



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 July 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 dated 6 July 2017, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith the updated programme of work and the organizational arrangements note for the Fourth Informal Thematic Session titled “*Contributions of migrants and diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits*”; which will take place on 24-25 July 2017, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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

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

Fourth Informal Thematic Session:
**“Contributions of migrants and diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development,
including remittances and portability of earned benefits”¹**

New York, 24-25 July 2017
United Nations Headquarters, Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work

Day 1: Monday, 24 July 2017

Time	Concept
10.00-10.15	<p>Opening segment 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 <p>Remarks by Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference</p>
10.15-13.00	<p>PANEL 1: Contributions of migrants to all dimensions of sustainable development: the linkages between migration and development</p> <p>As Member States agreed to a number of migration-related commitments and targets in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, this panel will provide an overview of the links between migration and development. It will highlight practical means of fostering the economic and social benefits of migration, including through the mainstreaming of migration into development policies and enhancing cooperation within and amongst states. This mainstreaming process would be based on whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, including through meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders. The session will also examine those barriers limiting positive development contributions, and discuss innovative policies and measures to enhance such contributions including through the commitments made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Gibril Faal, Interim Executive Director of the Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT)▪ Ms. Melissa Siegel, Professor of Migration Studies and Head of Migration Studies at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

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 fourth thematic session (<https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/contributions-migrants>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Najim Azahaf, Senior Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung <p>Moderator: H. E. Mr. Hisham Badr, Ambassador, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs and International Security of the Arab Republic of Egypt</p>	
13.00-15.00	Lunch	Space for Side Events
15.00-17.50	<p>PANEL 2: Contributions of migrants and diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development: enabling frameworks for contributions</p> <p>This panel will focus on the multiple aspects and concrete contributions of migrants and diasporas to sustainable development. It will examine the key elements of enabling frameworks in countries of origin and destination to encourage and maximize such contributions. These elements include incentives to invest, diaspora bonds, support to migrant entrepreneurs, skills development and circulation, political participation of migrants, and social remittances. During this session, both economic and social contributions of migrants and diasporas will be explored including on how they can impact social inequalities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Estrella Mai Dizon-Anonuevo, Executive Director, Atikha Overseas Workers and Communities Initiative Inc ▪ Mr. Manuel Orozco, Senior fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue and the Director of the Migration, Remittances and Development Program ▪ Mr. Issayas Tesfamariam, Lecturer at the African and Middle Eastern Languages at Stanford University <p>Moderator: H.E. Ms. Maleeha Lodhi, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations</p>	
17.50-18.00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators	

Day 2: Tuesday, 25 July 2017

Time	Concept
10.00-10.15	<p>Welcome 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
10.15-13.00	<p>PANEL 3: Remittances and portability of earned benefits</p> <p>This panel will provide a concrete discussion on key economic and financial dimensions of migration and development, including remittances. The panel will highlight ways to reduce the transfer costs associated with migrant remittances as well as ways to maximize the impact of remittances on sustainable development, including through enhancing the financial literacy and inclusion of remittance recipients and their families. The portability of such benefits will also be highlighted, including ways in which to ensure such measures through various types of bilateral or multilateral agreements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Leon Isaacs, Joint-Chief Executive Officer, Developing Markets

	<p>Associates (DMA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Fatumo Farah, Director, HIRDA Foundation ▪ Ms. Claire Scharwatt, Senior Advocacy & Policy Manager for the Mobile Money Programme, Mobile Money of Groupe Spéciale Mobile Association (GSMA) <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Amanuel Giorgio, Ambassador, charge d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations</p>	
13.00-15.00	Lunch	Space for Side Events
15.00-17.50	<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 ▪ Ms. Marta Foresti, Managing Director, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), thematic expert provides a short overview of the main discussions and the interlinkages between the panels ▪ Interactive exchange between the moderators, the thematic expert and Member States on the outcomes of the session 	
17.50-18.00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators	

Organizational arrangements for the informal thematic session on “Contributions of migrants and diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits”

New York, 24-25 July 2017

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ

A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 6 July 2017 was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. The letter transmits the following:

- A letter from the co-facilitators dated 3 July 2017 which encloses a procedural note for the fourth thematic session.
- The Inter-Agency issue brief for the second thematic session.

(https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/ts4_issuebrief.pdf)

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

<https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/thematic-sessions>

Further details on organizational arrangements:

1. The thematic session will take place on 24 and 25 July in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the United Nations headquarters in New York.
2. The co-facilitators are inviting all stakeholders for an informal dialogue on 25 July at 9:00 to 9:50 AM in Trusteeship Council Chamber (invitation letter sent by the co-facilitators, dated 3 July 2017). Member States are welcome to attend. There will be no interpretation for this dialogue.
3. The thematic session and the informal dialogue with stakeholders will be broadcast and recorded (<http://webtv.un.org/>).
4. States and the European Union will be seated in alphabetical order and will be allocated one seat at the table (“plus one”).
5. A limited number of seats at table will be allocated to International Organizations and entities that have observer status, United Nations agencies and stakeholders (seated on a first-come, first-served basis). Reserved seating at table will also be available for participants wishing to take the floor during the panels. Other participants will be seated in the gallery.
6. States will be given speaking priority. Time permitting other speakers will be invited for an intervention. All interventions will be made from the floor.
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. Participants can submit written inputs via email to gcmigration@un.org. Inputs will be uploaded to the website.
9. Requests for side events should be shared with the Secretary-General for the intergovernmental conference (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 or a special event ticket to attend the meeting. Member States representatives coming from capitals should arrange their Grounds Pass via their missions based in New York.
11. Stakeholders wishing to participate must have applied to attend this session by 20 June. Those approved who do not possess a UN Grounds Pass will receive a special event ticket. Instructions for picking up these tickets will be emailed to applicants approved for attendance. Approved participants must present a national identification card or passport to receive their special event ticket. Entry into the UN Trusteeship Council Chamber for stakeholders will be provided on the 3rd floor.
12. This special event ticket will also allow access to the multi-stakeholder hearing on 26 July.