

Thanks to co-facs, moderators and panellists, as well as the SRSG, for interesting discussions.

The tricky task now will be to how to reflect on these two days and how to take forward the work of the thematic consultations. We think the overall message is the need for balance:

- we had some very interesting panellists who were very able advocates for their causes. There is much food for thought in their advocacy. To hear also from practitioners would help put some of these concepts into a practical context - to hear what has worked on the ground and where there might be lessons for better implementation for all of us.
- The UK statement highlighted the need to cover the global perspective - to balance the discussion so that we look at human rights across the whole of the migrant experience, from origin, through transit and at destination. Yesterday we focussed heavily on one of those aspects.
- There were a range of views expressed throughout this consultation. There is much we agree on. We agree that existing human rights instruments provide a basis for our work, that any migration policy must be rooted firmly in human rights, like others we do not believe that managing migration and security and meeting human rights obligations are not mutually exclusive, and that there are possibilities for exchanging best practice and solutions which will help develop human rights compliance globally. But there are some areas where as yet there is no consensus, including we believe on some of the recommendations we have looked at this week such as

firewalls. The summaries just now certainly set some of this out and so We hope that the report will reflect this diversity of view.

- We know the organising team will be putting their great wisdom and experience to considering how to continue to develop their process so that we can reap the rewards of these important conversations. We would stress that any decisions and recommendations must be based on achieving a consensus view and that the process of agreeing the global Compact on migration remains a state-led process. We look forward to continuing this productive engagement with all stakeholders, and once again give our thanks to the team for the work they put in on the behalf of MS.