



**Agenda for Roundtables  
Regional Review Meeting (26 to 28 April 2021)**

**Information of Thematic Roundtable 2**

<b>Roundtable 2: Protecting the human rights, safety and well-being of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration</b>	
Date and time	Tuesday 27 April, 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM (GMT-4; Santiago, Chile time)
Objective	Review the progress and identify needs and priorities in the GCM’s objectives linked to the protection of human rights, security and well-being of migrants, including addressing vulnerabilities in migration and mitigating situations of vulnerability.
Moderator	Carolina Gottardo, Executive Director, International Detention Coalition
Rapporteur	Steve Vergara, National Director of the Human Mobility Mechanism, Ombudsman's Office, Ecuador
Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lance Browne, Senior Consular Officer, MFA, Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>• Fábio Andó Filho, Senior Technical Advisor, Coordination of Policies for Inmigrants and Promotion of Decent Work, Human Rights and Citizenship Municipal Secretariat, São Paulo, Brazil</li> <li>• Lucas Gómez, Border Manager, Presidency of the Republic, Colombia</li> <li>• Claudia Interiano, Foundation for Justice and the Democratic Rule of Law/ member of Women in Migration Network</li> </ul>
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**Session flow**

The objective is to allow an interactive and participatory discussion. Therefore, the dynamics are based on various questions-and-answers segments, including open questions from the audience. The duration of each roundtable is 1 hour and 45 minutes.

<b>3 minutes</b>	<b>Opening – Moderator, Carolina Gottardo</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to panelists and participants</li> <li>• Introduction of the importance of this thematic roundtable, its overall objective and rules.</li> </ul> <p><i>The objectives under Thematic Table 2 are fundamental for good migration governance. These objectives cover the drivers of migration and displacement, as well as vulnerabilities and the protection of rights throughout the migration process. In a region marked by evident vulnerabilities to humanitarian, social, political, economic and environmental factors, and with migration processes that carry many risks, defined in many cases by high degrees of vulnerability and human rights violations, the identification of underlying areas for building the resilience of communities of origin and the protection of migrants are key priorities. It is critical to integrate into this approach the great diversity of the countries and communities that make up the region, as well as the variety of migrant groups and individuals and migration flows, with specific needs and capacities, including a gender perspective and other cross-cutting elements.</i></p>



	<p><i>General objective: To review the progress, challenges, and opportunities in the fulfilment of the GCM objectives related to the protection of human rights, the security and well-being of migrants, among other by addressing the risk factors of migration and mitigating situations of vulnerability.</i></p>
<b>45 minutes</b>	<b>First round of questions and answers</b>
10 minutes	<p><b>General question:</b> <i>What are the main needs you identify in the protection of the human rights of migrants related to the multiple situations of vulnerability in Latin America and the Caribbean?</i></p>
2 minutes per panelist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lance Browne, Senior Consular Officer, MFA, Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>• Fábio Andó Filho, Senior Technical Advisor, Coordination of Policies for Inmigrants and Promotion of Decent Work, Human Rights and Citizenship Municipal Secretariat, São Paulo, Brazil</li> <li>• Lucas Gómez, Border Manager, Presidency of the Republic, Colombia</li> <li>• Claudia Interiano, Foundation for Justice and the Democratic Rule of Law/ member of Women in Migration Network.</li> </ul>
20 minutes	<p><b>Specific questions for each panelist – Theme: Adverse drivers in migration and vulnerabilities in the migration process.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lance Browne, Senior Consular Officer, MFA, Antigua and Barbuda</b> In a region as exposed to adverse environmental and climatic factors as the Caribbean, what are some of the measures that governments have adopted to prevent the forced displacement of populations and mitigate the vulnerabilities that people, particularly women and children, face as a result? What are the main challenges that persist?</li> <li>• <b>Fábio Andó Filho, Senior Technical Advisor, Coordination of Policies for Inmigrants and Promotion of Decent Work, Human Rights and Citizenship Municipal Secretariat, São Paulo, Brazil</b> When talking about vulnerabilities in the migration process, there is growing concern about the presence of women, children and indigenous people in mass and irregular migration flows, how can local governments adopt multi-sectoral measures to address and reduce the vulnerabilities faced by these groups?</li> <li>• <b>Lucas Gómez, Border Manager, Presidency of the Republic, Colombia</b> The Global Compact emphasizes the need to promote a human rights approach in border management and in addressing migration flows, where migrants have specific needs. From your experience in border management, how can a rights-based approach facilitate the protection of migrants, and in particular how could this approach be applied to mixed flows of groups in situations of vulnerability, during the migration process, including in the context of mixed flows?</li> <li>• <b>Claudia Interiano, Foundation for Justice and the Democratic Rule of Law/member of Women in Migration Network.</b> Human rights violations and abuses, including disappearances and deaths of migrants, are the most deplorable aspect of the movement of people in the region. How should governments and actors involved in migration work to prevent, protect</li> </ul>



	and guarantee the human rights of migrants, including their access to justice and protection mechanisms?
15 minutes	<b>Questions from the audience</b>
	<i>The moderator takes two questions from the audience and allows for two different panelists to respond one each.</i>
<b>50 minutes</b>	<b>Second round of questions and answers</b>
20 minutes	<b>Specific questions for each panelist - Theme: Cooperation in addressing migration, alternatives to migrant detention and protection of human rights.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Claudia Interiano, Foundation for Justice and the Democratic Rule of Law/member of Women in Migration Network.</b></li> </ul> <p>There are multiple examples in the region about the use of force, the use of armed forces and detention as strategies in response to human mobility, creating situations of vulnerability and potential rights violations. What are some of the progress and main challenges that remain in introducing a human rights approach in the response to migration and displacement? Could you point out some of the progress that have been made in introducing alternatives to detention in the region and the challenges that remain?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lucas Gómez, Border Manager, Presidency of the Republic, Colombia</b></li> </ul> <p>In relation to migrants in an irregular situation, could you mention best practices in the promotion and protection of their human rights, including policies to establish channels for their regularization? Could you emphasize cooperation to this end between government authorities and international cooperation between governments?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lance Browne, Senior Consular Affairs Officer, MFA, Antigua and Barbuda</b></li> </ul> <p>The Caribbean has experienced a transformation of its migration flows in recent years, which has required migration authorities to address new approaches. How can regional cooperation support countries in jointly addressing these challenges?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fábio Andó Filho, Senior Technical Advisor, Coordination of Policies for Inmigrants and Promotion of Decent Work, Human Rights and Citizenship Municipal Secretariat, São Paulo, Brazil</b></li> </ul> <p>In terms of cooperation between different actors, what types of alliances and cooperation schemes can be established at the local level to protect and guarantee the human rights of migrants during the different phases of the migration cycle?</p>
15 minutes	<b>Questions from the audience</b>
	<i>The moderator takes two questions from the audience and allows for two different panelists to respond one each.</i>
15 minutes	<b>Closing questions for the panelists</b>
	The issues addressed in this thematic roundtable are diverse, but they represent fundamental aspects of migration governance in Latin America and the Caribbean.



		<p>As to close, and considering the current scenario in which we find ourselves, what are the main challenges and opportunities in the context of the pandemic to improve the attention to migration in Latin America and the Caribbean?</p> <p>What are the main challenges and opportunities in the context of the pandemic to improve attention to adverse migration factors and the mitigation of situations of vulnerability?</p>
<b>3 minutes</b>	<b>Closing (by moderator)</b>	