Social Protection for Migrants & Refugees: A Tool for Building Peaceful & Inclusive Societies

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Featuring:

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Moderated by Dizery Salim, Adviser to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies’ Delegation to the United Nations in New York
**Speaker Biographies:**

**Griet Cattaert** is Policy Officer at the ILO New York Office. She is working with the ILO since 2006. She worked for the organization in the offices in Geneva, New York and Brussels. Her expertise is on social protection and migration. She was closely involved in the negotiation process leading to the adoption of the social protection floor recommendation and in advancing effective inter-agency cooperation to enhance global coordination on social protection issues. The last 2 years she worked as ILO secondee for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration to support the negotiation process that had led to the adoption of a Global Compact for Migration. She is back at the ILO NY office since January.

**Andrew Claypole** is Senior Advisor to the SRSG on Violence against Children. He has more than 25 years of experience working for the promotion of children’s rights through social policy analysis, research, monitoring and evaluation in the UN. Prior to joining the Office of the SRSG, he was the Chief of Social Policy at UNICEF in Thailand, and before that was Chief of Programme Planning at UNICEF in China. In these roles he provided technical support in social policy analysis, research, monitoring, and evaluation to a range of government partners, academic institutes, and NGOs. He has a B.A. in Economics, and a Master's in Human Rights from the London School of Economics.

**Dr. Rima Salah** served as a Member of the United Nations High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations and as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, U.N. Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad. Her distinguished career with UNICEF includes Deputy Executive Director for UNICEF and Regional Director for West and Central Africa. Dr. Salah was elected in 2015 to Chair the Early Childhood Peace Consortium of which she is a founding member. The Consortium addresses both the causes and consequences of violence in society as relevant to children’s development. Her many awards of distinction include the French Legion of Honor. She is co-editor of the MIT Press landmark volume, *Pathways to Peace: The Transformative Power of Children and Families*.

**Yamile M. Martí Haidar** teaches at the Columbia School of Social Work. She has worked at the individual, community, and policy levels at mental health organizations, schools, community centers, and government agencies. Dr. Martí’s research and work areas include the development of resiliency and coping skills for children and women in crisis or facing adversity, the implementation and evaluation of interventions that promote positive mental health in children and women, psychoeducation, international social work, and the role of psychosocial and cultural factors on mental health. Dr. Martí has conducted research on intimate partner violence, contraception, and economic empowerment among Jordanian women and has worked as a social worker in Jordan and in Puerto Rico. She developed a course at CSSW that incorporates travel to Cuba and Chile. She has served as a consultant for UNICEF and UNDP in Abkhazia and Macedonia.

**Dizery Salim** is Adviser to the delegation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to the United Nations in New York. Her role at IFRC covers the area of migration, climate change and sustainable development. She comes with a background in public policy, helping develop and run processes for multiple stakeholders to make shared decisions on issues of common concern. Prior to her work at the IFRC, she conducted national-level public opinion research on prison overcrowding, teen pregnancy, the privatization of social security in the United States, as an analyst at Doble Research Associates, New Jersey. At the global level, she was a program officer at the U.N. Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, working to develop the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Also at the United Nations, she held positions at the U.N. Department of Public Information, U.N. Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and the Secretary-General’s Climate Change Support Team. She has also worked at the local level, with municipalities and county government, on improved housing and health for disadvantaged populations.