UNOG-DCAF Seminar
The role of good governance of the security sector in orderly, safe and regular migration

27 June 2019, 10.00-12.00
Palais des Nations, Room V, Geneva

Background and objectives

Transnational migration is predominantly perceived as a controversial issue in many states. Yet, international migration is here to stay and most likely set to increase due to various factors including demographic pressures, economic disparities, violent conflict, climate change and persisting human rights abuses. Furthermore, migration today has increased in complexity, intensity, and diversity with migration streams consisting of mixed flows including refugees, economic migrants, asylum seekers, and IDPs.

The challenges that arise therein have put the fairness and effectiveness of national policies, systems and border controls under pressure, including the successful integration of migrants. Yet, opportunities are also apparent and, in particular, the links between migration and development are well established as evidenced in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

From this perspective, acknowledging that migration is a key issue cutting across the fields of human rights, development, and peace and security, this joint UNOG-DCAF seminar will explore the challenges of security sector governance (SSG) related to migration, within the contexts of countries of origin, transition and destination. In particular, it will explore the consequences for the SSG-migration nexus following the adoption of the Global Compacts for migration and refugees in December 2018.

The objectives of the joint seminar are a) to better understand the intersection of SSG with the various dimensions of migration; b) to situate the role of SSG with regards to various stages of migration flows in countries of origin, transition and destination; and, c) to identify entry points for future SSG engagements in the context of migration.

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Registration
Kindly register for the event at at https://reg.unog.ch/event/29392/
Programme

09.30-10.00  **Arrival of participants** (light refreshments will be served)

10.00-10.10  **Welcome and opening remarks**

Thomas Guerber, Ambassador, Director, DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

10.10-10.30  **Key Note address**

António Vitorino, Director General, International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

10.30-11.15  **Panel Discussion**

Her Excellency Socorro Flores Liera, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Mads Frilander, DDG Regional Head of Programme, East Africa and Great Lakes/Global Conflict Analysis Advisor, Danish Refugee Council

Ellen Hansen, Head of Governance Service, Executive Office, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Peggy Hicks, Director of OHCHR’s Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures, and Right to Development Division

*Introduced and moderated by*

Thomas Guerber, Ambassador, Director, DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance

11.15-11.55  **Audience Questions**

11.55-12.00  **Concluding Remarks**

Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)