

15th Coordination Meeting on International Migration

Concept note for the panel:

Contributing to the work plan of the Secretary-General for Member States

Friday 17 February 2017, 10.00 - 11.30 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 tasked the United Nations Secretariat to support the development of the global migration compact by, inter alia, (a) developing a work plan for Member States and (b) delivering a report that includes facts and figures as well as challenges and opportunities of migration.

The workplan for Member States will be developed in order to identify relevant processes, mechanisms and initiatives in the field of migration which may contribute to the preparations of the global compact on migration. The workplan, a first version of which is due in March 2017, would include, but not be limited to, initiatives of entities listed in the modalities resolution. It could take the form of a web-based inventory, which would be regularly updated to ensure that it reflects the latest status of preparations. The web-based tool could help keep track of the concrete contributions and recommendations derived from the processes, mechanisms and initiatives to the preparatory process of the global migration compact.

The report of the Secretary-General will provide an overview of the latest facts and figures on migration and analyse challenges and opportunities of migration. DESA's [Population Division](#) produces, on a regular basis, estimates of the global [international migrant stock](#) as well as estimates and projections of the contribution of [net migration](#) to overall population change. The Division also monitors international migration policies as part its mandate to review the status of implementation of population policies within the context of the [Programme of Action](#) of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

(b) Organization

1. The moderator will make a few introductory remarks and introduce the panellists.
2. Panellists will each make a presentation (max. 10 minutes). The panellists will provide a perspective on how they, or the entities they represent, may contribute to the Secretary-General's workplan for Member States or how their entities could inform or make a contribution to the report of the Secretary-General.
3. The moderator will manage the Q and A and make a few concluding remarks.