

# EMN SWEDISH PRESIDENCY CONFERENCE

Displacement and migration related to disasters,  
climate change and environmental degradation

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## SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

We are very proud to present the speakers and moderators at the EMN Swedish Presidency Conference *Displacement and migration related to disasters, climate change and environmental degradation*.

## 1. WELCOME SPEAKERS



**Ylva Johansson**, *Commissioner, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission*

Ms Ylva Johansson has served as European Commissioner for Home Affairs since 2019. Her responsibilities include developing a new EU internal security strategy, advancing measures to prevent and respond to terrorism, developing a New Pact on Migration and Asylum, strengthening external borders, reforming asylum, readmission and return rules, promoting integration and ensuring real legal pathways to the EU, by resettling those in need of international protection and offering job opportunities to skilled workers.

Prior to her joining of the European Commission, she had served in the government of Sweden as Minister for Schools from 1994 to 1998, as Minister for Welfare and Elderly Healthcare from 2004 to 2006, and as Minister for Employment from 2014 to 2019. She has been a member of the Swedish Riksdag since 2006.



**Maria Malmer Stenergard**, *Minister for Migration, Ministry of Justice*

Maria Malmer Stenergard is the Swedish Minister for Migration since 2022. Her areas of responsibility in the Swedish government include asylum and immigration policy, return, the connection between migration and development and issues concerning citizenship.

Maria Malmer Stenergard was a member of the Swedish Riksdag between 2014 and 2022. She holds a Masters of Laws from Lund University as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Information Systems from Uppsala University.



**Mikael Ribbenvik**, *Director General, Swedish Migration Agency*

Mikael Ribbenvik is the Director General of the Swedish Migration Agency (SMA) since June 1, 2017. He served as acting Director General September 2016-May 2017. He holds a Master of Laws (LLM) from University of Lund, Sweden, and has more than 20 years of experience in the field of human rights and migration.

Mr Ribbenvik served as Director for Legal Affairs of the SMA between 2008 and 2013 responsible for internal jurisprudence. From 2013 to 2016 he was Director of Operations and Deputy Director General responsible for managing and improving standards of performance within the operation of the SMA.

Mikael Ribbenvik is also the Chair of the Management Board of The European Union Agency for Asylum – EUAA. Mikael Ribbenvik has been a board member since 2013 and served as Deputy Management Board Chair 2019-2021. He has been the Management Board Chair since March 2021.

## 2. KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



**Koko Warner**, *Director, Global Data Institute, International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

Dr. Koko Warner is Director of the Global Data Institute (GDI) at IOM.

Koko has worked in the United Nations for over 16 years, directing research on climate change and migration, and climate risk management at the United Nations University before joining the secretariat to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Throughout her career with the United Nations, Koko has contributed to understanding, managing, and informing policy about adverse climate impacts. She conducted the first field-based studies of climate change and migration, and of loss and damage that informed the Paris Agreement. Prior to joining the UN system, Koko was a researcher at ETH Zürich at the WSL Federal Institute for snow and avalanche research working on comprehensive risk management in Davos, Switzerland. Koko received her PhD in Economics from the University of Vienna as a Fulbright Fellow, while working at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).



**Rainer Münz**, *Professor, Central European University*

Rainer Münz is an expert in Demography and international migration. He currently teaches at the Central European University in Vienna.

Between 2015 and 2019 he was Adviser on Migration and Demography at the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), the in-house think tank advising European Commission President J.C. Juncker during his time in office. In 2020-21 he worked at the Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (JRC-KCMD) of the European Commission in Ispra, Italy.

Prior to joining the European Commission, Rainer Münz was Head of Research and Development at Erste Group. He also worked as Senior Fellow at the European macro-economic think tank Bruegel (Brussels), the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI) and at the Migration Policy Institute (MPI, Washington DC).

In 2000-01, Rainer Münz was member of the German commission on immigration reform (Suessmuth commission). Between 2008 and 2010, he was Member of the high level 'Reflection Group Horizon 2020-2030' of the European Council (Gonzales commission). Between 2015 and 2019, he was chair of the Migration Advisory Board of the UN Organisation on International Migration (IOM). Currently he is one of the working group chairs of the World Bank's Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development trust fund (KNOMAD). He also is member of the Experts Council on Integration advising the Austrian government.

## 3. PANELISTS AND MODERATORS

### PANEL 1



**Joakim Palme**, *Chair, Delmi (Delegation for Migration Studies)*

Joakim Palme is professor of political science at the Department of Government, Uppsala University since 2009 and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences since 2020. Palme holds a PhD in sociology from 1990, Stockholm University, where he was employed at the Swedish Institute for Social Research for many years. He chaired the Swedish "Welfare Commission" 1999-2001. From 2002 to 2011 he was the Director of the Institute for Futures Studies in Stockholm. He was chairman of the Board of UNRISD in Geneva from 2017 to 2021. He is currently chairman of the Migration Studies Delegation. He has published extensively on the welfare state as a strategy of equality and the politics of the welfare state. Palme's research often deals with the tensions around population change and public policy. His publications include contributions to the social investment literature as well as to migration policy.



**Mariam Yassin Hagi Yussuf**, *Special Presidential Envoy for Migrants', Returnees and Children's Rights, Office of the President of the Federal Government of Somalia*

Amb. Mariam Yassin was born in Mogadishu, she fled Somalia in 1991 to reunite with her sisters and brothers in Turin, where her family had a house. In Italy she studied political science and did a masters in Anthropology and Comparative development. She later returned to Somalia and in 2015 and joined the Government. Prior to that she worked with IIDA Women's Development Organization, successfully running programmes aimed at reintegration of children formerly associated with terrorist, armed groups, women empowerment, health, among others.

Amb. Yassin has made remarkable contribution to the Khartoum process, the Arab league, AU horn of Africa initiative and IGAD's fora on the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration. Amb. Mariam Yassin continues to work towards the development of a legal and policy framework for protection of children and migrants/refugees in Somalia, but also Somalia joining all other global players in signing the UN treaty on Organized Crime (UNTOC) and its related protocol on Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants



**Walter Kälin**, *Envoy of the Chair, Platform on Disaster Displacement*

Professor Walter Kälin acts as the Envoy of the Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement. He provides strategic advice and represents the Chair in high-level public events while promoting the work of the Platform and raising awareness of the findings of the Nansen Initiative Protection Agenda. Walter Kälin is professor emeritus for international and (Swiss) constitutional law, University of Bern/Switzerland. He was a member of the Expert Advisory Group of the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement (2019-2021). He served as Representative of the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (2004-2010), as a member of the UN Human Rights Committee (2003-2008 / 2012-2014) and as Special Rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Commission on the situation of human rights in Iraqi occupied Kuwait (1991/92). From 2011-2015, he acted as director of the Swiss Centre of Excellence in Human Rights. He is also the former Envoy of the Chairmanship of the Nansen Initiative on disaster-induced cross-border displacement (2012-2015).



**Anders Jägerskog**, *Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, the World Bank*

Anders Jägerskog Ph.D is Program Manager of the Cooperation on International Waters in Africa (CIWA) Trust Fund ([ciwaprogram.org](http://ciwaprogram.org)). He is also the focal point at the World Bank for Transboundary Waters. His work focuses primarily on the African continent and on the Middle East and North Africa region but is also global. Previously he was Counsellor for regional water resources in the MENA region at the Swedish Embassy in Amman, Jordan; Director, Knowledge Services, at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) where he headed the Transboundary Water Management Unit and was work area leader for applied research. He managed the UNDP Shared Waters Partnership which facilitates and promotes dialogue and cooperation on transboundary water resources.

He is Associate Professor (Docent) at Peace and Development Research, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg where his work focuses on global water issues. He worked for Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs; at the Embassy of Sweden, Nairobi and at Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). In 2003 he finished his PhD on the water negotiations in the Jordan River Basin at the Department of Water and Environmental Studies at the Linköping University, Sweden. He has published over 100 scientific articles, book chapters, debate articles and reports on global water issues.



**Glynis Harrison**, *Secretary General, Namibia Red Cross Society*

Dr Glynis Harrison is the Secretary General of Namibia Red Cross Society. The mandate of the NRCS as is the mandate of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies broadly, is to be an auxiliary partner to their governments in disaster response, recovery and disaster management. The impact of climate change requires that there is an approach to understand the anticipated impacts in context and to devise mitigation and adaptation strategies to cushion impacts, but also to be ready to respond to humanitarian crises as a result of climate change impact. The NRCS's active involvement in this, is in support of the Office of the Prime Minister's Directorate Disaster Risk Management's efforts in regional climate change risk profiling, and this work is in conjunction with other stakeholders such as the environmental experts (such as the Meteorological service); the agricultural and water sector experts as well as the healthcare and social protection sector experts.

Dr Harrison holds a PhD in management studies - on operational effectiveness in small businesses by leveraging learning capabilities for performance. She has experience in academia and in international trade and investment promotion, as well as in international development work with socio-economic and humanitarian impact.

## PANEL 2



**Bernd Parusel**, *Senior Researcher, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS)*

Bernd Parusel is a senior researcher in political science at the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS) in Stockholm. His main research interests are in policies on migration, asylum, integration and borders in the European Union and the EU Member States. Before joining SIEPS, Bernd worked as a migration expert at the Swedish Migration Agency, where he was responsible for the European Migration Network (EMN). He also worked as a research coordinator at the Swedish Migration Studies Delegation Delmi (2015-2016) and as an advisor to a government-appointed, parliamentary commission on the future of Swedish migration policy (2019-2020). Bernd holds a PhD from the University of Osnabrück in Germany. Before that, he studied political science at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, and as an exchange student in Naples, Italy. Among his recent publications are SIEPS analysis papers on "The Ukrainian Refugee Situation: Lessons for EU Asylum Policy" and "Should They Stay or Should They Go? Frontex's fundamental rights dilemma". He also wrote the book "Pieces of the Puzzle: Managing Migration in the EU", published by the European Liberal Forum and the Swedish think tank Fores in 2020.



**Michael Shotter**, *Director, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission*

Michael Shotter, is a director in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, responsible for Migration and Asylum. He was earlier head of the unit, which is responsible for civil justice policy, having been a member of the European Commission's Legal Service over a number of years. Before his present post, he was Senior Legal Adviser in the private office of European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and previously worked in the private office of Commissioner Viviane Reding. He has a degree in law from Cambridge University and a licence spéciale from the Institut d'Etudes européennes in Brussels.



**Dina Ionesco**, *Senior Advisor on Migration, Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) & Vulnerable Twenty Group (V20)*

Dina Ionesco is a Senior Advisor on Migration for the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) and the Vulnerable 20 Group (V20), seconded by the UN Migration Agency, IOM. She leads the Migrants4Climate Initiative and develops activities with a focus on human mobility at finance, research and policy levels. Dina co-funded and co-directs the Webster University Geneva Master of Arts in Migration, Climate Change and the Environment. Over the past decade, Dina spearheaded the work on migration and climate change at IOM, establishing the first ever UN Migration, Environment and Climate Change focused division, IOM's first Environmental Sustainability Programme, leading the thematic contributions for the Paris Agreement and the Global Compact on Migration and developing programs and projects. She is the author of numerous publications, including the Atlas of Environmental Migration. Dina worked with the UN Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), with European Dialogue, and as an independent consultant in Denmark, France, and Switzerland. A Romanian and French national, she is trained in social sciences at the London School of Economics (LSE), Sussex University, and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.



**Lisa Andersson**, *Economist, International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

Lisa Andersson is a Labour market economist/policy analyst in the OECD International Migration Division. She is an expert on migration and has authored and co-authored a large number of reports, book chapters and working papers on multiple topics related to migration and migration policy, including return and reintegration, diaspora policy and highly skilled migration. Her current work focuses on the climate-migration nexus.

Lisa has more than ten years of experience leading research projects and conducting policy analysis related to international migration in academia and international organisations. Before joining the OECD, she was a researcher at the United Nations University Merit in Maastricht. Her research covered different aspects of migration policy, as well as the socio-economic impacts of migration in countries of origin. Lisa holds a PhD in Development Economics from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.





**Salvatore Petronella**, *Strategic Advisor, Labor Mobility Partnerships (LaMP)*

Salvatore Petronella is a migration governance specialist within the context of the EU external dimension, with a special focus on labor mobility and smuggling of migrants. He currently acts as Strategic Advisor at Labor Mobility Partnerships (LaMP) where he leads the development of proof-of-concepts targeting EU Member States' economies, the expansion of the Europe's portfolio and the policy engagement with international institutions.

He has previously coordinated the launch and consolidation of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF) at the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). At ICF International he has led various evaluation and impact assessment studies and contributed as senior expert to the works of the European Migration Network (EMN). At the European Commission (DG HOME) he has acted seconded national expert on integration policies. He has also relevant experience in consulting EU and UN specialised agencies and national decentralized bodies on migration policies.

## PANEL 3



**Elin Jakobsson**, *Analyst at FOI (Swedish Defence Research Agency)*

Elin Jakobsson, PhD, works at the Swedish Defence Research Agency. She holds a PhD in international relations and her research has focused on international policy making and norm diffusion regarding climate-related migration. She has published peer-reviewed articles, reports, book chapters and her doctoral dissertation on the subject. One of her recent publications is “How Climate-Induced Migration Entered the UN Policy Agenda in 2007–2010: A Multiple Streams Assessment” in *Politics and Governance* (2021). Elin has also previously worked with the Swedish Migration Agency.



**Matthew Scott**, *Senior Researcher, Human Rights and the Environment thematic area, Raoul Wallenberg Institute*

Dr Matthew Scott is a senior researcher and leader of the Human Rights and the Environment thematic area at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden. His primary area of expertise concerns legal issues relating to migration and displacement in the context of disasters and climate change. Working at the intersection of research and international technical cooperation, Matthew has published widely on the topic, addressing cross-border as well as internal displacement. He holds a PhD in Public International Law from Lund University and a MA in Social Anthropology of Development from SOAS. He practiced immigration and asylum law in London before entering academia. He is a member of the advisory committee of the Platform on Disaster Displacement and the editorial board of the *Yearbook of International Disaster Law*, and a founding member of the Nordic Network on Climate Related Displacement and Mobility.



**Chiara Scissa**, *Expert in International Protection and Human Rights, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies*

Chiara Scissa is a PhD candidate in Law Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa (Italy), specializing in disaster displacement. She has been designated by UNHCR as Expert in International Protection and Human Rights at the Territorial Commission for International Protection in Milan to determine claimants' need for, and if so to provide, a protection status in Italy.



**Göran Holmqvist**, *Director, Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency)*

Göran Holmqvist works at Sida, where he is director for the department responsible for Asia, Middle East and Humanitarian Assistance. He has a PhD in Peace and Development Research (University of Gothenburg) and a licentiate's degree in Economics (Stockholm University). He has extensive experience from various managerial positions within Sida as well as from research-related activities, most recently as Director of the UNICEF Office of Research/Innocenti in Florence and before that as a researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute. In academic journals, he has published research on the conditions for social security systems in developing countries and on the socio-economic consequences of income inequality.



**Raffaella Greco-Tonegutti**, *Lead Expert on Migration and Development, Enabel (Belgian Development Agency)*

Raffaella Greco Tonegutti (PhD) is the Team Leader in migration and development at the Belgian Development Agency, Enabel, where she focuses on Labour Mobility; Diaspora engagement; inclusion and (re)integration; and forced displacement. She has a background in Migration Studies, a PhD in Fundamental Rights (University of Pisa, Italy) and a MSc in international Cooperation by the Institute of Advanced Studies (University of Pavia, Italy). Before joining Enabel, Raffaella served as migration expert at the European Commission, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).



**Laurent Rucker**, *Head of the Mission for Democratic Governance, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs*

Mr Laurent Rucker is currently the head of Democratic Governance Department (French Foreign Affairs Ministry, Directorate for Sustainable Development). He is a former Lecturer in Political Sciences at Paris SciencesPo university and Head of Eastern Europe Department at the French Ministry of the Armed Forces. Mr Rucker is the author of the essay «Stalin, Israel and the Jews» which was published in 2001.

## PANEL 4



**Camille Le Coz**, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute (MPI)

Camille Le Coz primarily works on EU migration issues. Her research areas include EU policies on asylum, resettlement, legal migration, and integration. She came to MPI Europe from Altai Consulting, a research and consulting organization, where she was a Project Director responsible for the migration practice. She was based in Kenya and Afghanistan, where she managed various research projects for institutions such as the European Union, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and the International Organization for Migration. At Altai, she researched trafficking and smuggling, protection issues along migratory routes, as well as return and reintegration projects.



**Andrew Harper**, *Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Climate Action, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)*

Mr. Harper has over 30 years' experience working in the international and humanitarian communities, using innovative approaches to deliver impact, empowerment and accountability at the ground level. Now he is the Special Advisor for Climate Action for the UN Refugee Agency, driving a more ambitious approach to empowering those on the front lines of the climate emergency. Responsible for providing strategic guidance, oversight and expertise to shape UNHCR's response to the climate emergency, including how to anticipate and mitigate the impact of future crises.



**Amreen Jahan**, *Counsellor, Embassy of Bangladesh to Sweden*

Ms. Jahan is a counsellor at the Embassy of Bangladesh in Stockholm where she has been posted since 2020. She previously worked for several years in different positions for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangladesh. She holds a Master's degree in Sustainable development from the University of Uppsala.



**Michelle Leighton**, *Chief of the Labour Migration Branch, International Labour Organisation (ILO)*

Ms. Leighton is leading the Office's global program on Labour migration and mobility related to migrants and refugees, including work on implementing fair and effective labour migration policies and frameworks, fair recruitment practices, and global skills partnerships for migrant workers. She is an expert in international law, international human rights and labour standards, climate change related migration and displacement, and economic development. She currently serves as an expert appointed to the UNFCCC Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, Task Force on Displacement related to climate change. She has formerly served on the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Agenda Council on Migration, as UN University Chair on Social Vulnerability, and as a United States Fulbright Scholar in Central Asia.



**François Gemenne**, *Senior Research Associate and Director, The Hugo Observatory, University of Liège*

Mr. Gemenne is a specialist of environmental geopolitics and migration governance at the University of Liège, where he is a FNRS senior research associate and the Director of the Hugo Observatory. He also heads the Observatory on Defence and Climate of the French Ministry of Defence, jointly with Bastien Alex at IRIS. He is a lead author for the IPCC and he also lectures on climate change and migration policies in different universities, including Sciences Po and Sorbonne University in Paris. His research deals mostly with environmental and migration governance. He has worked in particular on populations displaced by environmental changes and the policies of adaptation to climate change, as well as on asylum and migration policies.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS



**Magnus Ovilius**, *Head of Sector Forecasting, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission*

Mr Magnus Ovilius is Head of Sector for the European Commission's Home Affairs Migration Forecasting, Contingency Planning, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring. He is responsible for monitoring and anticipating the developments of the EU migration flows on legal and irregular migration including asylum while regularly reporting these developments. Mr Ovilius is responsible for migration risk assessment, forecasting and contingency/resilience building in EU MS as well as preparedness including business continuity. Moreover, he is responsible for inputs and support to policy making including through the European Migration Network.

Magnus Ovilius is also Chair and Manager of the European Migration Network (EMN) which includes horizontal coordination, representation and negotiations with EU Member States, and EMN Observer countries: Norway, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Serbia, Montenegro and Armenia.