



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 May 2017

Excellency,

I am writing with regard to the General Assembly resolution 71/280 on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, adopted by the Assembly on 6 April 2017.

Further to my letter of 13 April 2017, in which I invited Member States to express interest in moderating a panel during the six Informal Thematic Sessions, I wish to inform you that H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations in New York, will moderate Panel 1, H.E. Mr. Evan P. Garcia, Permanent Representative of the Philippine to the United Nations in Geneva, will moderate Panel 2, and H.E. Mr. Jānis Kārklīņš, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations in Geneva will moderate Panel 3 of the first Informal Thematic Session titled “Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance”. This first Informal Thematic Session is scheduled to be held in Geneva on 8-9 May 2017 in Room XIX. Please find attached the updated programme of work and the organizational arrangements note for this session.

Please note that the selection of moderators was done by my Office in full respect of paragraph 17 of resolution A/RES/71/280, and with due regard to geographical balance and the situations in countries of origin, transit and destination.

Also, please find attached a letter received on 1 May 2017 from the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the global compact, the intergovernmental conference as well as their preparatory process, inviting the membership and stakeholders to an informal dialogue with the co-facilitators on 9 May 2017, from 9:00 – 10:00 am, in Conference Room XIX.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF MEXICO
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
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Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

New York, 1 May 2017

Dear Madam or Sir,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, the intergovernmental conference, as well as their preparatory process.

As you are aware, the first informal thematic session will address “*Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance*”, and will take place on 8-9 May 2017 in Conference Room XIX at the United Nations Office in Geneva.

In line with paragraph 8 of the modalities resolution, we are pleased to invite all stakeholders to **an informal dialogue with the co-facilitators on 9 May 2017, from 9:00 – 10:00 am, in Conference Room XIX**, before the informal thematic session resumes for the second day. This informal dialogue provides stakeholders the opportunity to contribute their views on the subject matters of the first informal thematic session. Members States are invited to attend the informal dialogue.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the modalities resolution, which stresses “the importance of effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, parliaments, diaspora communities and migrant organizations in the intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process”, non-governmental stakeholders in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as well as accredited representatives of relevant stakeholder groups are invited to participate in the informal thematic sessions.

Please note that the informal thematic session as well as the informal dialogue with non-governmental stakeholders will be broadcasted and recorded (<http://webtv.un.org/>).

Further relevant information on the preparatory process in general can be accessed at <https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact>.

We look forward to your active participation throughout the process.

Yours sincerely,

Juan José Gómez Camacho
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of
Mexico to the United Nations

Jürg Lauber
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of
Switzerland to the United Nations

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”¹

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

Organizational arrangements

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 which 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 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 broadcasted and recorded: <http://webtv.un.org/>
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.

¹ 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>)

5. The remaining 30 seats will be reserved for International Organizations and entities that have observer status, UN 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. Inputs will be uploaded to the website.
9. All side event requests should be shared with the Secretary-General for the intergovernmental conference. There is a limited availability of rooms. Information on side events will be available on the website
10. All participants will need a UN ground pass to attend the meeting. Participants with a valid UN grounds pass for the UN headquarters in New York can access the UN 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 be registered by 2 May (<http://bit.ly/GCM-Prep-Process-ThematicSession-Apply>) 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. There could be a bit of a wait so you may wish to arrive in good time.

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

Organization of work

Day 1: Monday, 8 May 2017

Time	Session
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Opening Segment</p> <p>Welcoming remarks by the co-facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations • H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations <p>Remarks by Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference</p>
10:15 – 13:00	<p>Panel 1. Human rights of all migrants</p> <p>This panel will address issues related to the human rights of all migrants with a focus on practical implementation of international norms, as well as identifying and analysing specific challenges at all stages of migration, including the needs of migrants in vulnerable situations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Monami Maulik, Advocacy Coordinator, Global Coalition on Migration • Mr. Benjamin Lewis, Advocacy Coordinator, International Detention Coalition • Ms. Paola Cymment, Project Officer, Comisión de Apoyo a Refugiados y Migrantes (CAREF) <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations</p>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 17:50	<p>Panel 2. Social inclusion and cohesion</p> <p>This panel will explore ways and means to promote social cohesion in destination societies. The panel would focus in particular on the promotion and protection of economic, social, political, and cultural rights, including in respect of health, education, and adequate standard of living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sharon Moshavi, Senior Vice President, New Initiatives, International Center

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	<p>for Journalists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Michele Levoy, Director, Platform of International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) • Ms. Anita Bay Bundegaard, International Advocacy Director and UN Representative, Save the Children <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Evan P. Garcia, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva</p>
17:50 – 18:00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators

Day 2: Tuesday, 9 May 2017

Time	Session	
10:00 – 10:05	<p>Welcoming remarks by the co-facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations • H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations 	
10:05 – 13:00	<p>Panel 3. All forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance</p> <p>This panel would examine ways to confront discrimination, racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance against migrants, including through national law that protects their rights, ensures equal access to justice, and through public discourse that supports a positive attitude towards migrants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richard Wilson, Co-Founder, Stop Funding Hate • Ms. Piya Muqit, Executive Director, Justice Centre • Mr. Mutuma Ruteere, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jānis Kārkliņš, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations in Geneva</p>	
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch	Space for side-events
15:00 – 17:30	<p>Summary Panel: Synopsis of the main conclusions and outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderators present the key recommendations resulting from their panels ▪ Mr. Francois Crepeau, the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, thematic expert for this first informal thematic session, provides a short overview of the main discussions • Interactive exchange between the moderators, the thematic expert and Member States on the outcomes of the session 	
17:30 – 17:50	Co-facilitators will draw the main conclusions on the interlinkages and the overarching theme of the session.	
17:50 – 18:00	Closing remarks by the Co-facilitators	