

19 September UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants

Statement on behalf of the Global Migration Group

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Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

It is an honour to address this plenary as the
2016 Chair of the Global Migration Group.

2016 marks the Global Migration Group's
tenth anniversary.

The group has grown –

both in size, and relevance, two additional members joined this month.

I am equally pleased that the International Organization for Migration

– one of the founding members of the Group

has just joined the UN system as a related organization.

The Global Migration Group stands ready to support Member States within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

First, in the implementation of existing commitments.

This includes migration-related Sustainable Development Goals and Targets,

and

those that will be made today in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.

And second,

in the processes leading to the adoption of a global compact for

safe,

regular and orderly migration,

and the adoption of

a global compact on refugees.

The Group was honoured to help with preparation for this Summit,

and

to contribute to the concept notes for the six roundtables being held today.

Furthermore, Group Members are working closely within the thematic working groups and task forces,

to develop tools and guidance on many issues covered in the New York Declaration.

These include:

1. A Guidance Note on integrating migration and displacement

In United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks;

2. Principles and Guidelines,

Supported by practical guidance, on the human rights protection of migrants in vulnerable situations within large and/or mixed movements;

3. A Handbook for improving the production and use of migration data for development;

4 The International Labour Organization's

Principles and Operational Guidelines on fair recruitment, and

5. the International Organization on Migration's International Recruitment Integrity System.

These tools will enhance our collective work

And will be on the Group's website once finalized.

Lives of men, women and children depend on actions we engage in.

Our Members

individually and collectively,

are committed to supporting Member States and other stakeholders in fulfilling the aspirations of the New York Declaration.

The Group's approach to addressing large movements of refugees and migrants is:

people-centred,

human-rights-based, and

gender-responsive.

This includes recognizing the cultural and economic value women and girl migrants and refugees contribute to societies, and

creating international and national policies that specifically protect and safeguard their rights, which are often grossly violated.

Thank you.