



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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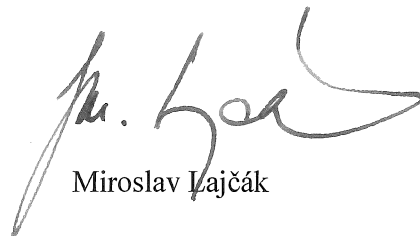
In accordance with paragraph 30 of the General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/280 on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, I will convene the second informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing as part of the preparatory process, on 11 October 2017 in Room XIX, UN Office in Geneva.

The interactive hearing will provide representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, accredited civil society organizations, academic institutions, parliaments and the private sector, with an opportunity to contribute constructively to the preparations for the intergovernmental conference on international migration and the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

I am pleased to enclose herewith, for your consideration, a note containing further information on the hearing, including the provisional agenda. A more detailed programme for the hearing will be provided in due course.

I encourage representatives of Member States to participate in the hearing, and to share this information with their Missions in Geneva.

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



Miroslav Lajčák

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

Second informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing

Preparatory process for the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration and the intergovernmental conference on international migration

11 October 2017

Room XIX, UN Office in Geneva

Background

In accordance with paragraph 30 of the General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/280, the President of the General Assembly is organizing a series of informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings as part of the preparatory process for the intergovernmental conference on international migration to adopt the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

The second informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing will be organized at the United Nations Office in Geneva on 11 October 2017. The first informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 26 July 2017.

All information related to the preparatory process of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration and the intergovernmental conference on international migration is made available online at <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact>

Objectives and expected outcomes

The President of the General Assembly will issue a summary of the hearing. This summary will be made available as an input for the intergovernmental negotiations on the global migration compact.

The second hearing will focus on the issues addressed in the fifth informal thematic sessions, held by the General Assembly in September 2017, and the issues to be addressed in the sixth thematic session, which will be organized following the second informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing. The second informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing will also focus on regional perspectives on migration during the afternoon part of the meeting.

The Secretary-General's issue briefs prepared for the fifth and sixth thematic sessions provide insight, food for thought and recommendations on the topics to be discussed during the hearing. In addition, participants are encouraged to consult the summary of the fifth informal thematic sessions prepared by the co-facilitators, who are leading the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations, in particular the areas they identified as needing further discussion.

Issue briefs and summaries of thematic sessions are available online at <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/thematic-sessions>.

Participation

The hearing is intended for representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, diaspora groups, migrant organizations and the private sector, which are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or have received a special accreditation to participate in the preparatory process.

In addition, the hearing is intended for representatives of parliaments and national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles.

Member States are invited and encouraged to participate in the hearing.

Structure of the hearing

The informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing will consist of an opening and a closing segment and three interactive panel discussions.

A preliminary programme of the hearing is enclosed.

Each panel discussion will feature short introductory remarks from the moderator, followed by remarks of each of the panelists and an interactive exchange with interventions from the floor. Each panel will be guided by a set of suggested topics for discussion, as contained in the enclosed detailed programme.

The selection of panelists and moderators takes into account regional and gender considerations, with a diversity of expertise and ages.

Panelists, moderators as well as speakers from the floor are encouraged to focus their statements on concrete recommendations for the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

Interventions from the floor will be strictly limited to three minutes.

There will be no formal list of speakers for the hearing.

Stakeholder representatives interested in making a statement are invited to express their interest immediately prior to the beginning of the meeting or by requesting the floor from their seat.

Member States interested in making an interactive intervention in the hearing are encouraged to contact Ms. Elina Lemmetty-Hartoneva at the Office of the President of the General Assembly (lemmetty@un.org).

Logistical arrangements

Stakeholders wishing to participate must have applied to attend this session by 4 September. Those approved who do not possess a UN Grounds Pass will receive a special event pass.

Approved participants must present a national identification card or passport to receive their special event pass at the UN Office in Geneva. This pass can be picked up between 8 AM to 5PM at the Pregny Gates. Participants with a special event pass must present a national identification card or passport.

Participants are encouraged to arrive in due time prior to the start of the session to collect their passes.

This special event pass will also allow access to the sixth thematic session, which will be organized on 12 – 13 October 2017.

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.

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Time	Morning Meeting
10.00	<p>Opening of the Informal Interactive Multi-stakeholder Hearing</p> <p>Opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák</p> <p>Remarks by Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference on international migration</p>
10.15-11:35	<p>Panel 1: Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery</p> <p>Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims.</p> <p><i>Suggested topics to be addressed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the challenges and opportunities of a framework seeking to both combat the smuggling of migrants and protect the rights of smuggled migrants?</i> • <i>How can national and cross-border coordination and cooperation be strengthened, including between State and non-State actors, to combat trafficking in persons and target the criminal networks involved,</i> • <i>What could be some initiatives to address exploitative labour practices within supply chains, or consumer-based action against products or services resulting from trafficked labour?</i> <p>Panellists & Moderator TBC Interactive discussion with interventions from the floor</p>
11.40-13.00	<p>Panel 2: Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility and recognition of skills and qualifications</p> <p>Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility and recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures</p> <p><i>Suggested topics to be addressed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can migration policies address both the needs of the existing migrants in an irregular situation as well as deter the flow of future irregular migrants?</i> • <i>What is the role of the informal economy in driving irregular migration and how can this be addressed?</i> • <i>How can we ensure that labour migration policies ensure a greater mobility of labour at all skill levels and what about the possible trade-off between number of immigrants admitted and rights accorded to them or “does equality mean less immigration?”</i> <p>Panellists & Moderator TBC Interactive discussion with interventions from the floor</p>

Time	Afternoon Meeting
15.00	Opening of the afternoon meeting by Ambassador William Lacy Swing, Director General of IOM
15.10-17.50	<p>Panel 3: Regional perspectives on migration</p> <p><i>The afternoon session of the hearing will bring forth regional perspectives and expertise on migration, including data, analysis and best practices that could inform the preparation of the global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration. It also provides an opportunity to share and discuss conclusions from regional and national consultations.</i></p> <p>15.10 – 16.00 North, South and Central America</p> <p>16.05 – 16.55 Africa and Europe</p> <p>17.00 – 17.50 Asia and Middle East</p> <p>Panellists & Moderator TBC</p> <p>Interactive discussion with interventions from the floor</p>
17.50-18.00	<p>Closing of the Informal Interactive Multi-stakeholder Hearing</p> <p>Concluding remarks by H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration</p> <p>Closing of the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák</p>