Dr. Ishraga Mustafa Hamid is a writer, researcher, and civil society activist. She was born in Sudan, where she studied media before being forced to migrate to Austria, where she studied media and political science at the University of Vienna and obtained a Ph.D. in Political Science. She has worked as a part-time lecturer at the Institute of Political Sciences at Vienna University. She is co-founder of the NGO Mendy for Peace

Culture and Diversity Management and coordinates its projects. She has published and translated many books in both Arabic and German. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Gold Medal from the Government of the Austrian capital, Vienna.



### **Mr. Stephen Wandu Bimo**

*Executive Director, I CAN South Sudan*

Stephen Wandu Bimo is the Founder and Executive Director of I CAN South Sudan. I CAN South Sudan is a multi-sector refugee-led organization devoted to advancing the wellbeing of forcibly displaced persons, with a specific focus on vulnerable children and women. Stephen is also a member of the Refugee Advisory Panel for Cohere (UK). I CAN South Sudan serves over 800 vulnerable displaced children in Uganda and South Sudan,

providing protection, livelihood, education, peace, and environmental conservation programming. Stephen is an ambitious, vision-driven and entrepreneurial refugee leader with passion and determination to serve and advocate for refugees and specifically vulnerable refugee children and women. He registered as a refugee in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement in the north-western district of Yumbe, after fleeing South Sudan to Uganda in 2016. Before starting I CAN South Sudan, Mr. Wandu worked in South Sudan as project manager for an indigenous seed multiplication project at Bimo Agribusiness Association funded by Caritas Austria. He worked as Private Secretary for the State Advisor on Economic Affairs in South Sudan. He has a Bachelor's of Arts in Child Development from the Africa Renewal University in Uganda.



**Ms. Omneya Ghamry**

*Director of Policy, Advocacy and Communication, Save the Children – Egypt*

Omneya Ghamry is currently the Director of Policy, Advocacy and Communication at Save the Children-Egypt. Previously, she held the Human Trafficking, Migrant Smuggling and Displacement Portfolio at the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCCPA) of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. She has previously worked in the same area for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – ROMENA Office. Omneya also has experience coordinating EU Twinning projects for the Egyptian Ministry of International Cooperation. She has also conducted political, security and legislative analysis for the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in Egypt and in Bahrain. She holds a Master's in Security Studies from Brunel University in London, and a Master's in Euro-Mediterranean Affairs from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Law (LLB) from Alexandria University, Egypt.



**Ms. Nyatora Bang**

*Deputy Director, MonyQadow*

Nyatora, a refugee born to a South Sudanese family, grew up in South Sudan before fleeing to Kenya in 2014 during the civil war. She relocated to Dadaab Refugee Camp, where her experiences fueled her commitment to advocating for women's rights and eradicating gender-based violence (GBV). Nyatora holds a Diploma in Business Management and a Certificate in Business Management from Mount Kenya University. She also earned certificates in Information Technology from Chrisco Centre and Journalism from the South Sudan Media Forum. Her education and lived experiences have shaped her dedication to addressing the challenges faced by women in conflict and displacement settings. Currently, Nyatora works as a Protection Officer and Deputy Director at MonyQadow, an organization focusing on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), refugee women's rights, and adolescent sexual and reproductive health. She collaborates with UNHCR and RCK to combat GBV and advocate for the inclusion of women's voices in decision-making processes.



### **Mr. Edward O'Dwyer**

*Senior Situation Coordinator, UNHCR*

Edward O'Dwyer is the Senior Situation Coordinator at UNHCR, in the Office of the Special En-vo-y for the Central and Western Mediterranean Situation. He previously served as Deputy Re-pre-sentative for Protection in Chad, and in protection roles in the Division of International Protec-tion, Sub-Saharan Africa, MENA, the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Mr. O'Dwyer has a BA Business Studies (Personnel Management ) from the University of Limerick, a LLM in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law from Aberystwyth University, UK, and a Diploma in Legal Studies, and an Advanced Diploma in Migration and Asylum Law from the Honorable Society of King's Inns, Dublin.



### **Ms. Li Fung**

*Representative for Sudan, OHCHR*

Li Fung is the Representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Sudan. She is a human rights lawyer with over 24 years of experience working in human rights, protection, peace and security, development and humanitarian action in Africa, Asia, Middle East and the Pacific, and at UN headquarters in New York and Geneva.

Since joining the UN in 2006, Li has addressed human rights and protection issues through operational, policy, legal and political engagement at headquarters and multiple field locations. Li has served as Senior Human Rights Adviser to the Resident Coordinator and head of OHCHR in Kenya, coordinated the Protection Cluster in Palestine, and established an OHCHR programme on housing, land and property in Cambodia. At headquarters, she led a team supporting human rights components in UN peace operations, and previously worked on early warning. In addition, she has worked for the Office of the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict, leading engagement in the Middle East and Asia. Prior to joining the UN, Li worked as a lawyer in public and private sectors in Australia and Vanuatu, and also for Oxfam in the Pacific region.

Li is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria (Australia), and holds an LLM in international humanitarian and criminal law from the University of Melbourne, and an LLB and BA (Honours) from the University of Adelaide.



### **Dr. Mariam Wagjalla**

*President, DANIA for Diversity and Sustainable Development*

Dr. Mariam Mohamed Abdalla Wagjalla is an architect, urban planner and researcher from Sudan. She obtained a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the Faculty of Architecture, University of Khartoum, and a doctorate from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna. She worked in the Urban Planning Department in Khartoum for more than 20 years. She is currently the President of DANIA for Diversity and Sustainable

Development and an external lecturer at the Vienna University of Technology.



### **Mr. Paul Asquith**

*Director of Research and Advocacy, Shabaka*

Paul Asquith is Director of Research and Advocacy at Shabaka, where his work focuses on research and policy advocacy on migration, humanitarian response, and development. Paul has over 20 years' experience in managing development, public health, and research projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. Paul is also a Research Associate at the Centre of African Studies, SOAS, University of London, where his interests include

diasporas, migration, humanitarianism, and development in North Africa and the Horn.



### **Ms. Binija Dhital Goperma**

*Regional Programme Coordinator on TIP and Human Smuggling, UNODC*

With a dual education in International Criminal Justice, Criminology, and Communication, coupled with 15 years of experience with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Ms. Binija Dhital Goperma has a robust background in implementing programs related to migration, development, crime prevention, and criminal justice reform. Specializing in transnational organized crime, advocacy, and resource mobilization, Ms Goperma has

worked closely with victims and survivors, supporting national authorities in the rescue and repatriation of trafficking in persons (TIP) survivors. Ms Goperma has led several assessments, mainly on the issues related to TIP and SoM, criminal justice responses to sexual violence, and women in criminal justice.

Ms. Goperma has led numerous programs and offices in conflict, post-conflict, and fragile settings, including Sudan, South Sudan, and Nepal, focusing on marginalized and vulnerable populations. Currently she is the thematic lead on preventing and countering TIP and SOM in the MENA region, based in the Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa covering 10 countries (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, South Sudan, Jordan and Lebanon).



### **Mr. Maxime Giraudet**

*Key Expert and Senior Project Manager, Altai Consulting*

Maxime Giraudet is a researcher and policy advisor in the development sector, serving as a Key Expert and Senior Project Manager for Altai Consulting. His primary areas of expertise include socio-economic research and policy advisory in Africa and Afghanistan, with a focus on human smuggling and trafficking, governance, and fragility across these regions.

Maxime specializes in conducting research and evaluation with hard-to-reach populations on sensitive topics using both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Over the past decade, Maxime has led and contributed to dozens of high-impact research, policy, and evaluation projects. His clients and partners have included globally recognised organisations such as the OECD, the European Commission, UN agencies (including UNODC, IOM, and UNHCR), as well as think tanks such as the Mixed Migration Centre, and government bodies such as the AFD, French MFA, and FCDO. In addition to his work in research and policy advisory, Maxime served as a Judge-Assessor at the French National Court of Asylum (CNDA), and is a member of the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GITOC) network.



### **Mr. Morgan Mukhtar Ramadan**

*Regional Coordinator of the Regional Operational Centre, ROCK*

Morgan Mukhtar Ramadan is a French Sudanese national. He was a former Interpol officer and interpreter at the Sudan Ministry of Interior 2002 – 2004. Mukhtar was recruited by French Ministry of Interior in 2004 and worked as an Assistant to the French Police Attaché (ASI) 2004 – 2010. From 2010 – 2018, he served as the Deputy of Regional ASI for the Embassy of France in Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia. In 2019, he

was recruited by Civipol and currently is the Regional Coordinator of the Regional Operational Centre ROCK. He is an expert on police cooperation in East Africa and Arab the League.



### **Mr. Mutuku Nguli**

*Chief Executive Officer, Counter Human Trafficking Trust-East Africa*

Mr. Mutuku Nguli is an expert in the area of programme development models, peacebuilding and international conflict Management. A seasoned Director and Programme Manager with over 20 years' experience in international and national organisations in Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Tanzania and South Sudan. Mutuku has a Master's degree in International Conflict Management. He was awarded a Government of Kenya plaque for peace building in 2010 in recognition of his contribution towards the construction of the peace building and conflict management national policy and architecture in 2009, and was nominated for the award of the UN Kenya peace icon of the year in 2008 for his active role in conflict de-escalation during the post-election violence in 2007/8. He is the founder of the Usalama Forum on Security Sector Reforms and the Founder and the current Head of Counter Human Trafficking Trust-East Africa (CHTEA) established in 2018. Mutuku is the current Alternate Chair of the Kenya UN Migration Network besides UNODC and IOM. He is providing advisory roles to African Governments who are developing engagement frameworks for the Global Compact on Migration in relation to migration governance.



### **Mr. Markus Hein**

*Deputy Ambassador, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Sudan*

Markus Hein is the Deputy Ambassador for the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Sudan. Previously, he was the Regional Officer for Refugees and Migration in East Africa (2023-2024) at the German Embassy in Addis Abeba. Markus has served as Desk Officer for Goeconomics (2022-2023) and for G7 and G20 (2020-2022) at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, Germany. From 2017-2020 he was a Consultant for Ernst & Young in Dusseldorf, Germany. From 2017-2020 he was a Consultant for Ernst & Young in Dusseldorf, Germany.





### **Dr. Suad Musa**

*Director General, Gender Centre for Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development in El Fasher, Sudan*

Suad Musa holds a PhD in Peace Studies. She is the author of the 2019 Aidoo-Snyder Award-winning Book: "Hawks and Doves in Sudan's Armed Conflict. Al-Hakkamat Baggara Women of Darfur." She is a Fellow and Associate at the HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies in Nairobi, a feminist scholar, a writer in Arabic, a development practitioner and an activist on gender equality. She has extensive experience in the humanitarian and development field with national and international organizations in Sudan and abroad. She has worked as an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Qatar university and Bahrain and is a co-founder and the Director of the Gender Centre for Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development in El Fasher, Darfur, Sudan.



### **Mr. Marcello Giordani**

*Coordinator of the MMD Grant Facility, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)*

Marcello Giordani is an official of ICMPD and currently the Coordinator of the MMD Grant Facility. Marcello holds a Master's in Law from the University of Camerino, a Master's in Euro Projects Planning and Management, and is pursuing a PhD in International Relations at the L'Orientale University of Naples. Marcello has 30 years of experience, 4 years in the private sector as general partner and 26 years of management responsibility in the development context, including for the United Nations, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and International NGOs. Before joining ICMPD, Marcello worked as senior expert for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation based at the Development Cooperation Office of the Italian Embassy in Tunisia, where he managed a large multi-sectoral portfolio. Prior to this position, he served with UNDP as Deputy Director of the Egyptian Economic and Social Council (2010-2013) providing advice on socio-economic policy development and analysis to the Egyptian Cabinet. In 2009, he was the Director of the Italian debt swap programme (of 100 million USD) in Egypt, funding a wide spectrum of projects. Marcello previously held the position of Senior Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP Kenya in charge of the poverty reduction, private sector development and partnership unit (2005-2008). He was the portfolio manager of the Italian Cooperation in Kenya (2003-2005). Marcello's previous experience includes working in managerial and representation roles with a number of international NGOs in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Eritrea and Albania.



**Mr. Felix Volkmar**

*Portfolio Manager, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) in Sudan*

Felix Volkmar is a Portfolio Manager at the German Development Bank (KfW), responsible for the organisation's interventions in Sudan and Somalia, working with the World Bank, UN agencies, NGOs and the private sector. He previously worked for IOM and UNHCR and holds a Master's in Peace and Conflict Studies and a Master's in Peace Mediation.



**Ms. Alexandra Bean**

*Regional Operations Director of East Africa and Great Lakes, DRC*

Alexandra Bean is the Regional Operations Director for the Danish Refugee Council in the Horn of Africa. Alexandra has over fifteen years' experience leading and managing international humanitarian and development programs across Africa and Asia. She received a Bachelor of Applied Science from RMIT and holds a Master of Environmental Management and Development from the Australian National University. Alexandra is a native

English speaker with fluency in Indonesian and working proficiency in French.



**Ms. Alexandra Farmer**

*Deputy Director of Legal Aid Program, Saint Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS)*

Alexandra Farmer is Deputy Director of the Refugee Legal Aid Program at St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) in Cairo, Egypt. Alexandra supports management of the program's legal aid services on UNHCR mandate refugee status determination, protection, and resettlement for the refugee and vulnerable migrant community in Egypt. She also supports management

of StARS' emergency and holistic service provision in responding to the needs of refugees displaced by the conflict in Sudan. Alexandra's previous work experience is in Australian government and private immigration and refugee legal practice in Australia and the South Pacific.



### **Ms. Philippa Weichs**

*Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Saint Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS)*

Philippa Weichs is the Policy & Advocacy Coordinator at St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) in Cairo, Egypt. Philippa leads the organization's advocacy efforts on key issues including protection, education, health, climate and displacement, and meaningful refugee participation. Philippa also supports the advocacy initiatives of a network of refugee-led, community-based organizations across Greater Cairo and fosters collaboration with local and international partners. Her previous roles in international policy and advocacy have centered on human rights, humanitarian aid, and the protection of civilians.



### **Ms. Gabrielle Fox**

*Chief of Party, Cash Consortium of Sudan*

Gabrielle Fox is Chief of Party for the Cash Consortium of Sudan (CCS), a partnership platform focused on harmonized cash and markets strengthening assistance at scale to deliver better impact with and for conflict-affected populations, and to transform the humanitarian aid and development landscape in Sudan. In 2025, CCS partners aim to expand their reach to over 1.5 million people. The CCS is a multi-donor portfolio, currently supported by BHA, ECHO and FCDO. Previously, Gabrielle directed the Cash and Livelihoods Consortium for Iraq. She has worked on humanitarian and development assistance in East Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia for over 12 years. Gabrielle has degrees in Integrated International Studies and Art History, and a certificate in Public Policy Analysis from the London School of Economics.



### **Ms. Wiesje Elferrich**

*Deputy Ambassador and Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Sudan*

Helewise Johanna Elferrich is a distinguished professional with master's degrees in Human Geography of Developing Countries and Public Finance Management. With a robust career spanning over two decades at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she has accrued extensive experience in peacebuilding, strategic planning, civil-military interaction, security sector reform, and humanitarian issues. Helewise's notable positions include her current role as Deputy Head of Mission at the Netherlands Embassy for Sudan in Nairobi, Policy Officer in the European External Action Service, and First Secretary/ Security and Rule of Law Expert at the NL Embassy in Burkina Faso. Her career highlights also encompass advisory roles to military forces in Mali and Afghanistan, policy advisory positions at the European Commission, and significant contributions to rule of law reforms and development cooperation across various countries.



**Ms. Marielys Padua Soto**  
Researcher, American University of Cairo

Marielys Padua Soto is a multilingual lawyer and humanitarian professional specializing in migration, refugee rights, and the intersection of environmental and human displacement issues. With a strong academic foundation from The American University in Cairo's Migration and Refugee Studies program, she has developed expertise in critical areas including forced migration, Indigenous rights, and climate resilience. She brings hands-on experience from her work with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and other global entities, where she has tackled complex challenges faced by vulnerable populations in Latin America and the MENA region. An advocate for innovative approaches to migration governance, she has contributed to various publications, conferences, and projects addressing the needs of migrants and refugees.

## Youth Panellists



**Ms. Sheima Elrasheid**  
Sudanese Youth Network, Kenya Chapter

Sheima Elrasheid is a development and humanitarian practitioner and a project management specialist, and a member of the Sudanese Youth Network's Kenya Chapter in Nairobi. She holds a Bachelors in Chemical Engineering from the University of Khartoum, and now is pursuing a Master's in Business Administration from the Businesses School of Netherlands. Sheima has been actively involved in dynamic contexts in Sudan, contributing to various work with CSOs and local communities specifically with women, youth and children, supporting and advocating for education, protection, economic empowerment, human rights, inclusion, social cohesion, peace and democracy. Working in Sudan with different organizations (NNGOs and INGOs), donors and different departments at the Embassy of Switzerland, she possess an extensive experience working with populations displaced by conflict, Human Rights defenders and other relevant stakeholders.



**Mr. Ali Osman Abdalla Abdelgadir**  
Sudanese Youth Network, Sudan Chapter

Ali Osman Abdalla Abdelgadir is a member of the Sudanese Youth Network's Uganda Chapter in Kampala. Ali is a media and communications professional with a track record in coordinating high-impact campaigns, managing communications projects, and developing program content for international organizations. Prior to the outbreak of conflict, in 2020, he was a part of UNDP Sudan's Young Leaders Programme, and has a passion for leadership and public speaking, with a focus on promoting democratic transformation and civil rights in Sudan. He was also a contributor to the Youth Voices Research Project of the Life and Peace Institute in Sudan. Ali has a Bachelor's in Arts (Honours) from Al-Neelain University.



**Ms. Sarah Ali**  
Project Coordinator, Mixed Migration Centre

Sarah Ali is a Project Coordinator at the Mixed Migration Centre (MMC) ESA. She has spearheaded research operations in Sudan, Egypt, Chad, and Yemen. With extensive experience in the humanitarian aid and development sector, Sarah has worked with organizations like GIZ and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), on diverse topics such as economic recovery, migration and displacement, research, civil activism, political engagement, and development. She holds a Graduate Diploma in International Development from the University of London and a Bachelor's degree in Knowledge Management from the Future University of Sudan.



**Mr. Nagmeldin Daoud Abdalmoula Abdalla**  
Sudanese Youth Network, Uganda Chapter

Nagmeldin Daoud Abdalmoula Abdalla is a member of the Sudanese Youth Network's Sudan Chapter in Kassala State. Nagmeldin is a sustainable development policy and research specialist. He is the founder of Youth Change and Development Makers.