

Reframing challenges of internal displacement in the Sahel



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Context and Justification

Complex and interlinking crises of instability and forced displacement in the Sahel region have shaped national, regional and international responses to humanitarian emergencies over the last decade. Sahelian states, humanitarian and military actors struggle to develop sustainable solutions to multiple challenges with dramatic consequences for local populations forced to flee. While Mali currently registers 350,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs), there are around 1.7 million IDPs in Burkina Faso.

Co-organized by two 2021 Summer Research Fellows on Internal Displacement at the School of Advanced Study, University of London and the Global Engagement Network on Internal Displacement in Africa (GENIDA), this conference aims to reframe internal displacement challenges in different Sahelian contexts and propose effective and practical solutions for internally displaced persons in the Sahel. Four researchers will be presenting their papers on different displacement contexts in Mali, Burkina Faso and the wider Sahel.

In his paper "Children affected by Displacement and the Right to Legal Identity in Mali" (2022), Daniel Ozoukou discusses roadblocks for the delivery of birth certificates to internally displaced children, who represent 64% of the forcibly displaced population in Mali, and the limited response of the Military government.

In "Socioeconomic Impact of the Crisis in North Mali on Displaced People" (2015), Dr. Alvin Etang-Ndip, alongside his co-authors, analyzes the impact of the 2012 crisis in Mali on internally displaced people, refugees and returnees.

In "Better to be raped than to be killed: A gendered analysis of internal displacement in Burkina Faso" (2021), Josefine Brons takes a gendered approach to the crisis of forced displacement in Burkina Faso. She analyzes how gender shapes experiences of displacement, violence, and solidarity among IDPs and host communities in the country.

In "The right to water for internally displaced persons in the Sahel region" (2022), Tiérowé Germain Dabiré, together with Dr. Sâ Benjamin Traoré, discusses and recommends legal and practical ways in which IDPs' right to water can be better realized in the current context of the Sahel region.



Overall Objective

The overall objective is to reframe internal displacement challenges in the Sahel region and encourage a debate on possible policy responses.

Date and Time

20 June 2022
4pm GMT

Specific Objectives

- To ameliorate the analysis and understanding of internal displacement in specific contexts across the Sahel
- To draw attention to issues of internal displacement, including civil registration of children and gendered dynamics, which will have a lasting impact on Sahelian societies, if they are not fully addressed by policymakers and practitioners now
- To bridge the gap between policy and research
- To present local perspectives on the framing and analysis of conflict
- To make policy recommendations on how to better address the challenges IDPs face
- To support advocacy initiatives for the rights of forcibly displaced children, IDPs' right to water and gender-sensitive approaches

Methodology

- 1.30- to 2-hour conference consisting of four presentations and a collective Q&A
- Four speakers will present their research in 10-15 minutes each
- Speakers are asked to present in English while preparing slides in French
- Members of the audience may make comments and ask questions in either language

Target Audience

Policymakers, civil society organizations, academics, practitioners, protection clusters in Burkina Faso and Mali, Legal Identity Working Group (Mali)

The Speakers



Josefine Brons, Dual Master's Degree Student, Sciences Po Paris and London School of Economics and Political Science

Josefine Brons is a graduate student in International Affairs at Sciences Po Paris and the LSE. She previously worked at UNHCR's Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal and was a 2021 Summer Research Fellow on Internal Displacement at the School of Advanced Study, University of London.



Daniel Ozoukou, Former Research Fellow Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility (New York)

Graduated in International Affairs from the School of Public engagement, New School University, New York (USA), Daniel Ozoukou earned a master's degree from the Law and Political Science Faculty, University of Nantes (France). Recently, he worked as a Research Fellow at the University of London's School of Advanced Study (UK) and the Zolberg Institute on migration and mobility in New York. Member of the Academic Council on the United Nations Systems, he published widely on forced migration, peace, and securitization issues.



Tiérowé Germain Dabiré

Tiérowé Germain Dabiré is a PhD Candidate in International Law at the University of Geneva and Visiting Scholar at Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law in Luxembourg



Alvin Etang Ndip

Alvin Etang Ndip is an Economist in the Poverty and Equity Global Practice at the World Bank. Previously a Postdoctoral Associate at Yale University, Alvin received his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Otago in New Zealand.

Moderator



Professor Lloyd Kuveya

Professor Lloyd Kuveya is the Assistant Director at the Centre for Human Rights University of Pretoria.

Program

Welcome remarks	Moderator
Paper presentations	Speakers
Q&A	Moderator

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