

The Netherlands – TS1-P4

Thank you MR co facilitator,

We align ourselves with what has been said by the EU DElegation and have a few additional remarks in our national capacity;

- We would like to thank the co-facilitators, moderators, panelists, states, civ soc, and all other stakeholders who have contributed to the session of yesterday and today. Thanks also to the moderators for their very useful and comprehensive wrap-ups of the three panel debates.
- Interesting two days, and interesting test-run for the set of thematic sessions that will follow.
- Large interest of states and interventions from all regional groups showed this topic is very much alive, and that states have shown a real commitment to share views and national best practices. Good sign. We have carefully listened to national experiences and best practices and will study the contributions which will be made publicly available. We also feel many of the contributions from the floor were frank and honest. Also important, and very good basis to move forward.
- Also good to see active civil society participation. We benefit from various different views, which inform us and our views. The Netherlands also has an ongoing dialogue with civil society at national level which we will continue throughout the process. Please ensure that this civil society participation is maintained throughout our deliberations.
- However we would also recall that we have started yesterday and today a consultation process which should in the end lead us to a global compact which all member states will be able to sign up to and most importantly, live by the commitments contained in the compact. We are working towards a document all of us should be able to support and implement.
- We fully agree that the contributions of panelists should be thought-provoking and trigger us to think and reflect on our own policies. That is exactly the role of a good panelist. But it is important that all of us in this room - states of origin, transit, and destination - are triggered to review whether there is space for amending our policies and work towards an improved promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants. In our view it is important to maintain a holistic approach, as Ambassador Hilale referred to this in his excellent wrap-up of session nr 1. This means that we should look at the human rights obligations of states at all stages of a migrants journey: from before the decision to leave is made, once it is made, along the route, and at the point of destination.
- We do feel that there is still room in the framework of this process for improvement in this particular regard.
- In conclusion, we would like to underline our strong commitment to the success of the process towards the adoption of the Global Compact.