



Permanent Mission of Guatemala
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The Protection and Integration of Migrants in Vulnerable Situations: The Case of Faith-Based Organizations

A Side Event During the Fifth Round of Negotiations on the
United Nations Global Compact for Safe Orderly and Regular Migration
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UN Headquarters Conference Room 7

Concept Note

Summary

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations and the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, together with the Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN), are sponsoring a Side Event entitled *“The Protection and Integration of Migrants in Vulnerable Situations: The Case of Faith-Based Organizations”*. The event will take place on Monday, June 4, 2018, from 1:15 to 2:45 pm, in Conference Room 7 of the United Nations Headquarters, during the fifth round of negotiations on the United Nations Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The aim of this side event is —within the framework of the negotiations of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration — to facilitate a reflection and discussion on the main challenges and responses for the protection and integration of migrants in vulnerable situations, especially the selected target groups of women and girls, and families, and the selected target areas of health care and dignified work. In this discussion, faith-based organizations engaged with migrants and their families, serving them as first responders and providing them a range of health-related, social, economic and cultural support at local national and international levels, will present their responsibility sharing perspectives for the implementation of the Global Compact, in collaboration with the UN Members States.

Rationale

Over past decades, faith-based organizations around the world have developed comprehensive networks to serve and serve vulnerable migrants and their families while also working to protect and sustainably integrate them into host communities. Such faith-based organizations continue to provide a professional, transparent, and accountable first response that aims to empower migrants and their families through training in labor practices for dignified work, counseling for social integration, mentorship for cultural protection, and personalized healthcare for the unique needs of migrants and their families.

In international migration, women and girls are often targeted for abuse and neglect. This side event will illuminate sustainable practices that assist these women and girls so that they recognize potential

risks and defend themselves in local, national, and international levels. The event will show the potential of faith-based organizations to facilitate and mediate their proper protection and integration into foreign communities, to which these vulnerable migrants often have little to no ties. Representatives in the international faith-based community, experts on migration and government officials will be featured in order to help existing networks become more efficient and effective as large movements of migrants and refugees grows globally.

Objective

To create the space for government representatives, faith-based organizations, and other multi-stakeholders to engage in a highly interactive dialogue with the panelists and each other.

Speakers

- **H.E. Mr. Jorge Skinner-Klee**, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, Welcome and Opening Remarks
- **H.E. Archbishop Bernardito Auza**, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, Overview
- **Mr. Donald Kerwin**, Executive Director of the Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS), “Identifying migrants in vulnerable situations of particular concern to faith-based organizations.”
- **Ms. Carol Giron**, Policy Coordinator for Central America of the Scalabrinian Missionaries and the Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN), “Protecting vulnerable populations and facilitating their social Integration
- **A migrant** who has survived vulnerable situations en route who was assisted by faith based organizations.
- **Mr. Elvy Monzant**, Executive Secretary of the Department of Justice and Solidarity of the Council of the Conferences of Catholic Bishops of Latin American and the Caribbean (CELAM) and Executive Director of the CLAMOR Network
- **Mr. Joseph Donnelly**, Delegate of Caritas Internationalis to the United Nations
- **Rev. Fr. Leonir Chiarello**, Executive Director, Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN), Moderator

Respondents (Invited)

- H.E. Teodoro Lopez Locsin, Jr., Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations (TBC)
- H.E. Christoph Heusgen, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations (TBC)
- H.E. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations (TBC)

Co-Sponsors

- Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations
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