

PROGRAMME (TBC)

Series of briefings for delegates on migration issues of relevance to the Global Compact for Migration

Briefing 1: "Compendium of agreed language on international migration: A new tool for negotiators"

16 February 2018 (1:15PM-2:30PM)

United Nations Secretariat, New York

Conference Room UNCA S-0310 (3rd floor in front of the escalators)

	Friday, 16 February 2018
	Panel discussion and demonstration of UNDESA's tool
1:15 p.m.	Welcome remarks and launch of the series of briefings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Colleen Thouez, Senior Advisor UNITAR, New York • Mr. Bela Hovy, Chief, Migration Section, Population Division/UN DESA.
1:30 p.m.	Demonstration of the Compendium of agreed language on international migration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bela Hovy, Chief, Migration Section, Population Division/UN DESA.
1:45 p.m.	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Eva Åkerman Börje, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Special Representative for International Migration TBC • Mr. John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division/UN DESA Q&A Session
2:15 p.m.	Closing and way forward: Dr. Colleen Thouez , Senior Advisor UNITAR, New York
2:30 p.m.	Light lunch will be served.

**All speakers are subject to confirmation*

Concept note

UNITAR Series of briefings for delegates

Following extensive consultations throughout 2017, the presentation of the UN Secretary-General's Report entitled "Making Migration Work for All" (A/72/643) and the distribution of zero draft of the Global Compact for Safe, orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), the negotiations phase for the GCM begins in February 2018. This UNITAR Series of briefings for delegates on migration issues of relevance to the GCM will be implemented in parallel with the negotiations and will support Member States and other stakeholders. The first briefing of the series will be launched on 16 February 2018 in conjunction with the Sixteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration, organized by the Population Division of UN DESA, with a demonstration of the tool "Compendium of agreed language on international migration". The second briefing will explore the implementation of migration policies at a subnational level, studying the role that cities and regions play in this process. This briefing will take place on 10 April 2018 in the margins of the fifty-first session Commission on Population and Development. The series will conclude with a third briefing, to be held on 11 July in parallel with the High Level Political Forum, focusing the relationship between migration and development. This briefing will focus, in particular, on practical steps to enhance the development outcomes of migration for migrants and their families. The Series will serve to prepare delegates for the International Conference, to be held in Marrakesh, Morocco on 10 and 11 December 2018, at which time the GCM is expected to be formally adopted.

Global Compact on Migration (GCM)

On 19 September 2016, over 120 Heads of State convened at the United Nations (UN) in New York City for the UN Leaders' Summit to Address Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants. The UN Leaders' Summit resulted in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants ("New York Declaration"), the first dedicated framework focused on strengthening international cooperation on migration and refugee policies (A/71/1). Within it, States commit to undertake a State-led process to elaborate a comprehensive international cooperation framework on migrants and human mobility, in the form of a global compact for safe, regular and orderly migration (GCM) and to hold an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018 to adopt the compact. The intergovernmental negotiations on the compact are being facilitated by the Permanent Representatives of Mexico and Switzerland to the United Nations in New York.

Compendium of agreed language on international migration: A new tool for negotiators

To support the process of intergovernmental negotiations for the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) has developed a compendium of conventions, declarations and resolutions related to international migration that have been adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council as well as specialized agencies of the United Nations system. This accumulated body of United Nations legislation aims to provide negotiators, policy-makers and the Secretariat with a user-friendly tool to access previously negotiated and agreed upon language ("agreed language") on international migration and related topics.

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