



# Save the date

## Online Peer Learning Exchange

Highlighting alternatives to detention in  
the International Migration Review Forum



Thursday 27 January 2022  
14:30 – 17:30 CET

Deadline for registration: 20 January 2022

The event is hosted by the UN Network on Migration  
Working Group on Alternatives to Detention.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

As co-leads of the UN Migration Network Working Group on Alternatives to Detention (ATD), we would like to kindly extend an invitation to participate in our third global online peer learning exchange on 27 January 2022.

Following on from the [first peer learning exchange on 17 November 2020](#), and the [second peer learning exchange on 29 June 2021](#), we are planning a third online global peer learning exchange which will focus on opportunities to highlight alternatives to immigration detention in the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) and how to use the Forum for accelerating progress on implementing Objective 13 of the Global Migration Compact.

This online workshop will bring together governments from all regions to discuss these issues, including the pledging process and pledges that could be made with regards to Objective 13.

There will be two panels prompting the discussion:

- A panel focused on **highlighting Objective 13 progress in the IMRF** – including governments presenting on their planning in the lead-up to the IMRF
- A panel focused on **taking stock of recent global progress on ATD** – with a presentation by the International Detention Coalition (IDC) on the findings of their ATD overview mapping project, an advocate with lived experience of immigration detention on key issues, and speakers on national and local-level progress on ATD since our first peer learning meeting.

The meeting will provide an open space for States to discuss experiences, share challenges and concerns, identify promising practices, and explore opportunities for multi-stakeholder cooperation and whole of government approaches in the lead-up to the IMRF.

**This will be a closed meeting for representatives from relevant governmental departments at national, regional and global level convened by the UN Network on Migration Working Group on Alternatives to Immigration Detention.**

The Concept Note and Draft Agenda for the event will follow.

**We would be grateful if you could kindly confirm the participation of your government by Thursday, 20 January 2022 to Melanie Teff: [gteff@unicef.org](mailto:gteff@unicef.org).** We fully understand if confirming the name of the representative(s) attending is not possible by that date.

**The meeting will take place virtually.**

We look forward to your participation and remain at your full disposal.

Silvia Gómez, International Detention Coalition (IDC)  
Samuel Boutrouche, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
Verena Knaus, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)