

***Towards a Global Compact that Safeguards the Rights of
Migrant Workers and their Families
An Interactive Dialogue of the ILO and Constituents with Civil
Society and other Stakeholders***

Wednesday 4 April, 2018 from 1:15pm to 2:45pm
UN Headquarters New York, Conference Room 8

The Council of Global Unions Working Group on Migration (CGU-WGM) joins with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to organize a side event during the third round of negotiations on the United Nations Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, taking place at UN Headquarters in New York, from 3-6 April, 2018.

The session aims to:

- Stimulate a dialogue among civil society and other stakeholders, as well as Government representatives and specialized agencies, focused on the ILO's Fair Migration Agenda, linked to Decent Work as central to a core set of objectives in the current draft of the Global Compact;
- Demonstrate how the ILO works with constituents and partners at regional and national levels to advance a fair labour migration agenda aimed at improving the lives and livelihoods of migrant workers, while reducing skill gaps;
- Highlight real life examples to illustrate how the application of this rights-based, normative framework to migration policy and programme activities on the ground serves to advance the best interests of migrant workers, while responding to labour market needs;
- Demonstrate how the standard-setting and operational expertise of the ILO in the field of international labour migration can enrich the substantive content of the global compact, as well as the implementation, follow-up and review mechanisms to be agreed.

PROGRAMME

1:15pm - 1:25pm	Opening Remarks. Introduction to the Discussion: A Labour perspective on the Negotiations.
1:25pm - 2:05pm	Moderator: Neha Misra - The Solidarity Center. Government Representative - Philippines. (8 min) ILO Representative Shabari Nair. Migration Policy Specialist ILO Office for the United Nations.(8 min) Employer Representative Ronnie Goldberg, Senior Council, United States Council for International Business (USCIB) (8 min) Trade Union Representative - Laxman Basnet, General Secretary of South Asian Regional Trade Union Council, (SARTUC) (8 min) Civil Society Representative - Discussant. [TBD]. (8 min)
2:05pm - 2:35pm	Interactive Dialogue/Q&A
2:35pm - 2:45pm	Panelists' Responses. Moderator's Closing Remarks

Supporting this initiative are:

The International Organisation of Employers (IOE), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Global Coalition on Migration (GCM), the Women in Migration Network (WIMN), the Solidarity Center, and the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF).