

Statements of Mubarak Isse
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3rd Global Consultation of Refugees and Migrants Health Meeting
Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco
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Representatives from United Nations agencies and other International Organizations.

Representatives from Inter-governmental organizations.

Delegations from the Member States

Other Invited guests

All Protocol observed

Good Afternoon ,

Distinguished Guests Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Kingdom of Morocco for the warm hospitality, I would also like to thank WHO, UNHCR and IOM for Co-Organizing this important meeting on third global consultation on refugees and migrants health in Rabat , Morocco.

Excellences,

It is a great honor and privilege to join you in this meeting of the third global consultation of refugees and migrant's health.

This global consultation of refugees and migrants is essential and timely to accelerate and coordinate the regional and global efforts towards promoting the health and well-being of refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons.

Somalia is the Member of WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region with the most refugees and internally displaced persons. 40 thousand refugees and Migrants have crossed from the neighboring countries on various points of entries mainly Ethiopia and Yemen and over 2 million internally displaced persons within the country.

Meanwhile, many other Somali refugees are living in our neighboring countries and we are grateful to the countries that host our refugees especially for our neighbors. The ongoing crisis in Sudan, we are also grateful to our UN and international partners who assist in the evacuation of our Somali citizens returning home.

Excellences,

Over the last years, we have worked with diverse partners in articulating our National Action Plan on durable solutions for these groups in line with regional, continental and global commitments to provide innovative and sustainable durable solutions for the refugees, migrants and internally displaced person's health.

More importantly, there is a need to conduct Refugee and Migrants Health Country assessment in Somalia to know the overall situation and get updated assessments used to our national priorities, and strategic plans to address the needs of the vulnerable groups including Refugees, Migrants and IDPs.

The member states and the UN agencies must work together to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals , which recognizes universal health coverage leaving no one behind, we must implement all global action plans and commitments on improving and promoting the health and wellbeing of refugees and migrants. To tackle the concerns related to the health of refugees, Migrants and Internally displaced person's health it needs leadership and transformative agenda from the member states and the support from the international partners.

Excellences,

Climate change increasingly affects people's health and well-being, specifically Refugees, Migrants and Internally displaced households, humanitarian catastrophes, recurrent droughts, extreme rainfall, food insecurity, cyclones in many areas and modifying the transmission of infectious diseases and other public health emergency events, resulting in large impacts on health.

Investing and building resilience health care systems and strengthening the capacity of member states to Implement of appropriate interventions to improve, protect and

preserve the health and well-being of refugees and migrants is also highly needed to reduce these impacts from climate change.

WHO Global action plans to promote the health of refugees and migrants, 2019-2023, which provides a roadmap and the guiding principles on promoting the health of Refugees and Migrants was a significant step towards advocating and promoting health of refugees and migrants across the globe.

Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen

In conclusion, The Somalia's vision to Refugees, Migrants Health will be in line with the National and International laws, policies on protecting the wellbeing and health of refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons in collaboration with our continental, regional and international partners.

We urge member states, United Nations and other stakeholders to take initiatives to protect and promote the health of refugees and migrants during this third global consultation of refugees and migrant's health in rabat, morocco.

I Thank you all.