



## INVITATION

Side event to the United Nations General Assembly  
High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

### World Migration in Figures Strengthening Evidence - Improving Policy

Thursday, 3 October 2013 6.15 - 7.30 pm  
Conference Room A, Conference Building, UNHQ, New York

**Chair:**

**Stefano Manservigi**, Director General for Home Affairs, European Commission

**Speakers:**

- **Bela Hovy** - UN/DESA, Chief Migration Section, Population Division
- **Jean-Christophe Dumont** - OECD, Head of International Migration Division
- **Christian Salazar** - UNICEF, Deputy Director, Programme Division, UNICEF
- **Imelda Nicolas** - **Philippines**, Chairperson of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas under the Office of the President of the Philippines
- **Nathalie Bougnoux** - **France**, Agence Française de Développement
- **Jaâfar Debbarh** - **Morocco**, Directeur chargé de la Coopération, des Etudes et de la Prospective, Ministère chargé des Marocains Résidant à l'Etranger

Reliable information on migrants and migration is essential to develop evidence-based policies, to inform public opinion, and to combat widely held misconceptions. How many migrants are there? What are their main characteristics? How do migrants contribute to host and origin societies? How does the role of immigrants evolve over time? These and other basic questions must be answered to plan future migration, to leverage the opportunities of migration, and to address its challenges.

On 3 and 4 October 2013, the United Nations General Assembly will convene the second High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development. On numerous occasions, Member States have called for improving the evidence-base on international migration and its linkages to development.

The Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and UNICEF are working together to close this knowledge gap.