XIII Global Forum on Migration and Development 2020

Roundtable 4: "Addressing gaps in migrant protection"

Tuesday, 19 January from 12:30 – 15:30 (CET)

Program	
	Opening Remarks by the Roundtable Co-Chairs
12:30 – 12:40	 Dr. Cristopher Ballinas Valdés, Director General for Human Rights and Democracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
	Mr. Ahmed Skim, Director of Migration Affairs, Ministry Delegate to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of Morocco
12:40 – 12:50	Overview of the RT Background Paper by the Thematic Lead
	Mr. John Bingham, Interim Head of Stakeholder Engagement at the International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
	Focused Session I
	Guiding question 1: What are the gaps, in general and especially during the COVID-19 crisis, in the protection of migrants: in transit; in processes of admission and inclusion, including access to social services and justice, and portability of benefits; in labour agreements and the informal economy: and in return to the country of origin?
12:50 – 13:35	Moderator: Dr. Cristopher Ballinas Valdés, Co-Chair
	Speakers:
	 Amb. Evan Garcia, Permanent Representative of the Philippines in Geneva; Ms. Bitta Mostofi, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) in New York City; Ms. Fiona Andrew, Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Australia
	 in Geneva; Ms. Ruthra Mary Ramachandran, Youth Representative of Malaysia National Working Body for the ASEAN Human Rights Commission (Youth Speaker - Malaysia).
	Open discussion
	Focused Session II
13:35 – 14:20	

	Guiding question 2: Concretely how are States, civil society, businesses and cities addressing these gaps in protection, or how can they, including on the basis of shared interest, common ground, and in different types of partnerships? <u>Moderator:</u> <i>Mr. Ahmed Skim, Co-Chair</i>
	Speakers:
	 Ms. Sónia Pereira, High Commissioner for Migration of Portugal; Ms. Helena Olea, Associate Director at Alianza Americas; Ms. Leila Ouchani, Head of Integration Division at the Directorate of Migration Affairs of Morocco; Mr. Ibrahim Kondeh, Ambassador for "U-Report on the Move" (Youth Speaker – Sierra Leone). Open discussion
14:20 – 15:05	Focused Session III
	Guiding question 3: Which of those practices and partnerships have value to consider not only for responding within the COVID-related crises, but for recovering from them and for sustainable development longer-term?
	Moderator: Mr. John Bingham, Thematic Lead
	Speakers:
	Mr. Donald Cochrane, Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Canada in Geneva;
	 Mr. Kanishka Weerasinghe, Director General/ CEO, the Employers' Federation of Ceylon, Sri Lanka;
	 Ms. Nina Hälg, Program Officer at the Section of Forced Displacement and Migration, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland; Ms. Khiabet Altihu Salazar Mujica, UNICEF Child Protection Specialist with Children on the Move (Youth Speaker – Peru).
	Open discussion
15:05 – 15:20	Summary of the Roundtable discussion by the Rapporteur
	Ms. Fiona Andrew, Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Australia in Geneva
15:20 – 15:30	Concluding remarks by the Co-Chairs