

## INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM: ROUND TABLE ONE

Tuesday, 17 May 2022, 10:00 to 13:00  
Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters

Co- Chaired by Egypt and Germany

### INFORMATION NOTE AND PROGRAMME

#### Background

The International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) will serve as the primary intergovernmental global platform to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the Global Compact, including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

Round table one of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) will focus on progress made in the implementation of objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).<sup>1</sup>

The discussions will be interactive, evidence-based, and action-oriented with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. Participants are encouraged to commit pledges towards the implementation of the Compact. The Co-Chairs will present a technical summary of the round table in the policy debate.



<sup>1</sup> The background note for round table three is available at: <https://www.un.org/pga/76/wp-content/uploads/sites/101/2022/04/Round-table-1-Background-note-final.pdf>

## PROGRAMME

<b>10:00</b>	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p><i>Remarks by the Co-Chairs:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Mr. Tobias Lindner, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany</li> <li>Ambassador Neveen E Hussein, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt</li> </ol>
<b>10:10</b>	<p><b>Keynote speakers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Pefi Kingi, Governance Advisor, South Pacific Islander Organization</li> <li>Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme</li> </ol>
<b>10:20</b>	<p><b>Moderated panel discussion</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Kathleen Newland, Co-Founder of the Migration Policy Institute</p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Marta Youth, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, United States Department of State</li> <li>Ms. Sarah Lou Arriola, Undersecretary at the Department of the Foreign Affairs, Philippines</li> <li>Ms. Michelle Leighton Chief, Labour Migration Branch, International Labour Organization</li> <li>Mr. Mamadou Diallo, Deputy Secretary-General, International Trade Union Confederation</li> <li>Mr. Roberto Suarez Santos, Secretary-General, International Organization of Employers</li> </ol>
<b>10:45</b>	<p><b>Interactive discussion</b></p> <p><i>Interventions from the floor</i></p>
<b>12: 35</b>	<p><b>Responses and final remarks by panellists</b></p>
<b>12:50</b>	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p><i>Remarks by the Co-Chairs:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambassador Neveen E Hussein, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt</li> <li>H.E. Mr. Tobias Lindner, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany</li> </ol>

## Biography of co-chairs

### **H.E. Mr. Tobias Lindner, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany**



Dr Tobias Lindner has been Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office since 8 December 2021. His regional competence covers transatlantic relations, relations with Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine, the Asia Pacific region, the Near and Middle East and Latin America. Tobias Lindner focuses on security policy issues and is committed to the further development of the rules-based international order, to the strengthening of the United Nations and to a feminist foreign policy. He advocates for a strong role for Germany in civilian crisis prevention, humanitarian assistance and peace mediation. Tobias Lindner also works on structural issues such as the digital transformation, gender equality, diversity and budget issues.

### **Ambassador Neveen Elhusseiny, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt**



Ambassador Neveen Elhusseiny is the Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has been working on these issues for around four years and has participated in the process leading to the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Ms. Elhusseiny started her career as a diplomat almost 25 years ago, where she dealt with various files including Human Rights, Egypt-US relations, the Peace Process in the Middle East, as well as Asian Affairs. Ms. Elhusseiny graduated from Cairo University in 1996 with a major in political science. She has two Master's Degrees from Cairo University, focusing on Development and from LSE with a focus on Human Rights Law. She is particularly interested in gender and public policy, as well as development.

## Biographies of keynote speakers

### Ms. Pefi Kingi



Pefi is a daughter of Niue (the “Rock of Polynesia”); a Pacific civil society leader; Pacific women’s human rights defender; indigenous Pacific languages activist; and recipient of a QSM, awarded by Aotearoa New Zealand. Currently, she serves the role of Pacific focal point migration; a Fellow of the Professor Gary Foley Scholarship, Victoria University, Australia; previously, a Fellow of the NZ Winston Churchill Fellowship and the NZ Fulbright Ngà Pae Māramatanga Award. She is a Pacific social-cultural development expert with a background in education, school development and school inspectorate; management of the first Pacific mental health service in the Pacific region; and public health management in problem gambling. She is the founder of PacificwinPacific and the Pacific Australian Women’s Association (PAWA); co-founder of NAVA, the Niue Australian Vagahau Association; an Associate of the Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA); steering group member of the Migrant Women Forum under MFA and supporter of the ‘People’s Migration Challenge’. A member of the Global Civil Society Action Committee on Migration (under ICMC); steering group member of the Climate Migration and Displacement Platform; and member of the Non-State Actors Network, Pacific Islands Forum. Pefi works with support from the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisations (Fiji), Pacific Conference of Churches (Fiji) and other civil society groups (Pacific-wide) for the benefit of maintaining a #BluePacific.

### Mr. Achim Steiner



Achim Steiner became UNDP Administrator on 19 June 2017. The United Nations General Assembly confirmed his appointment following his nomination by Secretary-General António Guterres. In April 2021, the General Assembly confirmed his appointment to a second four-year term beginning in June 2021. Mr. Steiner is also the Vice-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group, which unites 40 entities of the UN system that work to support sustainable development. Over nearly three decades, Achim Steiner has been a global leader on sustainable development, climate resilience and international cooperation. He has worked tirelessly to champion sustainability, economic growth and equality for the vulnerable, and has been a vocal advocate for the Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to joining UNDP, he was Director of the Oxford Martin School and Professorial Fellow of Balliol College, University of Oxford. Mr Steiner has served across the United Nations system, looking at global challenges from both a humanitarian and a development perspective. He led the United Nations Environment Programme (2006-2016), helping governments invest in clean technologies and renewable energy. He was also Director-General of the United Nations Office

at Nairobi. Achim Steiner previously held other notable positions including Director General of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and Secretary General of the World Commission on Dams. Achim Steiner has lived and worked in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, and the United States. He graduated in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (MA) from Worcester College, Oxford University and holds an MA from the University of London/School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

Biography of Moderator

### **Ms. Kathleen Newland**



Kathleen Newland is a senior fellow and co-founder of the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), where she focuses on the governance of international migration, the relationship between migration and development, and refugee protection. Previously, she was a Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a member of the International Relations (International Political Economy) faculty at the London School of Economics, and Special Assistant to the Rector of the United Nations University. She has worked as a consultant to UNHCR, IOM, UNDP, ILO, UNICEF, the World Bank and, on three separate assignments, for the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, among others. Ms. Newland is author or editor of nine books, including most recently *All at Sea: The Policy Challenges of Maritime Migration*, as well as numerous reports, policy papers, articles, and book chapters. Her most recent report is *Destination-Country Policies to Foster Diaspora Engagement in Development* (Migration Policy Institute, April 2022). Ms. Newland serves on the Board of Directors of Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), a non-profit organization that provides assistance to unaccompanied migrant and refugee children, and has been a member of the boards of the International Rescue Committee, the Foundation for The Hague Process on Migrants and Refugees, the Migration Policy Institute, the Stimson Center, USA for UNHCR, and the Women's Refugee Commission. She was educated at Harvard University, Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, and the London School of Economics

## Biographies of Panellists

### Ms. Marta Youth



Marta Youth joined the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) as Deputy Assistant Secretary in November 2020 and assumed the role of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in April 2022. She has responsibility for humanitarian assistance programs and also oversees the Office of International Migration. Ms. Youth was previously the Director of Central American Affairs in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Prior assignments include Director of the Office of Europe, Central Asia, and the Americas in PRM from 2017 to 2019; Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy Managua, Nicaragua from 2014 to 2017; and Economic Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada from 2011 to 2014. She also worked at the U.S. Embassy in Quito, Ecuador as Press Attaché from 2008 to 2011. Ms. Youth also served overseas at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Spain as a Trade Officer from 2000 to 2004 and at the U.S. Consulate in Chennai, India as a Consular Officer from 1992 to 1994. During her State Department career additional Washington, DC assignments included Country Assistance Coordinator for Russia and Moldova, South Africa Desk Officer, and Portugal, Malta, and Vatican City Desk Officer. She has also been assigned twice to the State Department's Economic and Business Affairs Bureau. Ms. Youth has been a Foreign Service Officer for more than 25 years and is a member of the Senior Foreign Service. She has a B.A. in Political Science and Economics from St. Peter's University in New Jersey and pursued graduate studies at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Bologna, Italy and Washington, DC.

### Ms. Sarah Lou Arriola



Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola has close to 24 years of extensive government and non-government managerial experience in the field of human rights, migration management, women's rights, accountability of public officers, legislation, and political management. She is the youngest and the first woman appointed as Undersecretary/Deputy Minister for Migrant Workers' Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). During the COVID-19 pandemic, she used Facebook to conduct town hall meetings to reach out to more than 10 million Filipino migrants around the world. Her office in the DFA facilitated the unprecedented and continuing mass repatriation of distressed Filipino migrants which has brought home close to 460,000 Filipinos to date. Less than two years into her assumption as Foreign Affairs Undersecretary, she was awarded by the President of the Republic of the Philippines the Grand Cross (Gawad Mabini, Dakilang Kamanong) on June 26, 2019 – in recognition of her extraordinary contribution in leading the Philippine delegation during the negotiations of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, her relentless advocacy for labour

reforms in the Middle East, and her fast, responsive, and adequate assistance to distressed Filipino migrants.

### Mr. Mamadou Diallo



Mamadou Diallo was born in Dagana (Senegal) on 15 August 1954. He began his career as a philosophy teacher before becoming Social Affairs Advisor at the Ministry of Health and Social Action and Coordinator for the UNICEF/Senegalese government programme for "Children in Need", and then a member of the Economic and Social Council in the capacity of workers' representative. He became active in the trade union movement in 1981 when working as a trainee teacher. He became General Secretary of the SYPROS teachers' union in 1995. In 1996 he was elected Confederal Secretary in Charge of Administration of the Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs du Sénégal (CNTS) and in 1999 went on to become Confederal Secretary for Education and Training and Director of the confederation's National Workers' Education Institute (INEFO). He joined the ICFTU in Brussels in 2003 as the head of the Trade Union Development Cooperation and Education Unit. Following the founding of the ITUC, he became the head of Trade Union Development Cooperation and Education, ITUC-Africa Coordinator and Director of the Human and Trade Union Rights Department. He was elected Deputy General Secretary of the ITUC in December 2017.

### Mr. Roberto Suarez Santos



Roberto Suárez Santos was appointed Secretary-General of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) on 26 October 2018, having held the post of Deputy Secretary-General since December 2012. Prior to joining the IOE, Roberto was ILO Programme Director for the promotion of youth employment in the Maghreb region. He previously worked at the Spanish Confederation of Employers' Organisations in areas ranging from comparative labour policies and labour relations to youth unemployment and social and employment policy. He was BUSINESSSEUROPE's Vice President for Labour Affairs for several years. He also was Vice-President of Business at OECD's Employment and Labour Affairs Committee, and a member of various follow-up committees for the European Social Fund and the EU Economic and Social Committee. Roberto's experience extends to academia, having served as associate professor of European Social Law at both the Universidad Complutense de Madrid and the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas in Spain. Roberto is a lawyer with experience in European and international labour law, as well as in international relations.

## Ms. Michelle Leighton



Ms Leighton is Chief of the Labour Migration Branch for the International Labour Organization where she directs the Office's work on labour migration and mobility, and supports policies and programs related to migrants and refugees. She has expertise in the fields of international law, labour migration, human rights, and economic development, and received her LL.M degree from the London school of Economics and Political Science, London, England in 1987. She serves as an expert appointed to the UNFCCC Task Force on displacement related to climate change, and formerly a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Migration. Ms. Leighton has led global and field research teams, including on linkages between human migration and development, environmental and climate change. She has taught on law faculties in Asia, Europe and the United States and authored numerous publications. Following her service as a Fulbright Scholar in Central Asia, she co-founded the American University of Central Asia's Tian Shan Policy Center at the American University in Bishkek. She has been an adviser and consultant to international institutions, government, and non-profit organizations, leading technical cooperation projects in the Americas, Africa, Europe and Central Asia. She served as the Munich Re Foundation Chair on Social Vulnerability for the UNU-Environment and Human Security institute, Bonn, Germany, as an expert on the German Marshall Fund's Trans-Atlantic Study Team on Climate and Migration, and Director of the Center for Law and Global Justice Human Rights Program at the University of San Francisco Law School. Early in her career, she co-founded the NGO Natural Heritage Institute based in San Francisco, leading policy programs related to environment, migration, corporate social responsibility, and human rights.