

**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration**

First informal thematic session on  
“Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination,  
including racism, xenophobia and intolerance”<sup>1</sup>

Palais des Nations, Room XIX  
Geneva, 8-9 May 2017

Organizational arrangements

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A letter from the President of the General Assembly on behalf of the co-facilitators and the Secretary-General for the intergovernmental conference dated 13 April 2017 was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. The letter includes:

- A general concept note;
- A procedural note for the first thematic session;
- A work plan prepared by the Secretary-General for the intergovernmental conference;
- The Inter-Agency issue brief for the first thematic session.

(<http://www.un.org/pga/71/wp-content/uploads/sites/40/2015/08/Global-compact-for-migration.compressed.pdf>)

All related information to the sessions can be found on the website:

<https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/member-states>

Further details on organizational arrangements:

1. The thematic session will take place on 8 and 9 May in CR XIX at the United Nations Office in Geneva.
2. The co-facilitators are inviting all stakeholders for an informal dialogue on 9 May at 9:00 to 10:00 AM in CR XIX (invitation letter sent by the co-facilitators, dated 2 May 2017). Member States are welcome to attend. There will be no interpretation for this session.
3. All sessions (also the informal dialogue with the co-facilitators on 9 May at 9-10 AM) will be broadcast and recorded (<http://webtv.un.org/>).

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<sup>1</sup> For further information, see:

- General concept note - Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. Phase I - consultations (April to November 2017) (<http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/member-states>)

- Procedural note and the SRSG's issues brief for the first thematic session (<http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/calendar-events>)

4. Member State will be seated in alphabetical order and will be allocated one seat at the table (“plus one”). Extra participants can be seated in the gallery along the sides or on the available seats in the third row seats on the floor.
5. The remaining 30 seats will be reserved for International Organizations and entities that have observer status, United Nations agencies and stakeholders (seated on a first-come, first-served basis). Two of the seats for stakeholders at the table will have a “reserved” sign and will be used by stakeholder representatives requesting the floor.
6. States will be given speaking priority and will make their interventions from the floor. Time permitting other speakers will be invited for an intervention.
7. There will be no pre-established list of speakers. Speaking requests should be raised in the room. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions to three minutes.
8. Delegations can submit written inputs via email to [gcmigration@un.org](mailto:gcmigration@un.org). Inputs will be uploaded to the website.
9. Requests for side event should be shared with the Secretary-General for the intergovernmental conference ([gcmigration@un.org](mailto:gcmigration@un.org)). There is a limited availability of rooms. Information on side events will be made available on the website.
10. All participants will need a United Nations Grounds Pass to attend the meeting. Participants with a valid United Nations Grounds Pass for the United Nations headquarters in New York can access the United Nations Office in Geneva with their pass at the Nations Gates or Pregny Gates and in the building by one of the open doors (door 6, 17 and 40). Participants coming from capitals should arrange their Grounds Pass via their missions based in Geneva.
11. Stakeholders wishing to participate must have registered by 2 May and will receive a special event pass. This special event pass can be picked up between 8:30-11:30 AM at the Pregny Gates. Participants with a special event pass must present a national identification card or passport. Due to possibility of waiting lines, participants are advised to arrive early.