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## **Interactive Panel Discussion:**

# **“Realizing Human Rights: Effective Protection of Civil and Political Rights of Migrants and Refugees”**

*on the occasion of Human Rights Day & the Launch of the Event Report of the*

## **Round Table on Political Participation in Times of Mass Migration and Refugee Crises**

*3.00 – 6.00pm, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Conference Room 9, UN Secretariat New York*

\* A light lunch will be served prior to the event in the area near the Vienna Cafe

### **Synopsis**

International debates and policies are increasingly addressing the human rights challenges caused by migration and displacement. The universality of human rights, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, entails that civil and political rights – including the right to participate in the public affairs of one’s home country – are human rights of all persons, irrespective of migratory status. Ensuring that those rights are guaranteed is very much in line with the 2030 Agenda’s commitment to “leave no one behind” and “reach those who are furthest behind first.”

On 9 December, 2016, International IDEA and UNDP, in partnership with the Permanent Missions of Ireland and Mexico to the United Nations, organized a one-day “Round Table on Political Participation in Times of Mass Migration and Refugee Crises”. The event continued the momentum built by the 2016 High-Level Summit for Refugees and Migrants and aimed at creating awareness for their political rights in the lead up to the 2018 Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration. Discussion points ranged from the legal framework for out-of-country voting (OCV), to candidate and political party registration, to logistical and political challenges, as well as the importance of ‘inclusiveness’ in peace building processes and transitional elections.

The results of the Round Table were compiled into a report which will be launched on Monday, 11 December 2017, on the occasion of Human Rights Day. Mindful of the Preparatory Stocktaking Meeting on Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration taking place in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico from 4 to 6 December 2017, the event seeks to provide opportunities for further reflection on the political participation opportunities of migrants and refugees in advance of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations culminating in the planned adoption of the global compact for migration at an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018.



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## Draft Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Speaker
03.00 pm – 03.10 pm	<b>Welcoming remarks International IDEA and UNDP</b>	Mr. Massimo Tommasoli, Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the United Nations; Ms. Sarah Poole, BPPS Deputy Director, UNDP
03.10 pm – 03.40 pm	<b>Outcome Review:</b> <i>'Preparatory Stocktaking Meeting on Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular Migration', Puerto Vallarta, Mexico</i>	Jonathan Prentice, Chief of Staff, Office of the UN Special Representative for International Migration
03.40 pm - 04.00 pm	<b>Launch: Event Report</b> <i>'Political Participation in Times of Mass Migration and Development'</i>	Mr. Massimo Tommasoli, Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the United Nations; Mr. Niall McCann, Lead Electoral Advisor, UNDP
04.00 pm – 05.15 pm	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> <i>'Political Participation of Refugees and Migrants - Future Outlooks'</i>	Moderator: Sarah Rattray, Human Rights Policy Specialist, UNDP Panelists: Mr. Craig Jenness, Director UN Electoral Assistance Division; Mr. Geoff Gilbert Professor of International Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, School of Law and Human Rights Centre, University of Essex (via VC) Mr. Elhadji Amadou Ndao, Consul General of Senegal in New York
05.15 pm – 05.30 pm	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Mr. Massimo Tommasoli, Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the United Nations; Mr. Patrick Keuleers, Director Governance and Peacebuilding Cluster, UNDP



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## Confirmation Form

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