Re-shaping the MIGRATION STORY

let’s begin to centre the hopes, decisions, and experiences of those on the move
1. Narrative

The political narrative that EVERY MIGRANT ASPIRES TO REACH EUROPE is guided by a narrow, Eurocentric view of human mobility.

In fact, migration between countries of the so-called GLOBAL SOUTH accounts for nearly HALF OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION globally, and up to 70% in some places.
2. Aspirations

While migration to Europe may be a hope or reality for many, it is less widespread and more nuanced than often presented, with many people preferring to move INTERNALLY or to a NEIGHBOURING country.
3. Decisions

Those who do move often do so as a result of multiple, complex factors including...

- Climate breakdown
- Conflict
- Inequality
- Transnational ties
- and more subjective factors such as imagination of a different future and love.
4. Displacement

POLITICAL NARRATIVES that refugees and other migrants are flooding EU shores DON’T REFLECT ACTUAL TRENDS.

LOW- and MIDDLE-INCOME countries host 85% of displaced people,

and some of these countries are LEADING THE WAY in INTEGRATING DISPLACED POPULATIONS into their societies.
5. Policy

Migration policies often display a SIMPLISTIC UNDERSTANDING of these complex processes that shape migration and displacement, leading to DANGEROUS, DYSFUNCTIONAL and INEFFECTIVE policies.