International Dialogue on Migration 2017

Strengthening international cooperation on and governance of migration towards the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018

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DAY ONE	
10h – 11h30	**Opening Session**
	• **William Lacy Swing**, Director General, International Organization for Migration (*Opening remarks)* • **Peter Thomson**, President, United Nations General Assembly • **Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations • **Louise Arbour**, Special Representative of the Secretary General for International Migration
11h30 – 13h	**Panel 1 – Implementing the SDGs and other major frameworks: how the Global Compact on Migration can help meet commitments made**
	In light of its significance to the international policy agenda, migration has become a recurring feature in many of the global frameworks adopted by Member States in recent years. It is also central to many bodies of international law, including human rights and international humanitarian law, amongst others. However, despite this wide attention, there are many gaps in the way migration is addressed. Specifically, implementation of the migration commitments requires an enhanced operational capacity and resources. This panel will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the ways in which migration is reflected in major frameworks dealing with the development, humanitarian and human rights aspects of migration, to identify the gaps in coverage across the various agendas, and to determine how the Global Compact on Migration can address those gaps and otherwise operationalize the commitments made to date. Moderator: **Juan José Gómez Camacho**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Suggested speakers: • **Ahmed Hussen**, Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship, Canada • **Isata Kabia**, Minister of State II, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Sierra Leone • **Ola Henriksson**, Director General, Department of Migration and Asylum, Ministry of Justice, Sweden

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	• **Robert J. Vitillo**, Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission • **Jeffrey Sachs**, Director, The Earth Institute, Columbia University To following questions are proposed to guide the discussion: • How have governments integrated the migration dimensions of major development frameworks, in particular the SDGs, in their policies and programs at the national level? • Which best practices have been implemented to address social and other costs of migration, provide means to maximize the positive outcomes of migration for migrants, their families and communities (supporting ethical recruitment, developing channels for cheaper, faster and safer transfers of remittances in both source and recipient countries, creating enabling conditions for knowledge and skills exchange, migrants' access to health, education, gender empowerment etc.)? • What are challenges in the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies? How can the Global Compact on Migration help to address these challenges and support the implementation process of the SDGs?
13h – 15h	**Break**
15h – 16h30	**Panel 2 – The Global Compact on Migration as a tool for migration governance and the role of global and regional actors**
	The New York Declaration sets out the aim for a Global Compact on Migration (GCM) as an important contribution to the global governance of migration and coordination of efforts on migration among States as well as all relevant stakeholders. The GCM would present a global comprehensive framework for heightened collaboration on all aspects of international migration, including the humanitarian, developmental and human rights. This panel will discuss means to enhance governance and coordination on international migration at the global and regional levels. There will be a focus on strengthening migration governance capacities of States to enable them to respond to multidimensional challenges of human mobility. These challenges include but are not limited to the most complicated ones, such as: protection of migrants at risk, facilitating labour migration, and arrangements for return and reintegration consistent with international standards.

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	The panel would also look at how to improve coherence within and among different levels of governance and how to mainstream the role of international and regional actors in migration governance frameworks. Moderator**: El Habib Nadir**, Secretary General, Ministry in Charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, Morocco Suggested speakers: • **Luigi Maria Vignali**, Principal Director for Migration Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy • **Paddy Torsney**, Permanent Observer of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to the United Nations • **Gregory Maniatis,** Co-director, Columbia Global Policy Initiative, International Migration Project, Senior Advisor, Open Society Foundations The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion: • Do we have a common understanding of 'migration governance'? What are the various aspects of governance, and how can they be addressed in a global compact? • How can the GCM contribute to improve international and regional cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions (including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration)? • How can the GCM help to define the roles and responsibilities of countries of origin, transit and destination, to promote dialogue and address drivers of migration and irregular migration in a holistic manner? • How can regional and international fora facilitate intra-regional dialogue to develop coherent and effective governance frameworks, for example to fight human trafficking and expand regular pathways for migration?

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16h30 – 18h	**Panel 3 – Reaching a-whole-of-government approach to migration: national and local perspectives**
	The law and policy affecting the movement of people are not restricted to any single issue, but include many economic, social, environmental and humanitarian dimensions. At the same time, the impacts of migration are most evident at the local level. This implies involving all parts of government, from the national to the local level, as well as all ministries with responsibilities touching on the movement of people. This panel will explore whole of government approaches to migration governance, look at the various institutional mechanisms in place in certain countries and how they work together, and focus on how to streamline migration governance at national and local levels. Moderator**: TBC** Suggested speakers: • **Guillaume Long**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador • **Elona Gjebrea Hoxha**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Albania • **Bart Somers**, Mayor, City of Mechelen, Belgium • **Apollo David Kazungu**, Commissioner for Refugees, Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion: • Which institutional mechanisms are in place at national and local level to manage migration and how they are working together? • How can we improve adequate legal migration frameworks at national level and horizontal coherence and coordination within states? What has been done to strengthen governance capabilities? • In defining the Global Compact, what lessons could be learned from a review of different approaches? Where has success been achieved? How can these best practices be built upon? • How can the Global Compact promote a whole of government approach to migration governance?

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DAY TWO	
10h – 11h30	**Panel 4 – Building from the ground up: promoting a whole-of-society approach to good migration governance**
	Good governance of migration requires the involvement and contribution of key stakeholders involved in managing the daily realities of migration or personally touched by the experience of migration. As the GCM is also an opportunity for correctly framing the perspective about migration and changing the often distorted discourse about it, it is crucial that the realities of migration are accurately reflected in the set of common principles, commitments and understandings about migration the international community is aiming at agreeing on. This panel will discuss ways to ensure that the perspective of relevant stakeholders, from local institutions to the civil society, private sector, to diaspora communities, migrants, origin and host societies, schools, academia are taken on board throughout the elaboration process and beyond during the implementation stages of the GCM. The panel will try to define the role and the contribution expected from these actors in the process towards the GCM. Moderator: **Ashley William Gois**, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia Suggested speakers: • **Carmen Muñoz Quesada**, Vice Minister of Government and Police, Costa Rica • **Firudin Nabiyev**, Chief, State Migration Service, Republic of Azerbaijan • **Hisham Badr**, Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt • **Maj.Gen. (RTd) Gordon Kihalangwa**, Director, Department of Immigration Services, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya • **Sarah Cliffe,** Director, Center on International Cooperation (CIC), New York University The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion: • How can civil society and other relevant actors best organize themselves to contribute to migration policy and its implementation? • In view of the role of the private sector and civil society in managing the day-to-day impacts of migration, how can governments work with these groups to promote well-managed migration?

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	• What role will these actors have after the adoption of the GCM to assist States in fulfilling their commitments?
11h30 – 13h	**Panel 5 – The Global Compact on Migration: an opportunity to synergize the efforts of the international community**
	In order to ensure that international commitments translate into actual assistance to people who need it, international organizations should help States strengthen their responses and cooperation. This implies a need to strengthen the UN's leadership and capacities on migration. As the former SRSG, Peter Sutherland outlined in his report, there are 5 core areas where organizations must strengthen cooperation to perform better: 1. Anticipate and respond quickly to movements in a crisis, 2. Speak with one voice to deliver political messages, 3. Support and monitor implementation of SDG commitments, 4. Support "soft law" development and the formulation of common standards, 5. Work towards the conclusion of new, issue-specific treaties. This panel seeks to develop these themes into practical, actionable points and to share best practices already existing in these areas. Moderator: **Götz Schmidt-Bremme**, Ambassador for the 2017-2018 GFMD Co-Chairmanship, Federal Foreign Office, Germany Suggested speakers: • **Mehmet Samsar,** Director General for Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey • **James Cockayne**, Head of Office, United Nations University (Chairmanship of the Global Migration Group (GMG)), New York • **Thomas Gass**, Assistant Secretary General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) • **Maria Pia Belloni Mignatti**, World Organization for Early Childhood Education, Chair of the NGO Committee on Migration The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion:

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	• How can we reach a greater system-wide coherence? (Engagement of UN with international financial institutions and private sector, engage with civil society, migrants, national governments) • How can international organizations help MSs in building genuine consensus towards a Global Compact? • How can we make the best use of relevant existing processes, mechanisms and initiatives in the field of migration? • In the modalities resolution, IOM was called to jointly service the negotiations and preparatory process to develop the global compact by "extending the technical and policy expertise required". Which concrete recommendations can be addressed to IOM to help the Organization fulfil its role and maximize its assistance to MS in the preparatory process for the GCM?
13h – 15h	**Break**
15h – 16h30	**Panel 6 – Implementing the Global Compact on Migration: existing and envisaged cooperation and follow-up mechanisms**
	The GCM should not just be intended to reiterate obligations and principles regarding international migration, but it should be envisaged as putting forward a set of actionable commitments, ways and means of translating them into practice and a framework for follow-up and review of implementation. This panel will look at cooperation mechanisms required for the implementation of the compact and at mechanisms for taking stock of progress achieved towards the commitments set therein, in order to ensure that the unachieved objectives remain under consideration by Member States in the medium and long-term. The discussion will also contemplate on tools for financing the development of capacities necessary for the implementation of the GCM. Furthermore, it could also help define the role of various stakeholders in the upcoming stages of the GCM process with a view of streamlining efforts and rationalizing resources. Moderator**: Laura Thompson**, Deputy Director General, International Organization for Migration

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	Suggested speakers: • **Jürg Lauber**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations • **Margaret Pollack**, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, United States Department of State • **Berenice Valdez Rivera**, Coordinator of Public Policies, Institute for Women in Migration (IMUMI) • **Austin Fragomen**, Chair, GFMD Business Advisory Group, International Organization of Employers The following questions are proposed to guide the discussion: • What mechanisms currently exist to facilitate cooperation regarding migration? What could be envisaged? • What has been done to enhance "cooperation at the national, regional and international levels on all aspects of migration" as outlined in the New York Declaration? • What cooperation gaps exist? How can these gaps be filled? • Looking ahead, how can we build the necessary consensus to consider in the future cooperation in areas where there is no agreement to cooperate for now? Will the global compact help in this? • How can we support States and regions whose priorities are aligned to the aspirations of the Agenda 2030 and the global compact, but that lack the necessary resources and capacities to put them into effect?
16h30 – 17h	**Closing remarks**
End of Workshop	