

**UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON
SUSTAINABLE CITIES, HUMAN MOBILITY
AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION**

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Thursday, 7 September 2017

9:30 – 10:00 *Registration*

10:00 – 10:30 **Session I: Opening of the meeting**

- Welcome: **John Wilmoth** (*Director, Population Division, DESA*)
- Welcome: **Cristina Popescu** (*Diplomatic Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations*)
- Global overview of trends in international migration and urbanization - **Sabine Henning** (*Senior Population Affairs Officer, Population Division, DESA*)

10:30 – 11:15 Keynote presentation: Who Owns the City? - *Saskia Sassen (Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, Columbia University) [CANCELLED]*

11:15 – 11:30 **Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Session II: Concepts, definitions, and data sources**

Moderator: **Ashraf El Nour** (*Director, IOM Office, New York*)

- Revisiting the Concepts, Definitions and Data Sources of International Migration in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - **Keiko Osaki** (*Chief, Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, Statistics Division, DESA*)
- International migration, internal migration, mobility and urbanization: towards more integrated approaches - **Ronald Skeldon** (*Emeritus Professor, University of Sussex and Professor of Human Geography, Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University*)
- Concepts, definitions and data sources for the study of urbanization: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - **Eduardo Moreno** (*Director of Research and Capacity Development, UN-Habitat*)
- Notes on the urbanization of our planet - **Shlomo (Solly) Angel** (*Senior Research Scholar and Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning, Stern School of Business, New York University*)

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch break**

15:00 – 16:15 **Session III: Patterns and drivers of trends in migration and urbanization: regional perspectives**

Moderator: **Deborah Balk** (*Associate Director, City University of New York, Institute for Demographic Research*)

- **Emilia Sáiz** (Deputy Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG))
- The urban transition and beyond: facing new challenges of the mobility and settlement transitions in Asia - **Yu Zhu** (*Distinguished Professor, Asian Demographic Research Institute (ADRI), Shanghai University*)
- Drivers of migration and urbanization in Africa: key trends and issues - **Mariama Awunbila** (*Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography and Resource Development, University of Ghana*) – to be presented by **Victor Gaigbe-Togbe**, Chief, Population and Development Section, Population Division, DESA
- Drivers of global trends in migration and urbanization: migration and Cities in Latin America and the Caribbean - **Jorge Rodriguez** (*Sociologist, CELADE, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean*)

16:15-16:30 **Break**

16:30 – 18:00 **Session IV: Linking migration and urbanization: from global cities to small towns**

Moderator: **Rachel Snow** (*Chief, Population and Development Branch, UNFPA*)

- Immigrant residential contexts in North America and Western Europe: How segregated? How unequal? - **Richard Alba** (*Distinguished Professor of Sociology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York*)
- Revisiting global immigrant gateways: established and emerging turnstiles of human settlement - **Marie Price** (*Professor of Geography and International Affairs, George Washington University*)
- Migrants in disempowered cities: opportunities and challenges - **Ayşe Caglar** (*Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna*)
- Urban refugees - **Grainne O’Hara** (*Deputy Director, UNHCR – New York*)

Friday, 8 September 2017

10:00 – 11:30 **Session V: Development impacts of migration and urbanization**

Moderator: **Bela Hovy** (*Chief, Migration Section, Population Division, DESA*)

- Migration and urban transition in India: Implications for development - **Ram Bhagat** (*Professor and Head, Department of Migration & Urban Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai*)
- **Blessing Mberu** (Research Scientist, African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)) [via WebEx]
- Migration and inclusive urbanisation - **Cecilia Tacoli** (*Principal Researcher, International Institute for Environment and Development*)
- Labour migration, decent work and development - **Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro** (*Special Representative to the United Nations and Director, International Labour Organization (ILO) - Liaison Office in New York*)

11:30 – 11:45 **Break**

11:45 – 13:00 **Session VI: Migrants and cities: Implications for policy, governance and planning**

Moderator: **Filiép Decorte** (*Director a.i. / Officer in Charge, UN-Habitat New York Liaison Office*)

- Why cities should have a stronger role in the governance of migration - **Howard Duncan** (*Executive Head, Metropolis Project*)
- Migrants and cities: a public administration perspective on local governance and service delivery - **Peride Blind** (*Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM)*)
- Migrants and rapid urbanization: a new agenda for humanitarian and developmental urban and regional planning? - **Fernando Murillo** (*Research Programme Director, University of Buenos Aires*)
- Migrant Integration in Cities: considerations for Policy - **Michael White**, *Brown University*

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 15:55 **Session VII: Conclusions and recommendations**

Moderator: **Jorge Bravo** (*Chief, Demographic Analysis Branch, Population Division, DESA*)

- **Ronald Skeldon** (*Emeritus Professor, University of Sussex and Professor of Human Geography, Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University*)

15:55 – 16:00 **Session VIII: Closing**

- Closing remarks: **John Wilmoth** (*Director, Population Division, DESA*)