



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 May 2017

Excellency,

In line with General Assembly Resolution 71/280, the Second Informal Thematic Session of the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration entitled “*Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crisis, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution*” will take place in the ECOSOC Chamber on 22-23 May 2017.

Please find attached the updated programme of work and the organizational arrangements note for this session.

I also wish to inform you that, further to my letter dated 13 April 2017 and with due regard to geographical balance and the situations in countries of origin, transit and destination, the following moderators have been selected:

- Panel 1: H.E. Mr. Sabri Boukadoum, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations in New York and H.E. Mr. Carlos Duarte, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations in New York.
- Panel 2: H.E. Ms. Riitta Resch, Ambassador for Global Migration Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland in New York and H.E. Mr. Jürgen Schulz, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations in New York.
- Panel 3: H.E. Mr. Aunese Makoi Simati, Permanent Representative of Tuvalu to the United Nations in New York

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

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

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**Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration**

Second informal thematic session on  
“Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crisis, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution”<sup>1</sup>

United Nations Headquarters, ECOSOC Chamber  
New York, 22-23 May 2017

Organization of work

*Day 1: Monday, 22 May 2017*

Time	Session
10:00 – 10:15	<p><b>Opening Segment</b></p> <p>Welcoming remarks by the co-facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations</li></ul> <p>Remarks by Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference</p>
10:15 – 13:00	<p><b>Panel 1. Sustainable development and poverty eradication</b></p> <p>This panel will identify development approaches that address poverty, underdevelopment, lack of opportunities and access to services that create conditions for balanced, sustainable and inclusive economic growth and employment, reducing vulnerabilities at all stages of migration. The panel will explore how well-governed and well-informed migration policies can harness the development benefits of migration to alleviate poverty, reduce inequality and realize the full potential of the 2030 Agenda for migrants and communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Mariama Awumbila, Head of the Centre for Migration Studies and Senior Lecturer at the University of Ghana</li><li>• Mr. Rex Varona, East and Southeast Asia Coordinator of Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)</li><li>• Ms. Susan Martin, Professor Emerita of International Migration at Georgetown University</li></ul> <p>Moderators: H.E. Mr. Sabri Boukadoum, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Carlos Duarte, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations</p>

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13:00 – 15:00	Lunch	Space for side-events
15:00 – 17:50	<p><b>Panel 2. Human-made crises as drivers of migration</b></p> <p>This panel will examine policy options for a more concerted focus on prevention of human-made crises, for example, through preventive diplomacy, conflict prevention, resolution, joint humanitarian-development and peacebuilding efforts, etc. The panel will advance ways to build peaceful and secure environments in communities of origin, transit and destination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M. Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie, Executive Director and co-founder of the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD)</li> <li>• M. T. Alexander Aleinikoff – Director of the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility at The New School</li> <li>• Ms. Roula Hamati - Head of research and Advocacy at INSAN Association</li> </ul> <p>Moderators: H.E. Ms. Riitta Resch, Ambassador for Global Migration Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and H.E. Mr. Jürgen Schulz, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations</p>	
17:50 – 18:00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators	

*Day 2: Tuesday, 23 May 2017*

Time	Session
10:00 – 10:05	<p>Welcoming remarks by the co-facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations</li> </ul>
10:05 – 13:00	<p><b>Panel 3. Adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters as drivers of migration</b></p> <p>This panel will explore ways that i) minimize the adverse effects of environmental degradation, climate change and disasters on migration and ensure effective preparedness and response mechanisms, while harnessing the potential benefits of safe, orderly and regular migration, and ii) link relevant international migration, climate change, environment, humanitarian and development policy frameworks to ensure complementarity and coherence in addressing climate change, hazard-related risks and associated migration pressures at the global, regional and national levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. François Gemenne, FNRS Senior research associate and Director at the University of Liège</li> <li>• Ms. Susana Adamo, Research scientist at the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (The Earth Institute, Columbia University)</li> <li>• Professor Walter Kaelin, Envoy of the Chairmanship of the Nansen Initiative</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Aunese Makoi Simati, Permanent Representative of Tuvalu to the United Nations</p>

13:00 – 15:00	Lunch	Space for side-events
15:00 – 17:50	<p><b>Summary Panel: Synopsis of the main conclusions and outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moderators present the key recommendations resulting from their panels</li> <li>▪ Professor Binod Khadria, Professor at the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, thematic expert for this second informal thematic session, provides a short overview of the main discussions</li> <li>▪ Interactive exchange between the moderators, the thematic expert, the Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference and Member States on the outcomes of the session</li> </ul>	
17:50 – 18:00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators	

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Organizational arrangements

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A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 9 May 2017 was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. The letter transmits the following:

- A letter from the co-facilitators dated 2 May 2017 which encloses a procedural note for the second thematic session;
- The Inter-Agency issue brief for the second thematic session.

(<http://www.un.org/pga/71/wp-content/uploads/sites/40/2015/08/2nd-Thematic-Session-on-Global-Compact-of-Migration-with-co-faciliator-letter-SRSG-letter-procedure-note-and-issue-brief.pdf>)

All related information to the sessions can be found on the website:

<https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/member-states>

Further details on organizational arrangements:

1. The thematic session will take place on 22 and 23 May in ECOSOC chamber at the United Nations headquarters in New York.
2. The co-facilitators are inviting all stakeholders for an informal dialogue on 23 May at 9:00 to 10:00 AM in ECOSOC chamber (invitation letter sent by the co-facilitators, dated 2 May 2017). Member States are welcome to attend. There will be no interpretation for this dialogue.
3. The thematic session and the informal dialogue with stakeholders will be broadcast and recorded (<http://webtv.un.org/>).
4. States and the European Union will be seated in alphabetical order and will be allocated one seat at the table (“plus one”).

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5. A limited number of seats at table will be allocated to International Organizations and entities that have observer status, United Nations agencies and stakeholders (seated on a first-come, first-served basis). Reserved seating at table will also be available for participants wishing to take the floor during the panels. Other participants will be seated in the gallery.
6. States will be given speaking priority. Time permitting other speakers will be invited for an intervention. All interventions will be made from the floor.
7. There will be no pre-established list of speakers. Speaking requests should be raised in the room. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions to three minutes.
8. Participants can submit written inputs via email to [gcmigration@un.org](mailto:gcmigration@un.org). Inputs will be uploaded to the website.
9. Requests for side event should be shared with the Secretary-General for the intergovernmental conference ([gcmigration@un.org](mailto:gcmigration@un.org)). There is a limited availability of rooms. Information on side events will be made available on the website.
10. All participants will need a United Nations Grounds Pass to attend the meeting. Member States coming from capitals should arrange their Grounds Pass via their missions based in New York.
11. Stakeholders wishing to participate must have applied to attend this session by 15 May. Those approved who do not possess a UN Grounds Pass will receive a special event ticket. Instructions for picking up these tickets will be emailed to applicants approved for attendance. Approved participants must present a national identification card or passport to receive their special event ticket.