

Good afternoon, and thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today. Thank you to the co-facilitators, panelists, and member states for your vital roles in this most important dialogue. My name is Christine Mendonca, I am the co-founder and CEO of Humans on the Move, a social impact advisory that aims to connect the private, public, and humanitarian sectors to address the tactical and practical challenges of the global refugee and migration crisis. We need to identify more ways where these sectors can partner and work together to address some of the vexing challenges. All indications point to an increasing number of humans beings who are on the move, and the forecast for future years and decades bare that out. Regardless of the cause of migration or method, by force, choice, or coercion, more collaboration between the sectors not less is essential.

Examples of areas where the private sector can play vital and pivotal roles:

- As many respondents have mentioned before I, increasing the amount, accuracy, and frequency of data distribution is essential. If stakeholders are to respond with efficacy there needs to be more data.
- Leverage technology to connect more asylum seekers access to legal assistance and representation regardless of location. Every person should have access to representation.
- With the rise of social entrepreneurship and impact investing sectors, there are human centered, ethical and responsible responses to the practical and tactical challenges presented by the large movements of migrants and refugees.

Finally, migrants and refugees themselves need to be heard in this process. Their voices and perspectives are vital to this process and its outcomes.