



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 May 2018

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/280 on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and further to my letter dated 27 April 2018, I will convene the fifth informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing as part of the preparatory process on 21 May 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10am -1pm. The hearing will take place in Conference Room 4. The hearing is entitled “Migration – What’s Really Going On: Lessons from the Field” and will place attention on existing practices that contribute to safe, orderly and regular migration.

In this regard, I am pleased to enclose herewith the agenda and concept note of the hearing. I encourage representatives of Member States to participate in the hearing.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Miroslav Lajčák

To all Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Fifth informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing

Migration – What’s Really Going On: Lessons from the field

21 May 2018

Conference Room 4, UN Headquarters, New York

At this fifth and final multi-stakeholder meeting, the discussion will focus on carrying out activities that will result in safer, more orderly and regular migration. The success of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration will be determined by its implementation and impact.

Many governments, along with civil society organisations and companies have developed practices that contribute to safe, orderly and regular migration. These reflect whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches in countries of origin, transit and destination. We can learn from what already exists and is happening at the local and national levels.

As the GCM is being negotiated, the Hearing will provide an opportunity for sharing experiences and best practices from the field. This will include how stakeholders are addressing some of the central issues being discussed in the negotiation in a practical way. These experiences could also help pave the way for implementation of the GCM once agreed.

Time	
10:00-10:40	Opening of the multi-stakeholder hearing Opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák Remarks by: Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference on international migration Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General of the International Organisation for Migration
10:45-12:40	Panel Discussion: <i>Best practices to support safe, orderly and regular migration</i> Panellists: Ms Ellene Sana - <i>Executive Director, Center for Migrant Advocacy (CMA)</i> Ms Ashli Aldrich - <i>Global Immigration/Mobility Manager, Uber</i> Ms Meri Korniloff - <i>PapTe Programme Coordinator, Physicians for Social Responsibility</i>

	<p>Ms Gabriela Liguori - <i>Coordinadora General, Comisión Argentina para Refugiados y Migrantes (CAREF)</i></p> <p>Mr. Walid Salhi - <i>Board Adviser for Foreign Affairs, Shaik Tahir Azzawi Charity Organization (STACO)</i></p> <p>Ms. Vera Dodic - <i>Manager, Toronto Newcomer Office, City of Toronto</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Imran Garda - journalist, novelist, host of <i>The Newsmakers</i>, TRT World.</p>
<p>12:40 – 13:00</p>	<p>Closing of the multi-stakeholder hearing</p> <p>Remarks by the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Juan Jose Gomez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations - H.E. Mr. Jurg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations <p>Closing remarks by the President of the General Assembly</p>