



# High-level Dialogue on International MIGRATION and DEVELOPMENT



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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Press briefing and events for UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

In 2013, there were 232 million international migrants. Remittance flows in 2012 reached \$401 billion—nearly four times the \$126 billion in official development assistance. Migration can bring substantial benefits, but can also have negative consequences. Both developing and developed economies need migrants to meet the demand for workers with different levels of skills.

Given the many opportunities and challenges presented by international migration, the United Nations is convening a [High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development](#) on 3-4 October to bring Member States, UN agencies, civil society groups and others together to consider actions towards making migration work.

The purpose of the High-level Dialogue is to identify concrete measures to strengthen cooperation and enhance the benefits of international migration for migrants and countries alike and its important links to development, while reducing its negative implications.

Ahead of the High-level Dialogue, the UN will hold a press briefing on Wednesday, 2 October at 11:30am, to provide background on the High-level Dialogue and related events, and the issues under consideration.

**Who:** **Mr. Jan Eliasson**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

**Mr. Peter Sutherland**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development

**Mr. John Wilmoth**, Director, Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**Ms. Cathi Tactaquin**, Rapporteur of the Informal Interactive Hearings of Civil Society

**When:** **Wednesday, 2 October at 11:30 a.m.** EDT (New York time)

**Where:** **Press Briefing Room S-237**

The press conference will be webcast live on UN Web TV. <http://webtv.un.org>  
For more information, visit: [www.unmigration.org](http://www.unmigration.org)

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## Key events open to media

### General Assembly High-level Dialogue – 3-4 October

The [programme](#) of the High-level Dialogue will consist of plenary meetings, four interactive round tables and a series of side events.

#### Opening – Thursday, 3 October 2013, 9:00-10:00 am

**Speakers:** UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon; General Assembly President John Ashe; ECOSOC President Néstor Osorio; Ian Andrew Goldin, Professor, Oxford University.

#### Closing – Friday, 4 October 2013, 17:30 – 18:00 pm

**Speakers:** UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson; Special Representative of the Secretary-General Peter Sutherland.

#### Side Events ([full listing](#) posted on-line)

## 3 October

**13:15 pm–14:45 pm**

### Making Decent Work a Reality for Migrant Domestic Workers

Conference Room B (NLB). Speakers include: Guy Ryder, Director-General of ILO; Mr. Peter Sutherland; Cecile Kyenge, Minister of Integration of Italy; Minister of Migration for the Philippines; Marissa Begonia, Chair of Justice for Domestic Workers (Unite UK), and Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women. Organizers: ILO, OHCHR, Government of Italy, and Government of the Philippines. Press Contact: [cassidy@ilo.org](mailto:cassidy@ilo.org)

## 4 October

**13:05–14:50 pm**

### Local Government: Taking the Migration and Development Agenda Forward

Conference Room 6 (NLB). Speakers include Mayors of Athens, Greece and Barcelona, Spain; representatives from New York City, USA and Cuenca, Ecuador, plus European Commissioner, Ms. Cecilia Malmström, and Mr. Peter Sutherland. Organizers: World Bank, UNITAR, UNDP, OHCHR and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration.

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**13:15–14:30 pm**

### The Global Migration Group: Work, Priorities and Future Directions

Room 2, Conference Building. Speakers include: UN Secretary-General; William Lacy Swing, Director General of IOM; Antonio Prado, Deputy Executive of ECLAC; Guy Ryder, Director-General of ILO.

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