

15th Coordination Meeting on International Migration

Concept note for the panel:

Implementing the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants

Thursday 16 February 2017, 10.15 -11.45 am

(a) Background

On 19 September 2016, the General Assembly (GA) held a high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants at which it adopted a political declaration, the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants ([A/71/1](#)). In the Declaration, Member States agreed to (a) develop a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration through intergovernmental negotiations, to be adopted at an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018, (b) invite the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to develop a global refugee compact through a consultative process, also to be adopted in 2018, and (c) develop voluntary guidelines on the treatment of migrants in vulnerable situations. The Declaration calls on the Secretary-General to report periodically on the progress made in implementing the NY Declaration, starting during the seventy-first session of the GA.

The draft resolution on the modalities for the negotiations on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration ([A/71/L.58](#)) tasks United Nations Secretariat and other relevant UN entities to support the development of the global migration compact during 2017 by, inter alia, (a) developing a work plan for Member States, (b) supporting the President of the General Assembly in organizing six informal thematic sessions, (c) preparing, with the support of the Global Migration Group (GMG), inter-agency issue briefs for each of the six thematic sessions, (d) examining regional and sub-regional aspects of international migration, (e) inviting relevant sessions of UN entities that address migration-related issues to contribute the preparations, and (e) delivering a report that includes facts and figures as well as challenges and opportunities of migration. Further, all other relevant stakeholders, including the [Global Forum on Migration and Development](#) (GFMD), are invited to contribute to the preparatory process. Moreover, the President of the General Assembly will hold four informal interactive hearings with civil society.

(b) Organization

1. The moderator will make a few introductory remarks and introduce the panellists.
2. Panellists will each make presentations (max. 10 minutes). The Special Adviser Special Adviser ad interim on Follow-up to the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants will present a roadmap for implementing the New York Declaration and, in particular, preparing the global compact on migration. The other panellists will consider how the entities they represent may contribute to the implementation of the NY Declaration during the 71st session of the GA and, in particular, to the preparations of the global compact on migration. Panelists will be invited to be as concrete as possible in presenting activities, events, publications and projects, including venues and dates.
3. The moderator will manage the Q and A and make a few concluding remarks.