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# WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2023

## Migrants, Refugees and Societies

**Friday June 2, 2023**  
08:30 – 12:00

**University of Copenhagen: 'Festsalen'**  
Frue Plads 4, Main Entrance, 1168 Copenhagen

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The Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy, Dan Jørgensen, and the Migration Research Platform<sup>1</sup> at University of Copenhagen invites you to attend a discussion about the World Bank Groups flagship World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees and Societies (WDR23).

Migration is a development challenge. About 184 million people - including 37 million refugees - live outside their country of nationality, of which 43% reside in low- and middle-income countries.

With a rise in global challenges from climate-related disasters, economic imbalances, shifting demographic trends, conflict and war managing the impacts of migration is of global importance in the years to come. The WDR23 suggests that when migration is well managed it can contribute to economic growth and well-being in both countries of origin and destination and for migrants and refugees themselves.

By introducing a 'Match-Motive Framework' the WDR23 makes policy recommendations that can address human mobility, depending on how migrants' skills match the needs of destination countries and the underlying motives of their movements.

Join us for remarks by the Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy, Dan Jørgensen, a presentation of the report by the leading author Xavier Devictor and two panel discussions addressing economic migration and forced displacement.

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**Please sign-up to the event by sending an email to: ([mnsstud@um.dk](mailto:mnsstud@um.dk)) no later than May 30, 2023.**

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.migration.ku.dk](http://www.migration.ku.dk). We acknowledge co-funding from the Asian Dynamics Initiative (ADI), Copenhagen Center for Disaster Research (COPE) and the Department of Economics at the University of Copenhagen.



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- 08:30 – 09:00** Coffee and registration
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- 09:00** Welcome by moderator Professor John Rand, Head of Studies for Global Development, University of Copenhagen
- 09:00 – 09:15** Opening remarks by the Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy, Dan Jørgensen and Prorector Kristian Cedervall Lautau, University of Copenhagen
- 09:15 – 09:35** Presentation of the World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees and Societies by World Bank Co-Director of WDR23, Xavier Devictor

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**Panel session: Economic migration**

- 09:35 – 10:20** Panelists:
- Barbara Rijks, Sub-Regional Coordinator for the Nordic Countries, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
  - Peter Klansø, International Director, Danish Red Cross
  - Marie Gad, Director, Global Development and Sustainability, Confederation of Danish Industry
  - Xavier Devictor, Co-Director of WDR23, World Bank
- 10:20 – 10:30** Questions and answers

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**Panel session: Forced displacement**

- 10:30 – 11:15** Panelists:
- UNHCR (TBC)
  - Charlotte Slente, Secretary-General, Danish Refugee Council
  - Niels Harild, Policy Expert – Forced Displacement and Development
  - Xavier Devictor, Co-Director of WDR23, World Bank
- 11:15 – 11:25** Questions and answers

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- 11:25 – 11:30** Closing remarks by Ambassador for Migration, Return and Readmission, Jens Godtfredsen

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- 11:30 – 12:00** Networking