



## Global Migration Group Side Event In Contribution to the 2016 UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants

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*Development approaches to migration and displacement - supporting national and local capacities to prepare for and respond to large movements*

**13 September 2016, 3:00-7:00 PM**

*Conference Room 8, UN Secretariat, New York*

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#### Background

On 19 September 2016, the UN General Assembly will host a high-level summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants. The Global Migration Group (GMG), an interagency cooperation mechanism consisting of 17 entities of the United Nations system and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), is organizing a series of interactive, multi-stakeholder meetings to assist Member States and civil society in preparing for the 19 September event. The meetings, chaired by Member States, are informal and interactive in nature, providing ample space for an interactive dialogue with the panelists.

#### **Strengthening responsibility sharing for refugees**

In addition to the draft New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development fully recognizes migration and displacement as a core development consideration. The 2030 Agenda has introduced a range of specific targets on migration and it pledges to 'leave no one behind', including refugees, internally displaced persons and host communities.

The SDGs also underscore the need for development investments in preventing and resolving protracted displacement. There is widespread and growing recognition that migration and displacement are not merely short-term issues; their costs, benefits and dynamics are part of longer term global trends. This requires efforts to look together into effective and sustainable solutions through joint approaches of development and humanitarian actors, together with state authorities at both local and national levels. This meeting in the series will therefore focus on advancing development approaches to migration and displacement.

## Objective

The objective of this side event is to highlight the importance of development approaches in conjunction with humanitarian responses to address large movements of refugees and migrants at both local and national levels. The side event aims to provide concrete examples of support provided by the UN system to national counterparts at regional, country and local levels. In doing so, the event aims to contribute to the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants, to be hosted on 19 September 2016. Key recommendations from the event will feed into the various Summit Round Table discussions to address the implications of the Summit outcomes for future work.

## Programme:

### 3.00-3.30 Opening remarks- development approaches to migration and displacement

#### Speakers:

- Meeting co-chairs (TBC)
- Ms Karen AbuZayd, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants
- Mr Magdy Martinez Soliman, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, Director of UNDP Bureau for Policy and Programme Support

### 3.30-3.40 Global overview and humanitarian-development cooperation addressing forced migration and displacement

Speaker: Ms Izumi Nakamitsu, Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Assistant Administrator, Crisis Response Unit

### 3.40 – 4.40 Panel I- Advancing a joint evidence base for migration and displacement

#### Moderator: (TBC)

- **Advancing joint/shared evidence base for migration and displacement programming (I):** discussion of initial findings of the six-country<sup>1</sup> economic opportunity assessments in response to the Syria crisis providing country-by-country evidence and regional recommendations. This assessment was carried out through a UNDP-WFP-ILO and UNHCR partnership, as part of the Regional Refugees Resilience Plan (3RP).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey

<sup>2</sup> This joint assessment aims at supporting the involved countries in the acceleration of key commitments made at the recent London Conference on inclusive labor markets for host communities and Syrian refugees. The objective of the assessment is to support countries in the achievement of the 1.1m employment target stated in London. To achieve this will require: (a) identifying

*Speakers:*

- *Ambassador Sima Bahous, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the UN, (TBC)*
- *Mr Gustavo Gonzalez, UNDP sub-regional development coordinator Syria crisis and Director of the UNDP sub-regional facility*
- *UNHCR (TBC)*

- **Study on electoral participation of migrants out of the country (Mexico)**

*Speaker: Mr Carlos Navarro Fierro, Election Management Body (INE) representative Mexico (TBC)*

**4.40-4.50 COFFEE BREAK**

**4.50-6.00 Panel II - Strengthening the resilience of local level partners for the impact of large movements (Davos style)**

**Moderator:** *Ms Irena Vojackova- Sollorano, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Serbia*

- **Overview of the needs at the local level and UNDP's support local governments**

*Speaker: Ms Cecile Riallant, Programme manager, Joint Migration and Development Initiative*

- **Emergency response to core government functions and local service delivery: the case of Serbia**

*Speaker: Mr Vladimir Cucic, Commissioner for Refugees and Migration, Serbia*

- **Strengthening host community resilience- responding to large movements in the Arab States region**

*Speaker: Ms Sophie de Caen, Deputy Director UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States*

- **Assessment of productive capacities and host community support in Turkey**

*Speaker: Ms Joanna Kazana, Head of Country Office Oversight and Liaison Unit UNDP, Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States*

- **Addressing protracted internal displacement- Colombia**

*Speaker: Ms Ana María Torres Sanz, Cooperation Coordinator of the Victim's Unit in Colombia (TBC)*

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critical gaps in terms of employment opportunities; (b) rallying existing and potential partnership at regional level to rapidly scale up employment generation, and (c) reinforcing advocacy for enhanced livelihoods investment at country and regional levels.

**6.00- 7.00 Panel III: Supporting national level capacities and gender sensitive strategy development**

**Moderator:** *Ms Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, UN WOMEN (2016 Chair of the Global Migration Group)*

- **National action plan for climate-induced migration (Bangladesh)**

*Speaker: Permanent Representative to the UN, Bangladesh (TBC)*

- **Addressing root causes of migration and displacement**

*Speaker: Mr Nicholas Rosellini, UNDP Deputy Regional Director Asia and the Pacific*

- **Supporting regional level strategy development- Great Lakes Region- and country examples**

*Speaker: Mr David Clapp, Coordinator Sub-Regional Platform Coordinator East and Southern Africa*

- **Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning: joint UNDP-IOM on tool development**

*Speaker: Mr Riad Meddeb, Policy Advisor, UNDP Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS) & Permanent Representative of the International Organization for Migration to the UN, Mr Ashraf El Nour*