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SUBJECTS OF THE MOMENT

*according to media, think-tanks, international organizations,
and other actors interested in international development and migration*

KING CENTER ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INITIATIVE; ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

The "Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change in the Global South" research initiative, funded by the King Center for Global Development, aims to investigate the effectiveness of adaptation efforts to climate change in developing countries. This scientific endeavour will result in a comprehensive study on adaptation programs and their impact on socio-economic indicators, political stability, and health. By bridging the gap in understanding the effectiveness of adaptation, the initiative seeks to provide evidence-based perspectives to policymakers in shaping future climate adaptation policies and funding priorities.

King Center, 07.03.2024: <https://shorturl.at/gnyG8>

NORWAY AND IOM STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS MIGRATION AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

The Norwegian Government has allocated approximately 6.6 million USD to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to support urgent migration and global humanitarian needs. The funding agreement was signed during a two-day high-level consultation between the Norwegian Government and IOM in Oslo.

IOM, 19.03.2024: <https://shorturl.at/bnyKS>



THE EU CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY DUE DILIGENCE DIRECTIVE IS FLAWED BUT COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY

The EU Council approved, on 15 March 2024, the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, targeting companies with at least 1,000 employees and a turnover of €450 million. The Directive requires large companies to assess environmental and human rights risks in their value chains. While there are concerns about the impact on small businesses, the Directive represents a significant advancement in regulating corporate responsibility in global trade. The European Parliament is preparing to approve the legislation on 24 April 2024.

Analysis, Chatham House, 22.03.2024: <https://shorturl.at/zQR49>

THE EFFICIENCY OF REFUGEE INTEGRATION POLICIES: LEGAL STATUS AND ACCESS TO THE LABOUR MARKET ARE CRUCIAL

A recent study on socio-economic integration policies for refugees reveals that legal status and access to the labour market are crucial for successful integration, not only facilitating immediate economic participation but also long-term social cohesion. Additionally, language training emerges as an effective intervention, improving both employment opportunities and social integration. On the other hand, active labour market policies yield more nuanced and context-specific results. While certain programs like job search assistance and vocational training show promise, their effectiveness may vary considerably among different refugee populations. In this context, policies for refugee integration tend to be more effective when adapted to their specific needs.

Report, CGD, 27.03.2024: <https://shorturl.at/tKUW8>



THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT APPROVED THE EU PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

The EU Pact on Migration and Asylum was adopted by the European Parliament on April 10 and will be transmitted to the EU Council for formal approval. After the legislation comes into force, EU member states will have two years to adjust their national laws to comply with the new revised Reception Conditions Directive. The European Commission is working on a general implementation plan, set to be completed by the end of the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council (June 30, 2024). Additionally, a "gap analysis" is underway for each member state, aiming to identify the necessary changes for implementing the new EU legislation.

ECRE, 12.04.2024: <https://shorturl.at/ryA18>

EUROBAROMETER: POVERTY IS A BIGGER ISSUE FOR EU VOTERS THAN MIGRATION

The Eurobarometer poll reveals that, in the context of the European parliamentary elections in June, illegal migration is not the main concern for European voters. Among the top priorities for European citizens are poverty, the cost of living, and social exclusion, with health, jobs, defence, security, and the climate crisis being more prominent than migration. The priority list varies by country – while Italy and Hungary show significant concerns about migration, voters in Sweden are more interested in climate change.

The Guardian, 17.04.2024: <https://shorturl.at/gopK8>



THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA: DEVELOPMENTS IN MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

Cyprus has halted the processing of asylum applications from Syrians arriving from Lebanon and Syria, in order to pressure the EU to designate certain parts of Syria as safe zones. The decision comes as a result of the increasing arrivals from Lebanon, prompting Cyprus to seek EU intervention regarding the situation in Syria. Meanwhile, Malta continues its collaboration with the Libyan coast guard, despite documented human rights violations. NGOs have called on Malta to end the returns to Libya, citing concerns about human rights abuses. Greek coast guard officers are under investigation for multiple offenses, including corruption and human trafficking.

ECRE, 19.04.2024: <https://shorturl.at/csvTZ>

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL: RETALIATORY SPIRAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST MUST END

UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, has issued a call to end the "dangerous cycle of retaliation" in the Middle East following reports of alleged Israeli strikes in Iran. The UN International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed "no damage to Iran's nuclear sites," urging "extreme restraint." In Gaza, UNFPA representatives provided insight into the population's suffering, warning of the "wanton destruction" of vital medical equipment and its negative effects on pregnant women.

UN News, 19.04.2024: <https://shorturl.at/BCMT7>



THE EMERGING GLOBAL DEBT CRISIS AND THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL AID

The world's poorest countries are facing a growing debt crisis, with over half of low-income developing countries burdened with unsustainable or at-risk debt, according to the IMF. The HIPC program from 1996 was initially a successful attempt to reduce the debt burden of the poorest nations, but now, with rising debts and overlapping crises, countries are struggling to secure debt restructuring from external creditors. China is solidifying its global role by providing financial assistance in the form of loans and swaps, yet these aids are different from those of the IMF or USAID, being less transparent and with harsher terms.

Analysis, CSIS, 18.04.2024: <https://shorturl.at/nCFHX>

USA: HOUSE APPROVES \$95 BILLION AID BILL FOR UKRAINE, ISRAEL AND TAIWAN

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a \$95 billion aid package for Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan with bipartisan support. The funding includes \$60 billion for Kiev, \$26 billion for Israel, and humanitarian assistance for civilians in conflict zones, including Gaza, as well as \$8 billion for the Indo-Pacific region.

New York Times, 20.04.2024: <https://shorturl.at/ejyJ2>



THE WORLD BANK SECURES \$11 BILLION IN PLEDGES TO BOOST LENDING FOR CLIMATE AND GLOBAL CRISES

The World Bank has obtained pledges of over \$11 billion from 11 countries to expand its financing capacity by \$70 billion over the next ten years. These funds will be used to address climate change, pandemics, and other global challenges through new financial instruments. Consequently, will be financed projects with cross-border benefits, such as those reducing greenhouse gas emissions or aiding in pandemic prevention.

Reuters, 20.04.2024: <https://shorturl.at/hsxE8>

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