

**15th Coordination Meeting on International Migration
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Closing Remarks

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Excellencies, colleagues and friends,

The Director of the Population Division, John Wilmoth, who had to leave for the airport, asked me to personally convey his satisfaction with another very successful coordination meeting.

We've heard this week from many participants about the timeliness of this year's meeting, just following the consensus on the draft resolution for the negotiations for the global compact on migration, and right before the launch of the work plan for Member States next month.

The timing and the relevance of this forum is perhaps more critical than ever, given the great opportunity and challenge of implementing the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, of developing the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, and in organizing the 2018 intergovernmental conference on international migration.

This will be no small task, and it can **only be achieved by joining and coordinating efforts of all relevant stakeholders, which is a defining feature of this annual meeting.**

Among some of the key messages from this meeting let me mention the following select ones:

1. The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants includes an ambitious agenda, and **provides a historical opportunity** to improve the lives of millions and save the lives of thousands of migrants and their families.
2. Urgent actions are needed in the present and over the short-term, but a **long-term vision and plan on human mobility must be maintained and further developed.**

3. The inclusion, communication and mobilization of **all stakeholders**, including constituencies at the local, national, regional and global levels is essential. The **engagement and incorporation of the views of migrants themselves** is particularly important.
4. The compact should strive to **focus on practical solutions**, learning from prior experience of intergovernmental agreements, including the success factors of the ICPD Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
5. The work and international deliberations **must be based on accurate data and evidence** to inform the development of the global compact and to carry forward the global campaign to combat xenophobia, intolerance and discrimination.
6. All the organizations represented in this meeting have **a collective responsibility** to live up to the call by the Secretary-General and of Member States to work together towards a successful compact on migration.

Under-Secretary-General Wu will be very pleased to learn that the meeting heeded his call to share **concrete information and proposals** emanating from your past work and plans for further substantive contributions to the development of the global compact on migration. We have taken good note of all these, and request that you please keep us informed about updates.

In closing, let me warmly **thank all participants, including presenters, speakers and moderators** for their insightful interventions, and to those who provided detailed written inputs. We were also very grateful to the German mission, which hosted this year's reception.

Last but not least, many thanks to **my colleagues of the Population Division** who did a superb job, working hard and efficiently to organize this meeting, and to carry it through to a successful conclusion, as well as to the assistants, technicians and others who supported this meeting.

Thank you all, safe travels and have a good weekend.