



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 November 2017

Excellency,

In accordance with paragraph 30 of General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/280 on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, I will convene the third informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing as part of the preparatory process on 18 December 2017 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The hearing will take place in Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The interactive hearing will provide representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, accredited civil society organizations, academic institutions, parliaments and the private sector, with an opportunity to contribute constructively to the preparations for the intergovernmental conference on international migration and the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

I am pleased to enclose herewith the provisional agenda of the hearing. A more detailed programme for the hearing will be provided in due course.

I encourage representatives of Member States to participate in the hearing.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Miroslav Lajčák

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New York

Third informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing
Preparatory process for the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration and the intergovernmental conference on international migration

18 December 2017

Trusteeship Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

Theme:

The third multi-stakeholder hearing will focus on the importance of a whole-of-society approach to migration at the local and national levels. A whole-of-society approach to migration has been often cited in the discussions on the global compact for regular, safe and orderly migration, recognizing the importance of involving different actors in policy-making and implementation. The practical implications and concrete examples of successful cooperation and partnerships merit further attention.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss the need for cooperation and partnerships between different segments of society, including civil society, the private sector, diaspora communities, migrants, local and national authorities, schools, academia and others to develop and implement a coherent and whole-of-society approach to migration.

Provisional agenda:

Time	
10:00-10:15	<p>Opening of the multi-stakeholder hearing</p> <p>Opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference on international migration</p>
10:15-11:30	<p>Panel I: Local perspective on the whole-of-society approach to migration</p> <p>The panel will focus on whole-of-society approach to migration at the local level. It will discuss how local actors can contribute to management of migration and integration of migrants. It will also discuss the role of local authorities, and expertise and experiences from local-level implementation that can be used to inform policy-making.</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the role of different segments of society in implementing migration policies?</i> • <i>Best practices and examples of successful local partnerships and cooperation between different actors, and how to use them to inform policy-making?</i> • <i>How to ensure coherence on the local and national levels? What is the role of cities and municipalities?</i> <p>Panellists TBC</p> <p>Moderator: Sherwin Bryce-Pease, President of UN Correspondents Association</p>

11:30-12:45	<p>Panel II: National-level perspective on the whole-of-society approach to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration</p> <p>The panel will focus on whole-of-society approach to migration at the national level. It will discuss how different actors can contribute to shaping migration policies, and examine some of the examples of successes and challenges of the whole-of-society approach to migration. It will also discuss how these could be reflected in the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are some of the good practices to strengthen partnerships among governments, civil society, the private sector and others on the national level?</i> • <i>How can different actors best contribute to shaping migration policies?</i> • <i>How could national level experiences of successful whole-of society approach inform the global compact?</i> <p>Panellists TBC</p> <p>Moderator: Sherwin Bryce-Pease, President of UN Correspondents Association</p>
12:45-13:00	<p>Closing of the the multi-stakeholder hearing</p> <p>Concluding remarks by by H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (tbc)</p> <p>Closing of the multi-stakeholder hearing by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák</p>