

Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa
Developing Policy-Oriented Research on Migration and Displacement in the Sub-Saharan Region



MAPS Conference 2025



Migration and Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa Towards a Knowledge-Based Agenda

The MAPS Conference 2025, scheduled for July 28th in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, aims to be an interactive platform for scholars, policy makers, practitioners, and key stakeholders to exchange knowledge on migration and displacement challenges across Sub-Saharan Africa.

The conference brings together diverse perspectives, connecting African and European academia, international organizations, EU agencies and delegations, civil society organizations, private sector representatives, media, diaspora communities, and national authorities actively involved in migration and higher education policy. The initiative prioritizes human rights, gender equality, environmental sustainability, and the protection of vulnerable groups such as women, children, minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Four thematic roundtables will be held to foster research, debate, and dialogue on key dimensions of migration and forced displacement, exploring the following areas:

- **People - gender, age, disabilities, vulnerabilities**
- **Planet - climate change, environmental disasters, natural hazard stressors, resilience**
- **Peace - conflicts, borders and border policies, human rights**
- **Prosperity - education, employment, health, housing, equality, socio-spatial inclusion**

The Conference is supported by the European Union in the framework of the project MAPS - Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa. Developing Policy-Oriented Research on Migration and Displacement in the Sub-Saharan Region.

The MAPS Project – coordinated by the UNESCO Chair in Migrations, Population, and Development at Sapienza University of Rome – promotes evidence-based policy solutions on migration and displacement and involves a multidisciplinary Consortium from Europe and Africa. Partner institutions include six Italian universities hosting UNESCO Chairs (Sapienza, Udine, Iuav Venice, Brescia, Ferrara, and Reggio Calabria), the University of Barcelona (Spain), the University of Dodoma (Tanzania), the University of Kabale (Uganda), and AMREF International University (Kenya). Advisory institutions contributing to the MAPS initiative include the IOM Regional Data Hub for West and Central Africa, the Catholic University of Rwanda, and the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa).

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Hybrid modality

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8:30-9:00 Participants Registration

9:00-9:45 Welcoming Remarks

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University of Dodoma, Tanzania

Giuseppe Coppola

Ambassador of Italy to the United Republic of Tanzania

Maurizio Busatti

IOM Tanzania Chief of Mission

Sobhi Tawil

Director of the Future of Learning and Innovation Division UNESCO

Marc Stalmans

Representative of the European Union Delegation
to the United Republic of Tanzania

Anna Peter Makakala

Commissioner of Immigration, Ministry of Interior, Tanzania

9:45-10:00 Introduction

Cristina Giudici

UNESCO Chair in Migration, Population and Development
Sapienza University of Rome - MAPS Coordinator

10:00-18:00 Advancing Analytical Approaches in Migration Studies

Roundtables on the 4 MAPS Pillars: People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity. Participants will engage in 4 Roundtables, each focusing on one of the MAPS Pillars. These sessions will adopt an interactive format with poster-based discussions, encouraging dynamic and inclusive dialogue. Each Roundtable will be supported by visual materials to foster a participatory and non-hierarchical environment.

10:00-11:30

Roundtable 1. People

Chaired by

Mihaela Vancea University of Barcelona

Keynote speaker

Opportuna Kweka University of Dar es Salaam

Planned interventions and discussion

Josephat Nyagero Kabale University

Godfrey Sempungu Kabale University

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Coffee Break

11.45-13:15

Roundtable 2. Planet

Chaired by

Claudio Carnevale University of Brescia

Keynote speaker

Valérie Golaz INED France

Planned interventions and discussion

Yonas Birmeta University of Addis Ababa

Srinivasa Gadde Rao University of Dodoma

Martin Pius University of Dodoma

Lunch Break

14:30-16:00

Roundtable 3. Peace

Chaired by

Alfredo Alietti University of Ferrara

Keynote speaker

Leben Nelson Moro University of Juba

Planned interventions and discussion

Enza Roberta Petrillo Sapienza University of Rome

Christopher Zapp IOM Kenya

Coffee Break

16.15-17:45

Roundtable 4. Prosperity

Chaired by

Giovanna Marconi University luav of Venice

Keynote speaker

Natal Ayiga Kabale University

Planned interventions and discussions

Hamid Oskorouchi University of Palermo

Edwin Paul University of Dodoma

Papa Sow The Nordic Africa Institute, Sweden

Coffee Break

18:00-18:30 Lessons Learned and Futures Directions

Claudio Carnevale University of Brescia

18:30 Closing Cerimony

Scientific Committee:

Cristina Giudici, Sapienza University of Rome
Alfredo Alietti, University of Ferrara
Francesco Castelli, University of Brescia
Claudio Carnevale, University of Brescia
Petra Malisan, University of Udine
Irene Maestro-Yarza, University of Barcelona

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Natal Ayiga, University of Kabale

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