



Migration Youth and Children Platform (MYCP)

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- *Reaffirm* and stress the need to further strengthen the implementation of the:
 - New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants
 - Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration/
 - *Reaffirming* further that the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration is based on the following set of cross-cutting and interdependent principles: people-centered, routes-based, rights-based, international cooperation, rule of law and due process, sustainable development, human rights, gender-transformative, child-responsive, whole-of-government approach and whole-of-society approach.
 - The establishment of the International Migration Review Forum
 - As an intergovernmental global platform for Member States to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.
 - United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons
 - International Labour Organization conventions:
 - Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)
 - Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97)
 - Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)
 - Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181)
 - Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)
 - Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190)
 - Sign and ratify or accede to the:
 - International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
 - Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

- Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
 - 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
 - 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness
- As well as all other human rights treaties that contribute to the protection of the rights of migrants, calls upon States parties to comply with their relevant obligations under international law.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

- Reaffirming the provisions concerning migrants contained in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, and calling upon States to promote and protect effectively the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants regardless of migratory status, especially those of women and children, and to encourage their active participation, as appropriate, in processes that contribute to decision-making, planning and implementation of policies and programmes for sustainable development at all levels.
- Reaffirming also the Political Declaration adopted at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) under the auspices of the General Assembly which recognized the positive role and contribution of migrants for inclusive growth and sustainable development in countries of origin, transit and destination, including by enriching societies through human, socioeconomic and cultural capacities, and the further recommitment to cooperate internationally to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration involving full respect for human rights and the humane treatment of migrants, regardless of their migration status, and to support countries of origin, transit and destination in the spirit of international cooperation, taking into account national circumstances.
- Foster collaborations and partnerships that promote cohesive, interconnected, and intersectional approaches that acknowledge the complex and intertwined nature of climate-induced migration, especially with regards to children and youth.
- Prioritize sustainable, accessible, and flexible funding to research and better understand the complex interaction of compounded vulnerabilities and structural harms to ensure youth and children on the move and those at risk of moving from climate-impacted regions are meaningfully protected and supported.
- Mainstream, integrate, and institutionalize gender-transformative approaches into sustainable development and climate-related plans, policies, and programs to assess the implications of implementation on women and girls, in all their diversity, ensuring their meaningful engagement and leadership in inclusive and effective decision-making processes.
- Reaffirm the importance of adopting a gendered lens to addressing the human rights implications of climate change displacement including legal protection of people displaced across international borders, addressing the root negative social norms, policies and practices that sustain gender inequality and discrimination, including the culture of tolerance towards sexual and gender-based violence that makes women and girls particularly vulnerable to contemporary forms of slavery and trafficking in persons.
- Enact or update national laws and establish complementary and comprehensive policies, programs and other measures that provide for the legal protections of trafficked persons from revictimization, with appropriate assistance and protection, stressing the importance of coordinating both national and international cooperation to enhance positive efforts.
- Recognize that displacement generated by environmental degradation caused by extractive industries and agri-business can lead to people finding work in exploitative conditions in these same industries, completing a vicious circle in which climate change drives.

- Strengthen Early Warning Systems, especially in conflict zones and areas affected by environmental and natural disasters and ensure a gender-responsive lens to enhance the security of women and girls, in all their diversity.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

- Center the meaningful engagement of youth and children, especially of migrants, refugees, and displaced persons, young women, girls, youth and children with disabilities, youth confronting multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, those marginalized at the intersections of various challenges, and youth in climate and conflict affected settings, ensuring their co-leadership, co-creation, and co-ownership in informing, and shaping decision-making processes.
- Mandate mechanisms to facilitate meaningful youth engagement in deliberative and decision-making processes concerning migration, including in intergovernmental processes, building on existing frameworks, such as the mandating of the Migration Youth and Children Platform to facilitate youth participation in the Global Forum on Migration and Development.
- Commit to ensuring migrants, refugees, and survivors of trafficking in persons, including persons who have been displaced or forced to migrate, internally and/or internationally, as a result of climate change, especially children, are not criminalized nor threatened with detention, deportation, or other forms of punishment or repercussions for crimes committed during their period of trafficking or exploitation, or as a direct result or consequence of their exploitation, inter-alia, breaches of laws, immigration procedures, possession and use of forged official documents, or drug offenses; and in this regard, ensure migrants, refugees, displaced persons, and survivors are provided with the relevant humanitarian, legal and financial support through established channels of assistance, through human rights-based approaches.
- Prohibit child detention and replace child immigration detention with community-based support including access to services, creating economic, educational, and social opportunities, as well as reintegration programmes, for children and youth who were formerly detained.
- Commit to adopting legislation that provides adequate, accessible, and substantive support, including basic protections, as well as physical and mental health services and provisions as a result of migration, forced migration, displacement, conflict, and climate change, especially for children and vulnerable groups, and to ensure protection, inter alia, re-victimization, abuse, violence, physical and/or mental health challenges, during legal justice and investigation processes.
- Ensure unimpeded access to safe, accessible, and quality education for all migrants, refugees, and displaced persons, inter-alia, primary, secondary, and higher education, life-long education, access to technical and vocational skills, re-skilling, and upskilling, and in this regard commit to promote refugee and displaced youth and children's non-discriminatory inclusion, with specific attention on protection, gender equality, tolerance, dignity and participation to equip them with the skills to succeed in all spheres of private, public, social, economic, cultural, and political life.
- Integrate Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in national curriculums that include education for disaster risk reduction to prepare for potential natural disasters and climate-induced displacement, enhance national capacities for conducting emergency drills at schools and in educational settings, and draft guides for disaster risk reduction.
- Acknowledge children and youth for their potential to bring creative additions to data-related initiatives, including technological and innovative solutions that can expand the reach and relevance of data-related efforts, to inform policies and programmes on migration.
- Recognize Indigenous children and youth as integral data agenda that possess unique insights and experiences in accurately understanding and predicting the impact of climate change and extractive activities, and in this regard, increase efforts to provide sustainable, accessible, and flexible funding

and resourcing to Indigenous youth and marginalized groups, ensuring their diverse representation in data-driven decision-making processes.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

- Calls upon all Governments to incorporate a human rights, gender-transformative, routes-based, rights-based, and people-centered perspective into legislation, policies and programmes on international migration, consistent with their human rights obligations and commitments under human rights instruments, for the prevention of and protection of migrants, in all their diversity, especially women, girl, and child migrants, and migrants facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, against violence and discrimination, modern slavery, trafficking in persons, exploitation and abuse, to take effective measures to ensure that such migration policies do not reinforce discrimination, inequalities, and marginalization, and, where necessary, to conduct impact assessment studies of such legislation, policies and programmes, and to take into account the need for effective and meaningful participation of migrants and relevant civil society organizations, as appropriate, in the formulation of such policies and programmes.
- Commit to international cooperation to facilitate youth-centered, disability-inclusive, and gender-transformative safe, regular and orderly migration, both internally and internationally, that is less bureaucratic, accessible and affordable, through the implementation and strengthening of relevant international and national legal instruments, ensuring access to remedy at non-state levels and securing access to legal status, and adequate basic services at both sources and destination, inter alia, quality education, housing, sexual and reproductive health and rights, healthcare, training, decent work and employment opportunities, interpretation services, legal support, and the full respect of their human rights.
- Ensure that all children born into situations of displacement are afforded their rights, including access to citizenship, documentation, and registration. Ensure the prioritization of funding for children born into and growing up in displacement camps and settlements globally, including for the provision of educational and health emergency programs.