



Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa

Developing Policy-Oriented Research on Migration and Displacement in the Sub-Saharan Region

summer school

Nairobi 10-14 November
2025

Understanding Migration and Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa

Mon 10th Nov Migration Concepts, Frameworks & Challenges

9:00-9:15 Opening Session and Welcoming Remarks

Joachim Osur
Vice Chancellor of Amref International University

9:15-9:45 Introduction to the MAPS Project

Cristina Giudici
MAPS Scientific Coordinator
UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations
and Development, Sapienza University of Rome

9:45-10:30 Session 1 - Understanding African Migration: Patterns, Pathways, and Data

Christopher ZAPP
IOM Nairobi, Kenya

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-13:15 Session 2 - Setting the Stage

10:45-11:15 **Migration and Displacement. Definitions, Phenomena & Theories**

Cecilia Fortunato
UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations
and Development, Sapienza University of Rome

11:15-11:45 Migration and Global Health

Alberto Matteelli
UNESCO Chair on Training and Empowering Human
Resources for Health Development in Resource-Limited
Countries, University of Brescia

11:15-12:15 **Migration trends in South Africa**

Pedzisai Ndagurwa
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

12:15-12:45 **Migration trends in Eastern Africa**

Natal Ayiga
Kabale University

12:45-13:15 Migration trends in Western Africa

Ramadan Diallo
Deputy Director General of Scientific Research
Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research
and Innovation, Guinea

13:15-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:00 Working Group - The Four Pillars

Facilitators
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Migrants - Urban policies and practices, University Iuav of Venice

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PLANET Climate Change

Tue 11th Nov

9:00-9:45 Session 1

Shared Conceptual Frameworks

Petra Malisan UNESCO Chair Intersectoral Safety on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, University of Udine

9:45-10:30 Session 2

Climate Change and Its Impact on Natural Resources

Giovanna Grossi UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, University of Brescia

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:45 Session 3

Migration Effects from Rural to Urban Due to Climate Change

Srinivasa Rao Gadde Dodoma University

11:45-13:00 Session 4

Anticipating Movements. The Role of Predictive Models in Climate-Related Migration

Claudio Carnevale University of Brescia
Sabrina De Nardi University of Brescia

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:00 Working Group

Role Play on Climate Action, Migration, and Global Cooperation

Facilitators
Claudio Carnevale University of Brescia
Sabrina De Nardi University of Brescia



PROSPERITY Economic and Social Dimension of Immigration

Wen 12th Nov

9:00-9:15 Welcome Session

Sandra Sotelo Reyes University of Barcelona

9:15-10:15 Session 1 - Economy

Migration Decisions, Labour and Fiscal Impacts of Immigration: Challenges for Sub-Saharan Countries

Javier Vázquez Grenno University of Barcelona

Seeds of Prosperity: Analyzing Barriers to Agricultural Self-Sufficiency in Uganda's Refugee Settlements

Ruth Tibesasa Kabale University

10:15-11:15 Session 2 - Welfare

Equal Access to Urban Services & the Right to the City for All

Giovanna Marconi UNESCO Chair on Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants - Urban policies and practices, University Iuav of Venice

Mapping Access to Social and Health Services: Perspectives and Indicators Research

Alfredo Alietti University of Ferrara

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:00 Session 3 - Housing and Land

Housing Rights and Urban Integration: Navigating Affordability, Informality, and Displacement of Migrant Population in Policy and Practice

Laura Colini UNESCO Chair on Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants - Urban policies and practices, University Iuav of Venice

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:00 Workshop Session

Country and Topic-Base Focus

Alfredo Alietti University of Ferrara

Laura Colini UNESCO Chair on Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants - Urban policies and practices, University Iuav of Venice

Giovanna Marconi UNESCO Chair on Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants - Urban policies and practices, University Iuav of Venice



PEOPLE Health, Age and Gender

Thu 13th Nov

8:00-13:00 Field visits and outdoor activities

Return to Amref International University, Northlands Campus

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Session 1

Age and Gender in Migration Studies

Josephat Nyagero Amref International University

Jackson Tumwine Kabale University

15:00-16:00 Session 2

Migration and Mental Health

Lucy Njiru Amref International University

16:00-17:00 Working Group

Working Group: Gender, Health, and Generational Dynamics

Facilitators

Giuliana Polo UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations and Development, Sapienza University of Rome

Alessandro Feraldi UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations and Development, Sapienza University of Rome



PEACE Policies and Practices

Fri 14th Nov

9:00-10:00 Session 1

Peace in Practice: EU-Africa Cooperation on Migration and Asylum Policy

Enza Roberta Petrillo UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations and Development, Sapienza University of Rome

10:00-11:00 Session 2

Dialogue with Local Stakeholders

Facilitator

Sandra Sotelo Reyes University of Barcelona

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session 3

Wrap up and Preparation of the Posters for Plenary Presentations

Facilitator

Giovanna Marconi UNESCO Chair on Social and Spatial inclusion of International Migrants - Urban policies and practices University Luav of Venice

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:30 Session 4

Interactive Subgroup Discussion

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16:30-17:00 Closing Remarks

Cristina Giudici Maps Scientific Coordinator
UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations and Development,
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CRISTINA GIUDICI
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PhD, associate professor of Demography at Sapienza University of Rome and Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations and Development. She is coordinator of the doctoral curriculum in Demography, Ph.D. program on School of statistical sciences at Sapienza University of Rome, and member of the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD) Board. She is PI of the EU project "Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa (MAPS) Developing policy-oriented research on Migration and Displacement in the Sub-Saharan Region. She served as expert consultant for several national and international institutions, such as United Nations, UNESCO, Council of Europe, Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Ministry of Interior. She currently serves as a member of the UNESCO Liaison Standing Committee of the World Council for Comparative Education Societies (WCCES).



ALFREDO ALIETTI
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Associate professor of Sociology and Urban and Territorial Sociology at the University of Ferrara, Department of Humanities. He was a member until 2024 of the steering committee of the Research Network of European Sociological Association 31 "Racism, Anti-Semitism and Ethnic Relations". He is director of the Centre for the Development of International Cooperation of the University of Ferrara, co-director of the Laboratory of Urban Studies of the Department of Humanities. He is part of the Ecology, Politics and Society Italian network of scholars. His main topics of research are racism, discrimination, interethnic coexistence in urban contexts, urban policies, social resilience, environmental racism and environmental migration.



NATAL AYIGA
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Professor of Demography and Population Studies at Kabale University. I hold a PhD in Population Studies, a Master's in Demography, and a Bachelor of Social Sciences majoring in Economics and Sociology. I have undertaken advanced training in Modeling Demographic Dynamics, Sexual and Reproductive Health, including HIV/AIDS, Monitoring and Evaluation of Population and Health programmes in diverse contexts, and the application of Quantitative and Qualitative tools in data generation and analysis, demonstrating my deep technical competence in data acquisition and analysis. I worked on several research projects sponsored by MLGSD-Uganda, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, IOM and bilateral projects of USAID, contributing to understanding the impacts of forced displacement of nearly 2 million people in Northern Uganda during the LRA insurgency and other vulnerable population groups on topics that include HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Nutrition and well-being of children, and Gender Based Violence.



CLAUDIO CARNEVALE
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Received his M.S. degree in Electronic Engineering and the Ph.D. degree in Information Engineering from the University of Brescia, in 2001 and 2005, respectively. He is currently an Associate Professor with the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Brescia. His main research interests include modeling and control of deterministic nonlinear systems, online and offline data assimilation techniques, identification of nonlinear systems, and nonlinear optimization problems. He is the co-funder of the DATINNOVA startup.



LAURA COLINI
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PhD in Urban, Regional and Environmental Design, Habil. in Urban Studies. For over twenty years, she has worked on socio-spatial inequalities and multilevel public policies on housing and migration as researcher and policy advisor to major European programmes and international organizations. Programme Expert for URBACT (2004–2023), she advised hundreds of municipalities on housing, migration, education, culture, and urban regeneration. She contributed to EU Urban Agenda Partnerships on Affordable Housing, Urban Poverty, Migrant Inclusion, and Culture, and evaluated New European Bauhaus projects. Researcher at IUAV University of Venice (H-City, UNESCO Chair on Migration) and adjunct professor in Venice, Florence, and Paris (EUP). Co-founder of Tesseræ (Berlin) and MiMetis (Italy), member of the European Responsible Housing Award Jury, INURA, and Forum Sociale per l'Abitare.

Ph.D. student in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. Her research focuses on the impact of climate change on migration trends, emphasizing socio-economic analysis and modeling to support decision-makers. She collaborates on sustainable development projects aimed at enhancing resilience to climate change. She is the co-funder of the DATINNOVA startup.

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Deputy Director General of Scientific Research; Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, Guinea. He is a lecturer-researcher and research administrator. His research focuses on issues related to democratization in Africa and identity challenges. He favors multidisciplinary and cross-cutting approaches. He has taught several courses in Political Science at French and Guinean universities.

RAMADAN DIALLO
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Research fellow in Demography at Sapienza University of Rome. His main research focuses on the gender gap in health and survival, examining the contributions of age and causes of death to the gender gap in life expectancy, as well as the social and behavioral risk factors that may increase or decrease the gender gap in healthy life expectancy. His research also explores the spillover effects of state pension reforms on (healthy) work histories, investigating trends and inequalities – such as health, socio-economic disparities, and working conditions – that contribute to changes and differences in (healthy) working life trajectories.

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PhD in Demography working at Sapienza University of Rome. Her research focuses on migration and integration, investigating voluntary and forced mobility aspirations and realizations, migrants' well-being, economic and social inclusion, emerging aspects such as return and environmental displacement, policies and communication on migration issues. In her studies, she adopts an interdisciplinary approach leveraging quantitative and qualitative methods, spanning from texts' analysis, survey data analysis, to ethnographic interviews and focus groups.

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Professor of Statistics at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Dodoma. His research interests include medical statistics, migration and displacement, statistical inference, statistical process control, applied Statistics. He was recognized as a world scientist in the AD Scientific Index 2025. He is the President of the NSIA branch of Tanzania, the Neutrosophic Science International Association (NSIA), and a life member of the Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS). Editorial board member of the International Journal of Statistics and Reliability Engineering (IJSRE), International Journal of Statistics and Applied Mathematics, and Academic Editor of PLOS ONE.

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Associate Professor of Hydraulic Structures at the University of Brescia. She teaches a course in Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Urban Drainage within a master program in Civil and Environmental Engineering. She is currently leading the UNIBS research team in a national research project (URCA! - Urban Resilience to Climate Change), as well as in an European research project (LOESS - Literacy boost through an Operational Educational Ecosystem of Societal actors on Soil).

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Program Manager, UNESCO Chair on Intersectoral Safety on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, University of Udine, Italy, is a Civil Engineer with a PhD in Environmental Engineering. With two decades in Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, she specializes in innovative methodologies for multi-hazard safety assessments. She leverages extensive experience in coordinating international projects with UNESCO and European institutions to apply science and capacity building in mitigating environmental and climate-induced risks. Her work promotes knowledge transfer to strengthen resilience in areas vulnerable to natural hazards.

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