

‘SCIENCE IN EXILE’ WEBINAR SERIES

Conflict, violence, persecution, human rights violations and climate change are contributing to the forcible displacement of increasing numbers of people. Indeed, UNHCR registered record numbers in 2020—more than 80 million. Among those fleeing their country are scientists, doctors, engineers and others with advanced technical training.



This series of four webinars aims to raise awareness of and discuss key issues and challenges faced by at-risk, displaced and refugee scientists, and to support a stronger solidarity towards affected scientists. Each of the four webinars focuses on a different stage of the displacement cycle.

The unfolding emergencies: Ethiopia and Myanmar

22 June 2021

The webinar explores the impact of the unfolding emergency in Myanmar and Tigray region of Ethiopia on scientists and science, hearing first-hand from local scholars and from experts on *short-term* strategies to uphold science and higher education in times of crisis.

Long-term support of refugee and displaced scientists: the power of mentorship

30 September 2021

The webinar explores existing mentorship programmes for at-risk, displaced, and refugee scholars and scientists, hearing from mentors, mentees and hosting organizations, in order to identify good practices, gaps, and benefits of mentorship.

Protracted situation of displacement: Afghanistan, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen

28 July 2021

The webinar explores the impact of protracted situation of displacement on scientists and science, hearing first-hand from local scholars as well as experts on *long-term* strategies to uphold science and higher education in times of crisis.

Return of scientific personnel and reconstruction of infrastructure: Argentina, Iraq, Somalia, Sri Lanka

26 October 2021

The webinar explores case studies and strategies on rebuilding scientific infrastructures and communities, hearing first-hand from scholars who returned to their countries after being displaced, and policy experts in this field.

The [Science in Exile initiative](#) aims to create a network of like-minded organizations working together to develop a platform and roll out a coordinated advocacy campaign, so as to foster a cohesive response for the support and integration of at-risk, displaced, and refugee scientists.

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