



**Agenda Thematic Round Table 3  
Regional Review Meeting (26 to 28 April 2021)**

**Basic Round Table Information**

<b>Thematic Round Table #3: Addressing irregular migration, including through managing borders and combating transnational crime</b>	
Date and Time	Tuesday April 27, 2021, from 16:15 to 18:00 Chile time (14:15 to 16:00 Costa Rica time)
Objectives	GCM objectives: 9, 10, 11, 14, 21, 23 Overall objective: to review progress, challenges, and opportunities in meeting the objectives of the Global Compact on Migration related to addressing irregular migration, border management and the fight against organized crime.
Moderator	Mr. José Monteiro of the Civil Society Coalition against Trafficking in Persons in the Dominican Republic
Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children.</li> <li>• Ms. Alejandra Mángano, Ibero-American Network of Specialized Prosecutors against Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants (Argentina).</li> <li>• Ms. Ana Irma Rodas Director of Assistance and Protection Area for Salvadorans Abroad, Vice Minister for Salvadorans Abroad (El Salvador).</li> <li>• Ms. Elizabeth Cabezas, Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador.</li> </ul>
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<b>3 minutes</b>	<b>Opening of the Session (led by moderator, Mr. José Monteiro)</b>
José Monteiro of the Civil Society Coalition against Trafficking in Persons in the Dominican Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to panelists and participants. Biographies to be provided. Panelists               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ms. Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children.</li> <li>✓ Ms. Alejandra Mángano, Ibero-American Network of Specialized Prosecutors against Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants (Argentina).</li> <li>✓ Ms. Ana Irma Rodas Director of Assistance and Protection Area for Salvadorans Abroad, Vice Minister for Salvadorans Abroad (El Salvador).</li> <li>✓ Ms. Elizabeth Cabezas, Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rapporteur:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Verónica Supliguicha, Rapporteur of the Consultation Sessions of the CEDAW Recommendations in Latin America and the Caribbean</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Presentation of the importance of this thematic roundtable, the general objective and the rules of the roundtable</li> </ul>



	<p><u>Overall objective:</u> to review progress, challenges and opportunities in meeting the objectives of the Global Compact on Migration related to addressing irregular migration, border management and the fight against organized crime.</p> <p><u>Importance of the thematic roundtable:</u> An increasing number of migrants embark on dangerous journeys in search of better livelihoods, safety and dignity. Some are forced to resort to the services of smugglers, especially in the absence of channels for regular migration, and are exposed to exploitation and abuse without adequate protection along the way. Others become victims of human trafficking. Comprehensive responses to prevent and respond to these crimes, protecting the human rights of migrants throughout the migration cycle, regardless of their nationality or migration status, require international cooperation, border management, and actions to protect and assist migrants in vulnerable situations, including by consular authorities and including migrant returnees. Ensuring safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration is key to migration governance. Facilitating return in safety and dignity requires ensuring due process, individual screening and effective remedies, respecting the prohibition of collective expulsion and the principle of non-refoulement, in accordance with obligations under international human rights law.</p> <p><u>Rules of the roundtable:</u> The use of time, concise questions from the audience directed to a panelist, reminding participants that they can use the chat to submit comments or ask questions, and other topics that the moderator deems pertinent to include.</p>
<b>31 minutes</b>	<b>First round of questions and answers</b>
<i>7 minutes per panelist to respond</i>	<p><b>Specific thematic questions for each panelist</b></p> <p><b>Theme: border management, irregular migration and migrant smuggling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children: What is the link between human trafficking, irregular migration and gender-based violence?</li> <li>• Ms. Alejandra Mángano, Ibero-American Network of Specialized Prosecutors against Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants (Argentina): How can we strengthen collaboration mechanisms against smuggling of migrants between national agencies and between countries for the exchange of intelligence and joint investigations?</li> <li>• Ms. Ana Irma Rodas Director of Assistance and Protection Area for Salvadorans Abroad, Vice Minister for Salvadorans Abroad (El Salvador): How can we guarantee access to orderly, regular and safe return processes that take into consideration the different contexts and profiles of migrants, particularly in scenarios of mixed migration flows?</li> <li>• Ms. Elizabeth Cabezas, Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador: How can parliaments support the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, especially with regard to the protection of vulnerable migrants, including women, children and adolescents?</li> </ul>
<i>10 minutes</i>	<b>Questions from the public</b>



<b>31 minutes</b>	<b>Second round of questions and answers</b>
	<b>Specific thematic questions for each panelist</b> <b>Theme: organized crime, in particular trafficking in persons, and governmental responses</b>
<i>7 minutes per panelist to respond</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Siobhán Mullally, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children: How can we make the issue of human trafficking a priority, even in the face of the challenges of the pandemic, in order to be able to make the necessary adaptations to government programs, budgets and actions?</li><li>• Ms. Alejandra Mángano, Ibero-American Network of Specialized Prosecutors against Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants (Argentina): What are good practices for facilitating the participation of trafficked persons in legal proceedings in the countries of exploitation when they have already returned to their countries of origin?</li><li>• Ms. Ana Irma Rodas, Director of Assistance and Protection Area for Salvadorans Abroad: How can we strengthen the technical capacity of consular officers to ensure the protection and well-being of their nationals abroad, especially in the face of persons subject to administrative detention or victims of transnational crimes such as human trafficking or in the context of migrant smuggling?</li><li>• Ms. Elizabeth Cabezas, Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador: how can parliaments accompany and support the executive branch in the prevention of international crimes that particularly affect migrants?</li></ul>
<i>10 minutes</i>	<b>Questions from the public</b>
<i>16 minutes</i>	<b>Final closing question for the panelists</b>
<i>3 minutes per panelist to respond</i>	The COVID-19 pandemic marked a new challenge in addressing issues such as irregular migration and border management and demonstrated the versatility of organized crime structures in adapting to this context. <i>What are the priority actions to address the situation of vulnerability generated by the irregular migration linked to the impacts of the pandemic in the region?</i>
<b>3 minutes</b>	<b>Closing remarks (led by the moderator, Mr. José Monteiro)</b>