



Inter-sessional Workshop

Protecting Migrants During Times of Crisis



Immediate Responses and Sustainable Strategies

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Chair's Summary

- International migration **will always be a factor** in crises;
- Destination and origin countries need to **factor their migrant population into planning for emergencies**;
- How **migrants' human rights** are protected before a crisis will **directly affect their level of vulnerability and exposure to abuse** during a crisis;
- When stranded in crisis situations, migrants exposed to **specific vulnerabilities**;

Chair's Summary (ctnd.)

- States using **diverse strategies** to reach out to migrants during crises;
- Return to home country: **sometimes inevitable** to protect migrants caught in crises; **not without longer-term consequences**;
- **No one actor** can ensure the protection of migrants during crises: **multiple levels of coordination required**.