



2021 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

VNR Lab on Migration

Monday, 12 July 2021, 13.00-14.30 EDT

IOM Director General and Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration

Remarks (4 min.)

Amy Muedin, UN Network on Migration Secretariat, will MC the event.

The Coordinator's remarks will come following the event opening (3 min.), which will be delivered by Bangladesh.

Following the opening from Bangladesh, Amy Muedin will introduce the Coordinator and give the floor. Following the delivery of remarks, Amy will thank the Coordinator and welcome the Moderator and Panelists for Panel 1 to take the floor.

Excellencies, distinguished guests, colleagues,

As Coordinator of the UN Migration Network, it is my pleasure to be with you today for this VNR Lab on migration, dedicated to identifying good practices and innovative approaches in addressing migration-related issues and challenges in Voluntary National Reviews. Let me acknowledge the good collaboration with the Group of Friends on migration in organizing this event.

This lab, held within the context of the 2021 HLPF, could not be timelier.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the vital role that migrants and people on the move play in fostering healthy, prosperous and inclusive societies. At the same time, the pandemic has revealed weaknesses in some of our existing policies and practices. It has also exposed the devastating consequences that can result when people on the move are not adequately protected, and their human and labour rights not fully respected. Including migrants in national vaccination plans is a sine qua non for recovering from the crisis.

Ensuring that these lessons inform our future action is essential to recovering better from the pandemic and to building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

Strengthened migration governance will contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. This applies to all SDGs under review at the 2021 HLPF: poverty alleviation (SDG1), no hunger (SDG 2), good health and well-being (SDG 3), decent work and economic growth (SDG 8), reduced



inequalities (SDG 10), responsible consumption and production (SDG 12), climate action (SDG 13), peace, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16), and partnerships (SDG 17).

Today, we will also assess how the VNR process can help to examine the status of implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration ahead of next year's International Migration Review Forum.

Ladies and gentlemen,

A cursory review of the 43 VNRs presented this year shows a great variability in the treatment of migration. Some VNRs lack data on key migration-related targets such as SDG 8.8, SDG 10.7 and SDG 10.c.

Disaggregated data allow us to compare outcomes for migrants with those of non-migrants. Unfortunately, few VNRs analyze data disaggregated by migratory status, although opportunities to do so exist.

One clear message from this year's HLPF is, therefore, that we need to pay greater attention to data. Objective 1 of the Global Compact on Migration lists a number of concrete actions. At the IMRF next year, I look forward to hearing about the progress countries have made in this regard.

The UN Network on Migration assists Member States in integrating migration considerations across the 2030 Agenda and in aligning the implementation of the GCM with the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. This includes, for example, organizing trainings for UN Country Teams and the issuance of a [GCM Implementation Guide](#) for governments and stakeholders.

Outcomes from this VNR lab will help the Network to better assist Member States in implementing, following up, and reviewing the Global Compact on Migration and in ensuring that safe, orderly, and regular migration contributes to positive development outcomes for all.

I look forward to the exchanges of good practices which are sure to result from this lab.

The UN Network on Migration stands ready to strengthen the incorporation of migration-related issues within VNRs to ensure that no one is left behind.