

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM: ROUND TABLE FOUR

Wednesday, 18 May 2022, 10:00 to 13:00
Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters

Co- Chaired by Azerbaijan and Morocco

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 for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

Round table four will focus on progress made in the implementation of objectives 1, 3, 7, 17, and 23 of the GCM.¹

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.



¹ 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-4-Background-note-final.pdf>

PROGRAMME

10:00	<p>Opening <i>Remarks by the Co-Chairs:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Vusal Huseynov, Chief of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan 2. H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations
10:10	<p>Keynote speaker Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</p>
10:20	<p>Panel discussion <i>Panellists:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights 2. Ms. Marcela Cerrutti, Director, Centro de Estudios de Población (CENEP) 3. Ms. Amina Bouayach, President, NHRI Morocco, GANHRI Secretary 4. Mr. Themba Lewis, Regional Manager Asia, Mixed Migration Centre 5. Ms. Catherine Tactaquin, Founder and Co-Convener of the Women in Migration Network (WIMN) 6. H.E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
10:50	<p>Interactive discussion <i>Interventions from floor</i></p>
12: 35	<p>Responses and final remarks by panellists</p>
12:50	<p>Closing <i>Remarks by the Co-Chair:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Vusal Huseynov, Chief of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan 2. H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations

Biographies of co-chairs

H.E. Mr. Vusal Huseynov, Chief of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan



Mr. Vusal Huseynov is the Chief of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan since April 2018. Prior to his present position he was member of the Parliament, worked as senior adviser at the Administration of the President and acted as secretary of Anti-Corruption Commission of Azerbaijan. Along with being member of the parliament he acted as vice-chair of Azerbaijani delegation to Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe. He also headed Azerbaijani delegation to CoE's Group of States against Corruption. He was also elected as the deputy chairman of Legal Affairs and Human Rights committee of European Council Parliamentary Assembly during his tenure as a parliamentarian. In addition, Mr. Huseynov also acted as National Coordinator of Open Government Partnership International Initiative on Azerbaijan during 2012-2015. He received bachelor's and master's degree in Economics from Azerbaijan State University of Economics and studied Law at Baku State University. Mr. Huseynov also holds master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. Mr. Huseynov was also a member of Board of Governors of International Anticorruption Academy during 2015-2021.

H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations



Ambassador Omar Hilale was appointed Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations in New York, in 14 April 2014. Prior to that, he was Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva. He joined the Foreign Ministry in 1974. His diplomatic career has also been marked with 30 years of direct experience with the UN. He served as Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva from 2001 to 2005 and from 2008 to 2014. In this capacity he carried out several responsibilities, among which facilitator of the review process of the mechanism of the Universal Periodic Review within the five year review of the Human Rights Council. From 1982 to 1991, he served as a Counselor and First Secretary in Geneva. Ambassador Hilale also served as Secretary-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in Rabat from 2005 to 2008. He was Ambassador to Indonesia, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand between 1996 and 2001. He also held several positions in the Foreign Ministry, including that of Minister Plenipotentiary and member of the Office of the Secretary of State, from 1993 to 1996. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Hilale headed the Ministry Section responsible for the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council and International Organizations. Previously, he served as Second Secretary in Algiers, Algeria, from 1975 to 1976, first Secretary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between 1976 and 1979; and Deputy Ambassador in Monrovia, Liberia, from 1979 to 1980. Mr. Hilale received a degree in political science from Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco, in 1974. He is married and has three children.

Biography of keynote speaker

Mr. Liu Zhenmin



Liu Zhenmin of China has served as Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs since 26 July 2017. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Liu was Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of China. Among his various diplomatic assignments, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland (2011-2013), where he was deeply involved for in climate change negotiations, including the conclusion of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. As USG for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu guides UN Secretariat support for the follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. He also oversees the substantive services to many intergovernmental processes, DESA's policy analysis and capacity development work, and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on all development-related issues, including climate change, internet governance, and financing for development. Mr. Liu holds a Master of Laws from the Law School of Peking University.

Biographies of speakers

Mr. Craig Mokhiber



Craig Mokhiber is Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. An international lawyer and specialist in human rights law, policy, and methodology with more than thirty-five years in the international human rights movement, including more than twenty-five years at the United Nations, he has held senior UN positions in Geneva, New York and in the field, and has undertaken human rights missions to dozens of countries across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Ms. Marcela Cerrutti



Marcela Cerrutti has a Ph.D in Sociology with specialization in Demography. She is a research member of the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research at the Center for Population Studies (CENEP) in Argentina and Full Professor at the National University of San Martín. She is a member of the Scientific Panel on International Migration of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. She is former director of CENEP, Vice-President of the Latin American (ALAP), and editor of *Revista Latinoamericana de Población (RELAP)*. Her scholarship addresses intra-regional migrations in South America; gender, family, and migration; return migration; migration policies and human rights and migration data and statistics. She has worked as consultant for several international organizations (IOM, UNPD, UNFPA, WHO, PAO, CEPAL, CELADE, UNICEF, UNHCR) and for the Argentinean Government (Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, City Government of Buenos Aires). She is serving as a member of the 2023 International Forum of Migration Statistic, IFMS.

Ms. Amina Bouayach



Amina Bouayach was appointed by His Majesty King Mohammed VI as President of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) on 6 December 2018. Previously, she was the Moroccan Ambassador to Sweden and Latvia since February 2016. She also served as Vice-President then Secretary General of International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH). Ms. Bouayach was the first woman to chair a human rights organization in Morocco; the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights (OMDH) following her election for two successive terms. Graduated in economics, Ms. Bouayach is also fluent in several languages (Arabic, Amazigh, French, English and Spanish).

Mr. Themba Lewis



Themba Lewis holds graduate degrees in refugee studies from the University of Oxford and the American University in Cairo, as well as legal accreditation with the UK Legal Services Commission and is a Registered Member of the Law Society of England and Wales. He has taught on refugee rights in Bulgaria, Egypt, and Thailand, and has provided legal representation for detained asylum seekers in the United Kingdom. Previously, Themba served as a Field Team Leader at the US Refugee Admissions Program, facilitating resettlement across sub-Saharan Africa before joining the Rights in Exile Programme as co-director, working to build a global movement of pro-bono refugee legal aid supports. He then served as Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network until 2021, when he joined the Danish Refugee Council as Regional MMC Manager for Asia.

Ms. Catherine Tactquin



environment, and climate change.

Catherine Tactquin is a founder and co-convenor of the Women in Migration Network, an intersectional, feminist alliance that promotes women's human rights at the center of all migration and development policy. A migrant rights activist and advocate, she was a founder and former director of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, based in the U.S. and organized for many years at a grassroots level in the Filipino immigrant community. She has written and presented at multiple levels on a variety of migration issues, including the intersection of migration with issues of race, gender, the

Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam



Md. Shahriar Alam, MP was sworn in as the State Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2014 and continues to hold the office since then. In his long political career, he held many important positions, including the Vice Chairman of All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) on Climate Change, Education and Poverty Reduction, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), World Trade Organization, and Bangladesh Development Forum. As the State Minister for Foreign Affairs, he leads Bangladesh's engagements with the UN's human rights mechanisms, including the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process, as well as the government's efforts to implement applicable human rights instruments. Mr. Alam is equally successful as an entrepreneur and a passionate patron of different sports, cricket in particular. He holds an MBA (Master of Business Administration) from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka.