



International Dialogue on Migration 2017
**Understanding migrant vulnerabilities: A solution-based approach towards a global compact
that reduces vulnerabilities and empowers migrants**

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Conference room XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Final agenda

This workshop of the International Dialogue on Migration (IDM) 2017 aims to offer a global platform to discuss and analyse migrants' vulnerabilities and capacities, guide appropriate policy, programmatic and operational responses to address them, and enhance resilience through protection and assistance services. It aims at identifying challenges and proposing elements for consideration in the elaboration of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM).

The overall objective of this second workshop is to address all aspects of migrant vulnerabilities and challenges involved, by: (i) understanding migrant vulnerability and clarifying terminology; (ii) identifying vulnerability and assessing the causes; (iii) reviewing the protection systems available to international migrants and specifying the protection gaps and needs; (iv) fostering consensus on appropriate policy response to migrant vulnerability before, during and after migration processes; and (v) developing frameworks for inter-agency cooperation and collaboration on policies to prevent, address and sustainably resolve migrant vulnerability.

The outcomes of this workshop, along with those of the first workshop organized in New York on 18 and 19 April 2017, will be included in a comprehensive report that will feed into the GCM elaboration process as mentioned in the United Nations General Assembly resolution on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations (A/RES/71/280).

Day 1	
09:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:45	Opening
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Lacy Swing, Director General, IOM • Tijani Mohammad, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, Ghana • Peter Thomson, President, United Nations General Assembly (<i>Video message</i>)
10:45 – 11:00	Keynote remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship, Canada
11:00 – 11:35	Migrants’ Voices
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatumo Farah, Director, Himilo Relief and Development Association (HIRDA), The Netherlands • Monami Maulik, International Coordinator, Global Coalition on Migration
11:35 – 11:50	Setting the scene
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Houver, Deputy Director Department of Emergencies, IOM • Anh Nguyen, Head, Migrant Assistance Division, IOM
11:50 – 13:10	Panel 1 – Understanding migrant vulnerability: concepts, drivers, protection frameworks and gaps
	<p>Despite the growing prevalence and impact of migration, migration governance frameworks have not kept pace, and many migrants face significant protection risks during the migration process and after having reached their final destination. Protection frameworks for migrants fail to adequately implement migrants’ rights or to meet the needs of all vulnerable migrants in today’s world. It is important to underline that existing legal frameworks protect all individuals regardless of “category” and that all individuals are rights holders, but implementation needs to be better geared to meet the needs of all vulnerable migrants. The GCM will have to address these gaps, but clarity is required on what is meant by the terms “vulnerable migrant” and “migrant in a situation of vulnerability”, as well as on the type of protection and assistance that should be afforded to such migrants. It is necessary to understand the terminology and to agree on the best way forward in meeting the significant operational challenges of providing protection and assistance to significant numbers of migrants in need of such services. This session will build upon the first IDM event (18 and 19 April 2017), which focused on international cooperation and governance of migration towards identifying elements, models and commitments for the GCM. It will examine socio-demographic characteristics which, depending on the context, make some migrants more vulnerable than others: exploring gender, sex, age, ethnicity, disability, diversity and inclusion. This session will also discuss the adequacy of existing frameworks for addressing the protection and assistance needs in today’s migration context, identify protection gaps and discuss potential solutions to those gaps.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do global policy discussions address migrant vulnerabilities and what recommendations do they make?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can stakeholders’ understanding of migrant vulnerability be increased? • What protection frameworks exist? How adequately are they implemented? • How can protection elements be incorporated/adequately taken into account in different areas pertaining to migration? • How can migrant protection frameworks be better operationalized? <p>Moderator: Vincent Chetail, Professor of International Law, Director, Global Migration Centre</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanette Thomas, Minister of Political and Public Affairs, Sierra Leone • Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh • Edward Hobart, Migration Envoy, Europe Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom • Matteo Biffoni, Mayor of Prato, Italy • Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)
13:10 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 16:30	Panel 2 – Identifying migrant vulnerabilities – structural and situational factors of vulnerability
	<p>Migrant assistance and protection practitioners face significant challenges in identifying vulnerable migrants in migration flows who are in need of services. These challenges stem not only from the magnitude of migration flows and the different forms of protection risks to which migrants are exposed, but also from the lack of a comprehensive definition of “vulnerable migrant” and the inconsistent implementation of protection frameworks. This can lead to vulnerable migrants “falling through the cracks”. Furthermore, given the range of vulnerabilities, root causes and push and pull factors influencing migration decisions and patterns, there is no “one-size-fits-all” protection and assistance package to address the needs of vulnerable migrants or groups of vulnerable migrants. This session will map vulnerabilities and discuss challenges associated with identifying migrant vulnerability and assessing assistance needs. It will consider which categories of migrants could be deemed “most vulnerable” (level/degree of vulnerability) and in which contexts, as well as factors such as crisis and governance; lack of social cohesion (due to discrimination, xenophobia, racism, stigmatization, marginalization, alienation, social exclusion); trafficking; smuggling; environmental degradation/climate change; and disasters. The panel will present current practices and processes to identify vulnerable migrants in need of protection and assistance, with a view to learning from existing systems at country level.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should issues related to vulnerable migrants be addressed in the GCM? • What are the protection needs of different legally recognized categories of vulnerable migrants, such as refugees, victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants? • What are the health determinants and vulnerabilities of migrant populations? • Can the assistance to vulnerable migrants framework serve to address protection needs of migrants who do not fall within these categories?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the international community promote effective and coherent response to the protection and assistance needs of all vulnerable migrants, regardless of context or migration status? <p>Moderator: Lilana Keith, Advocacy Officer, Labour Rights and Children’s Rights, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Makakala, Commissioner General of Immigration Services, Immigration Services Department, United Republic of Tanzania • Aud Kolberg, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway • Roxana Castro de Bollig, Director of Protection and Assistance to Nationals, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru • Elda Gladis Tobar Ortiz, Executive Director, Salvadoran Institute for Comprehensive Protection for Children and Adolescents (ISNA) • Natapanu Nopakun, Director of Social Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
16:30 – 18:00	Panel 3 – Applying policy and operational frameworks in a migration context
	<p>Migrants sometimes engage in unsafe and irregular migration practices, for a variety of personal, social, economic, political and environmental reasons. However, attempts to prevent unsafe and irregular migration rarely address the full range of factors involved. Similarly, protection risks faced by migrants en route vary significantly for a number of reasons, including age, gender, socioeconomic status, migration status and migration routes. Upon arrival in their final destination, many migrants remain vulnerable to violence, abuse, exploitation and rights violations. Migrants who return or are returned to their communities of origin to face circumstances similar to those that prompted their migratory process are likely to engage in further unsafe and irregular migration practices in the future. This panel will discuss responses currently in place at the policy and operational levels to address migrant vulnerability before, during and after migration.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What types of policies and practices can be proposed to prevent irregular and unsafe migration before the migration process begins? • Which policy and operational frameworks/responses reduce the vulnerability of migrants to violence, exploitation, abuse and rights violations during the migration process? • How can responses, at policy and practical level, to trafficking and exploitation in emergency settings reduce the vulnerability of crisis-affected communities? <p>Moderator: Elizabeth Ferris, Research Professor, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Fernanda Rodríguez, Deputy Secretary of Access to Justice, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina • Ola Henrikson, Director General, Department of Migration and Asylum, Ministry of Justice, Sweden • Ayoade Olatunbosun-Alakija, Chief Humanitarian Coordinator, Emergency Coordination Center, Nigeria

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pia Oberoi, Advisor on Migration and Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) • Nilambar Badal, Program Director, Asian Human Rights and Culture Development Forum (Asian Forum – Migrants’ Center)
End of first day	

Day 2	
10:00 – 11:30	Panel 4 – Integration and social inclusion as a means of addressing and mitigating migrant vulnerabilities
	<p>Vulnerabilities can often lead to the exclusion and marginalization of migrants, resulting in rights abuses and anti-migrant sentiment. It is therefore important to engage at both the local and national levels to mobilize the actions of various stakeholders in order to address the challenges faced by migrants. Key players include local communities, migrant organizations (including members of the diaspora and migrants themselves), governments and the private sector. This panel will address the matter from multiple perspectives (e.g. health and labour market perspectives). Health is a human right and a precondition for migrants’ successful integration. Leaving no one behind – addressing the health needs of migrants, and their access to health and other services – facilitates integration and social inclusion. Employment plays a critical role in facilitating economic inclusion, thereby enabling migrants to be active contributors to social and economic development.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can migrant integration and social inclusion be enhanced in the host society? • What role can the private sector play in building social cohesion and promoting diversity? What role does culture play in facilitating the social cohesion and integration of migrants and in promoting diversity? • What role do local authorities and city planners play in preparing the ground for newcomers? • What kinds of policy responses for each stage of migration can help ensure successful integration and inclusion? • How can changing the negative discourse on and public perception of migrants and migration in general contribute to successful integration outcomes? <p>Moderator: Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson, United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Vice-President International Association for Community Development, Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University, Ireland</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina Del Corral, Secretary General of Immigration and Emigration, Secretariat General for Immigration and Emigration, Ministry of Employment and Social Security, Spain • Carlos Arturo López Damm, Ambassador, Undersecretary of Migration and Consular Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador • Timur Shaimergenov, Deputy Director, Head of the Policy Analysis Center, The Library of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hibaq Jama, Councillor, City of Bristol • Daniel Klein, Founder of the project “The Perennial Plate” (documentary series)
11:30 – 13:00	Panel 5 – Promoting resilience and agency in support of vulnerable migrants
	<p>This panel will discuss the protection needs of specific populations (i.e. children and women on the move and young migrants), examine the specific situations of both regular and irregular migrant workers and address issues such as labour exploitation, access to decent work, recognition of qualifications and informal work. The panel will also focus on the conditions of extreme vulnerability associated with people who are unable to flee from crisis-affected areas and their specific needs for emergency and livelihoods assistance. The discussion will examine the policy options for a more concerted focus on prevention of human-made crises, for example, through joint humanitarian–development and peacebuilding efforts that seek to address root causes. A key consideration in this panel will be how to build peaceful and secure environments in communities of origin, transit and destination.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can stakeholders engaged across the humanitarian–development nexus better tailor their responses to situations of migrant vulnerability, exploitation or displacement to build individual and community resilience, and engage migrants in crafting solutions to their situations? • How can policies and responses that harness the potential positive contributions of migrants in transit, destination and return communities be crafted to mitigate migrant vulnerability? • How can national and international stakeholders increase the implementation of resilience-based strategies that embrace mobility, particularly with regard to labour mobility schemes? • What do “universal health coverage” and “leaving no one behind” mean for migrants? How can these principles be achieved? • What continuum of support should be provided in different contexts, for example when making a key transition from solely/mainly humanitarian interventions to more development-oriented ones? • How can stakeholders support migrants in mitigating risks and diversifying opportunities, thereby reducing migrant vulnerability to displacement? <p>Moderator: Daniela Reale, Child Protection and Children on the Move Lead, Save the Children</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khadijetou Mbareck Fall, Minister Delegate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania, responsible for Maghreb and African Affairs, and Expatriate Mauritians • Javier Dario Higuera, Director of Migration, Consular Affairs and Citizen Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia • Daniela Nuñez Pares, Director of Institutional Coordination for Migrant Health, General Direction of International Relations, Ministry of Health, Mexico • Mechthilde Fuhrer, Deputy Executive Secretary of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe • Sikander Khan, Director, Geneva Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF • Chidi King, Director, Equality Department, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

13:00 – 15:00	Break
13:30 – 14:15	Side event
	<p>Book launch: <i>Migrants in Disaster Risk Reduction: Practices for Inclusion</i></p> <p>Moderator: Vincent Houver, Deputy Director Department of Emergencies, IOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denis Mcclean UNISDR’s Chief, Communications and Outreach Communication and Media Unit • Mechthilde Fuhrer, Deputy Executive Secretary of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe • Lorenzo Guadagno, Manager - Migrants In Countries In Crisis Capacity Building Programme, IOM
15:00 – 17:00	Session 6 – Towards a global compact on migration: comprehensive and coordinated initiatives to reduce vulnerability and empower migrants
	<p>This session will discuss how to operationalize the protection of migrants in vulnerable situations in the GCM. The session will discuss how to successfully mainstream specific challenges of vulnerable populations, mobilize international coordination to address migration governance, and reflect on concrete policies and programmes to prevent, address and sustainably resolve migrant vulnerability. Discussions will consider different regional and international approaches to address migrant vulnerability and explore how to mainstream these approaches in the development of the GCM. The session will equally provide the opportunity to examine the roles of various actors and how to engage them while maximizing coordination and cooperation opportunities and avoiding duplication of efforts and resources (i.e. whole-of-government approaches, the role of civil society in inclusion and changing the narrative, diaspora contribution to empowering migrants, and reducing vulnerabilities).</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What roles do the various actors have in preventing and addressing migrant vulnerability? • How can international cooperation and coordination efforts to address migrant vulnerability and empower migrants be strengthened? • How can the multilateral system foster discussions and consensus on the inclusion of these issues in the GCM?
15:00 – 16:00	Panel 1
	<p>Moderator: Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Jashi, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the State Commission on Migration Issues, Public Service Development Agency, Ministry of Justice of Georgia • Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners, Interim Director of the Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT) • Marius Olivier, Director, Institute for Social Law and Policy (ISLP), Extraordinary professor, Faculty of Law, Northwest University

16:00 – 17:00	Panel 2
	<p>Moderator: Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, IOM</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh • Mahboub Maalim, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) • Christine Matthews, Senior Policy Adviser, Office of the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration • Mirela Stoia, Director, Immigration Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Wrap-up and closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, IOM
End of workshop	