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High-Level Launch of the Policies and Practice Guide to Gender-Responsive Implementation of the Global Compact for Migration

Wednesday, 21 July 2021

9-10.30 am (NY) / 3-4.30 pm (GVA)

Overview

The purpose of the *Policies and Practice: A Guide to Gender-Responsive Implementation of the Global Compact for Migration* is to provide clear, concrete, and practical guidance to governments and other key stakeholders on gender-responsive implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). Building on the gender-responsive approach outlined in the guiding principles of the GCM, this guide prioritizes the specific needs, challenges and vulnerable situations of women, girls and gender non-conforming people at all stages of migration due to their increased vulnerabilities to human rights violations and gender-based discrimination. It takes into consideration the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination they may face while highlighting the positive contributions they make in countries of origin, transit, and destination.

This guide draws on cross-cutting expertise from international human rights mechanisms, Special Procedures mandate holders, civil society organizations, academia and United Nations agencies that are members of the [Expert Working Group for Addressing Women's Human Rights in the GCM](#). It comprehensively addresses the linkages between gender and migration in all its dimensions. For each of the 23 Objectives of the GCM, the specific issues relating to migrant women and girls and gender non-conforming people are outlined and concrete measures on how to address them in policies and practice are provided. A concise checklist of actions is included for each Objective to support policymakers in developing gender-responsive migration policies. This guide also elaborates on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrant women and girls and identifies specific measures under each objective to mitigate them.

As part of the UN Network on Migration's workplan (Thematic Priority 7: 'Enhancing the application of anti-discrimination dimensions, including discrimination based on gender into the work of the Network') the dissemination of the policies and practice guide will support Member States to help ensure that the empowerment of women, girls and gender non-conforming people in migration and the advancement of gender equality are critical considerations in the implementation of the GCM Objectives.

Objective and scope

The purpose of this high-level event is to formally launch the innovative online policies and practice guide, giving participants the first chance to view the online tool and learn how it can support policymakers and practitioners in gender-responsive implementation of the GCM. The presentation will be followed by an interactive discussion on the importance of mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in migration policies, programmes and services and will offer Member States the

opportunity to pledge their commitment to implement the GCM in a gender-responsive manner using the policies and practice tool as guidance.

The event will be moderated by Anastasia Crickley, Head of Department of Applied Social Studies, National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

- **Opening remarks:** UN Women's Deputy Executive Director, Asa Regner (video)
- **Keynote remarks:** IOM Director-General and Coordinator of the Network António Vitorino (video)
- **Member States interventions:**
 - H.E. Leslie Norton, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
 - Dr. Ingolf Dietrich, Director of 2030 Agenda, Democracy, Human Rights, Gender Equality Education, and Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development, BMZ
 - Dr. Christopher Ballinas Valdez, Director General for Human Rights and Democracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- **Presentation of the policies and practice guide:** Inkeri von Hase, Global Coordinator, Making Migration Safe for Women, UN Women
- **Speakers**
 - Mr. Can Unver, Representative of CMW
 - Ms. Genoveva Tisheva, Representative of CEDAW
 - Ms. Roula Seghaier, Strategic Program Coordinator at the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF), Representative from Women in Migration Network
- **Q&A**

The event will take place on the Zoom platform. Interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish. Click [here](#) to join the event.

Please note that the webinar will be recorded and posted further on the [Network website](#).