



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

Information of thematic roundtable 5

Thematic roundtable 5: Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants	
Date and time	Wednesday 28 April, 13.45-15:30 (GMT-4; Santiago, Chile time)
Objective	To discuss among key stakeholders about the progress and challenges of social inclusion and integration of migrants in their host communities, in general in the countries of the region but also and specifically with regards to the challenges posed by COVID-19 and its strong impact on migrants and their countries of destination.
Moderator	Fernando Luis Parra del Carpio, Director of Migration Policy, National Superintendency of Migration, Perú
Rapporteur	Diego Chaves, Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Migration Policy Institute (MPI)
Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Hamilton, Ministro, Minister of Labour Human Services and Social Security of Guyana • Raquel Vargas Jaubert, Director General of Migration, Ministry of the Interior and Policing of Costa Rica • Laura Vázquez, Associate Director, Migrant Integration, Unidos US • Alberto Echavarría, Vice-President of Legal Affairs, National Business Association of Colombia (ANDI)
Link to register	https://eventos.cepal.org/event/57/registrations/

Session flow

The objective is to allow for the roundtables to be an interactive and participatory space. 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.

5 minutes	Opening (moderator)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks to panelists and participants • Presentation on the importance of this thematic roundtable, its general objective, and rules.
55 minutes	First round of questions and answers
<i>12 minutes</i>	General question
<i>3 minutes per panelist to answer</i>	<p><u>For all panelists</u></p> <p>In your view, what do you think are the main challenges preventing social cohesion and inclusion in migrants hosting communities in LAC? From your experience, could you share with participants some examples of initiatives that you know of or that have been implemented in your country or the institution you represent?</p>



<p>20 minutes (7 min per panelist)</p>	<p>Specific questions for each panelist</p>
<p>1. Impact of the pandemic on the implementation of the GCM with specific reference to this thematic table</p> <p>2. Impact of the pandemic on the availability of labour in the country / lessons learnt</p> <p>3. Challenges and opportunities for GCM implementation to an emerging economy</p> <p>4. Opportunities of GCM in relation to the private sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raquel Vargas Jaubert, Director General of Migration, Ministry of the Interior and Policing of Costa Rica</u> <i>How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the GCM implementation in your country and, in particular, the objectives of this thematic table about social inclusion and integration of migrants?</i> • <u>Laura Vázquez, Associate Director, Immigrant Integration, USA</u> <i>What lessons learnt and good practices could you share regarding the integration of migrant persons in the United States?</i> • <u>Joseph Hamilton, Minister of Labour of Guyana</u> <i>The COVID-19 crisis has clearly shown that the national labour force is not a substitute of the migrant labour force, and that a country's economy can be seriously affected by the lack of regular supply of migrant labour. In your views, what challenges has posed the current pandemic to the supply of migrant labour in your country? Has the lack of access to steady flows of migrant labour affected national production? What lessons learnt could be suggested to avoid repeating the same mistakes in the future?</i> • <u>Alberto Echeverría, ANDI Colombia</u> <i>In your opinion, what opportunities does the migrant labour bring for the private sector? How can the GCM help the private sector ensure safer access to migrant labour force and how can it help specifically during and in the aftermath of this COVID-19 pandemic?</i>
<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>Questions from the audience</p>
	<p><i>The moderator takes two questions from the audience and allows for two different panelists to respond one each.</i></p>
<p>35 minutes</p>	<p>Second round of questions and answers</p>
<p>20 minutes (5 minutes per panelist)</p>	<p>Specific questions for each panelist</p>
<p>About regular migration and decent work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raquel Vargas Jaubert, Director General of Migration, Ministry of the Interior and Policing of Costa Rica</u> <i>Are there any data sources on the integration of migrants? Economic, social, cultural, and political spheres? How do policies of inclusion affect the country?</i> • <u>Laura Vázquez, Associate Director, Migrant Integration, Unidos, USA</u> <i>At the global level and in this region, irregular migrants are not part of integration policies in countries of destination, even though their contributions</i>



	<p><i>also have an important effect on the economic development of the country of destination. What recommendations could you share with the audience, considering your experience and the work of your organization?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Joseph Hamilton, Minister of Labour of Guyana</u> Taking into account the increasing relevance of the role of women migrants from the Caribbean in the region, what are the most important actions that countries should implement to increase the integration of women migrants in the communities and economies of the countries of destination?• <u>Alberto Echeverría, ANDI Colombia</u> What measures has the private sector taken to protect their business and their workers, whether national or foreign, during the pandemic of COVID-19? Can you share some recommendations with the audience?
15 minutes	Questions from the audience
	<i>The moderator takes two questions from the audience and allows for two different panelists to respond one each.</i>
10 minutes	Closing segment
2 min per panelist	The moderator asks each panelist to make one last 2-minute intervention to close the panel with a recommendation or priority
15 minutes	Preguntas de cierre para las/los panelists
OPTIONAL: Extra questions for moderators in case there is more time available	<i>For all panelists: Can you share some recommendations for those who work to improve the implementation of the Global Compact in Latin America and the Caribbean?</i>
2 minutes	Cierre de la sesión (a cargo de moderador/a)