



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 February 2019

Excellency,

I refer to my letter dated 15 January 2019 and in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 73/241, entitled “International migration and development”, by which the General Assembly decided “to convene, in the first half of 2019, a one-day high-level debate on international migration and development, under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly, in lieu of the 2019 High-level Dialogue, to inform the high-level political forum on sustainable development, which will review the Goals and targets relevant to migration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into consideration the outcomes of other processes related to international migration and development”.

It is my honour to share with you the detailed programme of the High-level Debate, which will take place on 27 February 2019 in the ECOSOC Chamber. There will be no formal inscription of speakers. If delegations wish to take the floor they will be invited by the moderator at the appropriate time to press the microphone.

Furthermore, there will be informal seating arrangements with designated seating for Member States, observers of the General Assembly, the United Nations system, including funds and programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations, and non-governmental organizations. Due to limited number of seats available for each designated area of seating, delegations who would have communicated their wish to participate to my Advisors by 24 February 2019 will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information, your office may contact my Senior Advisors, Ms. Lea Matheson (lea.matheson@un.org; +1 347 582 7210) and Mr. Andrea Pontiroli (andrea.pontiroli@un.org; +1 917 325 9966).

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'M. F. Espinosa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

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

**High-Level Debate on International Migration and Development**  
**27 February 2019, ECOSOC Chamber**

| Time                               |  |
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| <b>10:00 a.m. –<br/>10:15 a.m.</b> | <p><b>Opening of High-Level Debate</b></p> <p>Opening Remarks by the President of the General Assembly,<br/>H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés</p>  |
| <b>10:15 a.m. –<br/>1:00 p.m.</b>  | <p><b>Panel 1: Overview on Progress in Achieving Migration-related Goals</b></p> <p>This session will provide a high-level and strategic overview on the progress in achieving the various goals/targets around migration. The discussion will focus on what has been achieved, what the gaps are, and what new or emerging issues and policy development need to be considered. The discussion will showcase good practices in including migration in voluntary national reviews at the HLPPF</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. H.E. Mr. Santiago Javier Chavez Pareja, Chair of the GFMD 2019, Vice Minister for Human Mobility of Ecuador,</li> <li>2. <i>H.E. Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, Permanent Representative of Rwanda</i></li> <li>3. Mr. Antonio Vitorino, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration</li> <li>4. Ms. Roula Hamati, Insan Association and Civil Society Chair for GFMD</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Marion Barthelemy, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</p> |
| <b>1:00 p.m. –<br/>3:00 p.m.</b>   | <p><b>Lunch</b></p>  |

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| <p><b>3:00 p.m. –<br/>5:45 p.m.</b></p> | <p><b>Panel 2: Addressing capacity building gaps, mobilizing resources and developing processes and policies and building partnerships</b></p> <p>Panel Discussion: This session will look at how to further make progress on the Goals including the challenges and opportunities. The speakers will focus on addressing capacity building gaps, mobilizing resources for migration governance, linking to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and learning of innovative technologies, processes or policy developments. Furthermore, as cooperation and collaboration are essential in these areas, the session will also highlight the importance of partnerships.</p> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. H. E. Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Government of Bangladesh</li> <li>2. Ms Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean</li> <li>3. Ms. Henriette Geiger, Director for People and Peace Directorate General for Development and Cooperation of the European Commission (DG DEVCO)</li> <li>4. Mr. Roberto Suarez-Santos, the Secretary General of the International Organization of Employers</li> <li>5. Ms. Alexis Bautista of Migrant Forum in Asia, Global Coalition on Migration</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator:</b> H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of Spain</p> |
| <p><b>5:45 p.m –<br/>6:00 p.m.</b></p>  | <p><b>Closing Remarks by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés</b></p>   |