



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 August 2016

Excellency,

The General Assembly, by its decision 70/539 of 22 December 2015, decided to convene, on 19 September 2016, a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants.

The General Assembly, by its resolution 70/290 of 30 June 2016, outlined the modalities of the high-level meeting.

The high-level meeting will be co-chaired by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

The high-level meeting consists of a plenary meeting and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables.

The opening plenary meeting will be held in the General Assembly Hall from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. The speakers at the opening plenary meeting are listed in the paragraph 1(b) of resolution 70/290. The outcome document for the high-level meeting will be adopted during the opening plenary meeting.

Following the opening meeting, the plenary meeting will be held simultaneously in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The closing plenary meeting will be held in the General Assembly Hall from 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Secretary-General will deliver closing remarks, which will include a summary of the plenary debate as well as of the interactive multi-stakeholder round tables.

The themes of the round tables are as follows:

Round table 1: Addressing the root causes of large movements of refugees;

Round table 2: Addressing drivers of migration, particularly large movements, and highlighting the positive contributions of migrants;

Round table 3: International action and cooperation on refugees and migrants and issues related to displacement: the way ahead;

Round table 4: Global compact for responsibility-sharing for refugees; respect for international law;

Round table 5: Global compact for safe, regular and orderly migration: towards realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieving full respect for the human rights of migrants;

Round table 6: Addressing vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants on their journeys from their countries of origin to their countries of arrival;

Round tables 1, 2 and 3 will be held in parallel, each running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and round tables 4, 5 and 6 will be held in parallel, each running from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The list of speakers for the plenary meeting, which will be held simultaneously in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m, will be opened on Monday, 8 August 2016. Information on inscriptions to the list of speakers will be announced in the UN Journal.

The list of speakers for the plenary meeting is to be established in accordance with customary protocol and the time limit for these statements will be four minutes.

Since the plenary meeting will be held simultaneously in two chambers, the list of speakers for the plenary meeting will be divided equally, in two chambers, in alphabetical order of Member States.

The list of speakers for the round tables will also be opened on Monday, 8 August 2016. Information on inscriptions to the list of speakers will be announced in the UN Journal.

The time limit for statements by participants in the round tables is determined as five minutes in the modalities resolution. However, due to the limited time available and in order to enable more speakers to address the round tables, I encourage speakers to limit their statements to less than five minutes.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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