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WEBINAR

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## MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPLICATIONS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Many migrants moving in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and natural disasters present physical and mental health needs related to their exposure to specific climate and environmental conditions. Yet, these migrants often experience significant barriers in accessing essential health and social services. The COVID-19 crisis highlights the need to urgently consider the migration, climate change and health nexus, as many migrants experience increased vulnerability.

This webinar will explore the linkages between COVID-19 and environmental migration. It will also be the opportunity for IOM to update Civil Society partners on the development of its institution-wide Strategy on Migration, Environment and Climate Change.

*The following questions will guide the discussion:*

- Understanding and anticipating the impacts of COVID-19 on the migration, environment and climate change nexus - What challenges can be expected?
- How can we “build back better” and include climate and migration dimensions in recovery efforts in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis?
- How can partnerships between Civil Society and IOM help seize available opportunities post COVID-19?

**Introduced by** Antonio VITORINO, Director-General, IOM

### Panelists

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**Closing remarks,** Nicoletta GIORDANO, Head of International Partnerships Division, IOM