

**Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with Non-Governmental  
Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector  
on International Migration and Development**

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**Criteria for the selection of speakers and spokespersons**

The Task Force will advise the President on the list of speakers and spokespersons based on the following criteria:

- Broad substantive expertise from a policy, advocacy or programmatic perspective on issues related to international migration and development;
- Representation of organizations or networks of a public interest nature, focused, inter alia, on migration issues, and operating at the national, regional or international level;
- Balance in terms of gender, geographic (sending and receiving countries) and sectoral representation, as well as in relation to racial, ethnic, and inter-generational diversity;
- Representation of organizations or community groups of migrants in host countries. The selection process should attempt to capture experiences from various types of migration flows: South/North; South/South; East/West (in the case of Europe);
- Given the unique nature of the subject matter: “migration and mobility”, selection and funding considerations should go beyond traditional criteria – emphasis on participants from the south- to consider also the case of migrants from the south resident in the north or south. Relevance and competence in terms of issues and experiences should be overriding considerations in this case.