INTERACTION CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGE 2023

As the largest U.S.-based alliance of international NGOs and partners, InterAction advocates for improvements across a broad range of policy areas. Advocacy areas include reforms to improve how the humanitarian and refugee systems respond to displaced people and targeting climate finance toward the most vulnerable. InterAction is also an information and learning resource for actors in the sector on approaches to housing, land, and property rights, and shelter and settlements programming. InterAction aims to address climate change across its portfolios.

InterAction pledges to:

1. Host one roundtable on climate and housing, land, and property rights for InterAction Members and partners in the first year.

2. Support IMPACT Initiatives and Catholic Relief Services in the development of an environment addendum to the Settlements Approach Guidance Note and conduct research for the Global Shelter Cluster on how the Settlements Approach can be used to address climate impacts.

3. Promote and disseminate the Settlements Approach online training to InterAction Members and partners.

4. Host at least one webinar in the first year in collaboration with the Global Shelter Cluster’s Urban Settlements Working Group co-chairs focusing on the Settlements Approach application in displacement, refugee, and mixed movements contexts.

5. Educate our Members within the forced displacement community about the tools and learning opportunities available through InterAction’s work.

6. Facilitate biannual events for InterAction Members to share best practices for integrating and mainstreaming climate change considerations in cross-sectoral projects and programs, with particular focus on locally led, gender-sensitive, and conflict-sensitive approaches in displacement settings.

7. Advocate for robust and consistent international climate finance from the U.S. government, Multilateral Development Banks, and other donors, particularly focused on climate adaptation and resilience needs for countries and communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts, including refugees and other displaced populations in settings that are fragile or conflict affected.

8. Advocate for the funding and operationalizing of the new Loss and Damage Facility in order to avert, minimize, and address climate-induced loss and damage.

9. Advocate with Members and external partners for the inclusion of refugees and other displaced populations in National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and other climate action policies and plans.

10. Using InterAction’s existing advocacy tracking tools, facilitate tracking of Member advocacy on issues related to situations of climate-induced forced displacement.