

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

First informal thematic session on “Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance”

Palais des Nations, Room XIX, Geneva, 8-9 May 2017

Organization of work

Day 1: Monday, 8 May 2017

10:00 – 10:15

Opening Segment

Welcoming remarks by the co-facilitators • H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

- H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations

Remarks by Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference

10:15 – 13:00

Panel 1. Human rights of all migrants

This panel will address issues related to the human rights of all migrants with a focus on practical implementation of international norms, as well as identifying and analysing specific challenges at all stages of migration, including the needs of migrants in vulnerable situations.

- Ms. Monami Maulik, Advocacy Coordinator, Global Coalition on Migration
- Mr. Benjamin Lewis, Advocacy Coordinator, International Detention Coalition
- Ms. Paola Cymment, Project Officer, Comisión de Apoyo a Refugiados y Migrantes (CAREF)

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch and space for side-events

15:00 – 17:50

Panel 2. Social inclusion and cohesion

This panel will explore ways and means to promote social cohesion in destination societies. The panel would focus in particular on the promotion and protection of economic, social, political, and cultural rights, including in respect of health, education, and adequate standard of living.

- Ms. Sharon Moshavi, Senior Vice President, New Initiatives, International Center for Journalists
- Ms. Michele Levoy, Director, Platform of International Cooperation on

Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

- Ms. Anita Bay Bundegaard, International Advocacy Director and UN Representative, Save the Children

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Evan P. Garcia, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

17:50 – 18:00 Closing remarks by the co-facilitators

Day 2: Tuesday, 9 May 2017

10:00 – 10:05

Welcoming remarks by the co-facilitators

- H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

10:05 – 13:00

Panel 3. All forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance

This panel would examine ways to confront discrimination, racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance against migrants, including through national law that protects their rights, ensures equal access to justice, and through public discourse that supports a positive attitude towards migrants.

- Mr. Richard Wilson, Co-Founder, Stop Funding Hate
- Ms. Piya Muqit, Executive Director, Justice Centre
- Mr. Mutuma Ruteere, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jānis Kārklīšs, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations in Geneva

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch and Space for side-events

15:00 – 17:30

Summary Panel: Synopsis of the main conclusions and outcomes

Moderators present the key recommendations resulting from their panels

Mr. Francois Crepeau, the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, thematic expert for this first informal thematic session, provides a short overview of the main discussions

- Interactive exchange between the moderators, the thematic expert and Member States on the outcomes of the session

17:30 – 17:50

Co-facilitators will draw the main conclusions on the interlinkages and the overarching theme of the session.

17:50 – 18:00

Closing remarks by the Co-facilitators