

Guidance Note on Regular Pathways for Admission and Stay for Migrants in Situations of Vulnerability

LAUNCH EVENT

Thursday 15 July, 15.00 – 16.45 CEST

The United Nations Network on Migration [Thematic Working Group 3](#) on Regular Pathways for Migrants in Vulnerable Situations is launching its [Guidance Note on Regular Pathways for Admission and Stay for Migrants in Situations of Vulnerability](#).

The **Guidance Note** has been developed to support implementation of the GCM's specific commitment to expand and diversify the availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration in order to respond to the needs of migrants in situations of vulnerability (GCM Objectives 5 and 7).

It aims to aid Member States and other stakeholders in their capacity to analyse the need for and strengthen the design, implementation, monitoring, and review of pathways for admission and stay for migrants in situations of vulnerability; considers matters relating to the availability and flexibility of pathways, admission and stay procedures, and the resulting conditions and duration of relevant measures.

The development of this Guidance Note has been informed by a mapping study, desk research, and a rich array of Member States and stakeholder inputs, garnered through key informant interviews, responses to a multi-stakeholder questionnaire and a multi-stakeholder workshop.

The **Launch Event** is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Morocco, the Philippines, Portugal and Thailand. It will present the Guidance Note and engage participants in an active discussion which will showcase promising practices and opportunities to expand and diversify the availability of pathways for migrants in situations of vulnerability when implementing the GCM.

Participants will include representatives of Member States, International Organisations, Civil Society Organisations, and other stakeholders.

Simultaneous **interpretation** in English, French and Spanish will be provided. After the panel discussion, participants are encouraged to make brief **interventions from the floor**.



Agenda

1500 – 1510 *Welcome and introduction to the Guidance Note* – Todd Howland, Chief of Branch, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (Co-lead, Thematic Working Group 3)

1510 – 1610 *Promising practice and opportunities to expand and diversify pathways for migrants in situations of vulnerability* - discussion moderated by Carolina Gottardo, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) (Co-lead, Thematic Working Group 3)

- Regularization (10 minutes)
 - Lucas Gomez, Presidential Advisor for the Borders, Colombia
 - Camila Barretto Maia, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) (Member, Thematic Working Group 3)
- Family life and unity (10 minutes)
 - Ambassador Federico Villegas, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Office at Geneva
 - Ian M. Kysel, International Migrants Bill of Rights (IMBR) Initiative, (Member, Thematic Working Group 3)
- Human rights and humanitarian based pathways (10 minutes)
 - José Luis Pardo, Ambassador-at-large for Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and International Cooperation, Spain
 - Laetitia Van der Venet, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) (Member, Thematic Working Group 3)
- COVID-19 related pathways (10 minutes)
 - Claudia Pereira, Secretary of State for Integration and Migration, Portugal
 - Ciara Cazuc, International Organization for Migration (IOM), (Member, Thematic Working Group 3)
- Disasters and climate change (10 minutes)
 - Lena Brenn, Disaster Displacement Adviser, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
 - Atle Solberg, Platform on Disaster Displacement (Member, Thematic Working Group 3)

1610 – 1640 *Interventions from the floor*

1640 – 1645 *Closing remarks* – Amy Muedin, UN Network on Migration Secretariat

The United Nations Network on Migration Thematic Working Group 3 (TWG3) on Regular Pathways for Migrants in Vulnerable Situations has been tasked with supporting States to implement GCM Objectives 5 and 7 by strengthening States' capacities to expand pathways for regular migration and to address and reduce situations of vulnerability faced by migrants. The Working Group is co-led by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), ACT Alliance and the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN). Members of the Working Group include: ILO, IOM, UNCTAD, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNU, UN Women, Caritas Internationalis, CAREF, CELS, Climate Migration and Displacement Platform, Expert Working Group on Addressing Women Rights in the GCM, FM4 Paso Libre, GANHRI, Global Coalition on Migration, ICVA, Initiative for Child Rights in the Global Compacts, IMBR Initiative, IMUMI/Bloque Latinoamericano, ICMC, Kaldor Centre/ISIM, Mixed Migration Centre, NGO Committee on Migration, Oxfam International, PICUM, Platform on Disaster Displacement, Solidarity Center, Women in Migration Network.



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