

**AGENDA**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the UN Network on Migration**  
**Date: 30-31 January 2024**  
**CICG, Amphitheatre D, Geneva**  
**Hybrid**

*As of 29 January 2024*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the United Nations Network on Migration will take place on 30-31 January 2024 and is open to all Network members, stakeholder partners, and UN Member States.

The Annual Meeting will focus on three overarching themes, through which to review the Network's impact and progress in working with stakeholders and Member States as they implement the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Discussion under these themes will provide an opportunity to gauge progress supporting implementation of the GCM at global, regional and national levels, seek ways to enhance collaboration, identify emerging challenges for future action, and take decisions as necessary.

The themes are:

1. **Maximizing the Development Promise of Migration**
2. **Protecting Migrants' Rights and Saving Lives**
3. **Future of Migration**

Each session will also focus on key initiatives and actions on the ground, including the roll-out of guidance and other tools at the country level, practices and pledges.

The thematic sessions are preceded by a scene-setting with panellists representing academia, climate activism and the media.

The Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund Consultative Forum is incorporated into the start of the Annual Meeting to provide an update on the status of the Fund, current operations and future direction including through resource mobilization efforts. The Fund's impact will be woven into other thematic sessions.

All sessions will include a Q&A with the audience.

The Annual Meeting is part of the second edition of [Migration Week](#), a biennial event that aims to promote dialogue on migration-related issues.

It will take place in a hybrid format with in-person attendance strongly encouraged. It will be hosted at the CICG in Geneva. A multilingual platform (English, French and Spanish) will be used for the meeting.

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2024

9:30 – 10:00	<b>REGISTRATION/WELCOME COFFEE</b>
<b>OPENING REMARKS 10:00 - 10:10</b>	
10:00 – 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Amy Pope, Coordinator, United Nations Network on Migration</li> </ul> <p>With Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head, United Nations Network on Migration Secretariat</p>
<b>SETTING THE SCENE: THE MIGRATION NARRATIVE 10:10 – 11:30</b>	
10:10 – 11:30	<p>Coming from academia, climate activism and the media, the panellists bring to the migration agenda decades of experience and a broad range of expertise. The aim of this opening conversation is to set the tone for the discussions to come: confronting perceived wisdoms, querying current approaches, and suggesting new avenues of activity in support of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.</p> <p>The session will include the following speakers, who will then participate in a Q&amp;A with the audience.</p> <p><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head, United Nations Network on Migration Secretariat</p> <p><b>PANELLISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Hein de Haas, Professor of Sociology, University of Amsterdam</li> <li>Mr. Jose Antonio Vargas, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist (online)</li> <li>Ms. Rose Kobusinge, IOM-AU Youth Migration Ambassador</li> </ul> <p>With Ms. Amy Pope, Coordinator, United Nations Network on Migration</p> <p><i>Followed by Q&amp;A Discussion</i></p>
11:30 – 11:50	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2024

MIGRATION MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND CONSULTATIVE FORUM 11:50 – 13:00

The fourth [Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund](#) (Migration MPTF or Fund) Annual Consultative Forum provides an update on the status of the Fund and an opportunity to discuss its current operations and future direction. Concerns, observations or recommendations raised during the Forum will be brought by the Chair to the attention of the Steering Committee.

Entering its fifth year of operations, the Fund’s achievements include:

- **Fundraising:** 2023 saw the highest number of joint programmes financed (9) and the USD20 million funding target reached, with over USD57 million mobilized since inception.
- **High demand:** with proposals coming from 99 countries, and 23 UN organizations, the need for the Fund is real.
- **Balanced and dynamic portfolio:** 21 Joint Programmes have been funded covering all thematic areas and all regions, with participation of 16 different UN entities and a wide range of partners at national level.
- **Innovation:** the Fund is the first UN pooled financing mechanism to develop human rights and child sensitivity markers. Last year, it adopted a [Guidance Note on Engagement with Civil Society, Migrants and Communities](#).
- **Donor base:** to date, 21 Member States contribute, more than any UN global development pooled fund, with the exception of the Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund.

Equally, the Fund faces a number of challenges and/or opportunities for further growth:

- In a complex funding environment, demand continues to far outstrip resources.
- As identified by the Steering Committee, the Fund could strengthen its multi-country programming and increase its focus on migration in the context of climate, health, saving lives and child protection.
- The emergence of climate change funding mechanisms such as the Loss and Damage Fund provide exciting potential for collaboration.

Following the opening by Ms Amy Pope, Chair of the Migration MPTF and Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration, the Forum will hear from a range of perspectives coming from current and former Steering Committee members. The panel discussion will be followed by an open discussion.

<p>11:50 – 13:00</p>	<p><b>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:</b> Ms. Amy Pope, Chair, Migration MPTF and Coordinator, United Nations Network on Migration</p> <p><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Ms. Kristy Delgado, Programme Manager, Office of the Vice President, Global Programmes at the Open Society Foundations</p> <p><b>PANELLISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Carolina Gottardo, Executive Director, International Detention Coalition (IDC)</li> <li>• Mr. Abdellah Boutadghart, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco</li> </ul>
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- H.E. Fernando Israel Espinosa Olivera, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Caroline Dumas, Representative of the French Presidency of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

*Followed by Q&A/discussion*

TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2024

## MAXIMIZING THE DEVELOPMENT PROMISE OF MIGRATION 14:30 – 15:40

This session will focus on the Network’s role supporting partners to maximize the contribution of migration to sustainable development and propose future actions. The GCM recognizes that with the right conditions in place, migration contributes to sustainable development.

This political commitment is beginning to cascade to national and local levels. As an indicator, migration, and migrants’ contributions to sustainable development at the national level, are increasingly acknowledged in SDG Voluntary National Reviews. However, migration references tend to be superficial, and the potential positive contribution of well-managed migration to all SDGs – such as filling labour and skills gaps in ageing societies, knowledge transfer, and remittances – is rarely acknowledged. Equally, there is a need to ensure the GCM is effectively implemented in all regions, recognizing the SDG’s call to address inequality both between and within states.

The UN system has committed to a more joined-up approach to supporting governments on the GCM. The Migration MPTF now supports 21 joint UN programmes. UN Common Country Assessments are better reflecting the opportunities and challenges to sustainable development associated with human mobility however this is not always translated into UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and related programming. To strengthen the UN system to do this more systematically – as mandated by the GCM – the Network has established six regional multi-agency and multi-stakeholder [facilitation teams](#) to support UN Country Teams (UNCTs). Country Networks – embedded in UNCTs – further support governments to put in place plans and structures to ensure their GCM-based migration policy frameworks are contributing to sustainable development.

14.30 – 15.40

### *What are the Network’s Successes and Challenges in Supporting States to Maximize the Promise of Migration for Development?*

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY:** Ms. Cécile Riallant, Head, Migration & Sustainable Development, IOM

**MODERATED BY:** Dr. Pablo A. Acosta, Lead Economist for Social Protection and Jobs, World Bank

Speakers will discuss the Network’s achievements and challenges in supporting Member States to maximize the development promise of migration through a panel focused on answering the following question:

What are the Network’s successes and challenges in enabling the GCM to contribute to development?

**PANELLISTS:**

- Dr. Stephen Jackson, UN Resident Coordinator, Nairobi, Kenya
- Ms. Paddy Siyanga Knudsen, Vice President, Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism
- Ms. Julissa Landaverde, Director of Human Mobility Analysis and Partnerships Unit, Vice ministry of Human Mobility, Republic of El Salvador

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Camilla Hagström, Deputy Head of Unit, Migration &amp; Forced Displacement, Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission (online)</li> </ul> <p><i>Followed by Q&amp;A/discussion</i></p>
15:40 – 16:10	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>MAXIMIZING THE DEVELOPMENT PROMISE OF MIGRATION 16:10 – 17:30</b>	
16:10 – 17:20	<p><i>Proposed Future Actions for the Network</i></p> <p><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Dr. David Khoudour, Global Human Mobility Advisor, UNDP</p> <p>This session provides an opportunity to hear from participants about their suggested priorities and actions for the Network. The questions will be shared in advance to enable interventions from participants in the room.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can the Network better support Member States to maximize migration’s impact on development, including in OECD-DAC countries? <b>Discussion starter:</b> TBA</li> <li>How can the Network better enhance the engagement of nonstate stakeholders to maximize migration’s impact on development? <b>Discussion starter:</b> Mr. Shakirul Islam, Founding Chairperson, Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Program, Bangladesh</li> <li>How can the Network better monitor and measure its development impact? <b>Discussion starter:</b> Ms. Andrea Heath-London, Coordination and Development Planning Specialist, R-DCO Africa</li> </ol> <p><i>Followed by Q&amp;A/discussion</i></p>
17:20 – 17:30	<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS BY:</b> Ms. Cécile Riallant, Head, Migration & Sustainable Development, IOM

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2024

9:30 – 10:00

WELCOME COFFEE

PROTECTING MIGRANTS' RIGHTS AND SAVING LIVES 10:00 – 11:20

This two-part session begins by exploring the Network's role in advancing our collective commitment to prioritizing the rights and well-being of migrants and their communities, recognizing that across the world, more than 28,000 migrants have died or gone missing during migration journeys since the adoption of the GCM, with nearly 60,000 recorded dead or missing in the past decade.

The session will focus on the Network's efforts to promote the protection of the rights of migrants, as well as responding to the first International Migration Review Forum Progress Declaration's mandate for actionable recommendations on strengthening cooperation on missing migrants and providing humanitarian assistance to migrants in distress.

The session will provide a platform for the Network and its partners to share promising practices and articulate challenges encountered in protecting migrants' rights. The discussion will delve into areas such as humanitarian assistance, missing migrants, inclusion and dignified return.

The second part of the session will focus on identifying priorities for future action.

10:00 – 11:20

*Network Challenges and Achievements in Protecting Migrants' Rights and Saving Lives*

This session will provide a platform for the Network and its partners to share promising practices and articulate challenges encountered in protecting migrants' rights. The discussion will delve into areas such as humanitarian assistance, missing migrants, decent work, inclusion and dignified return.

**MODERATED BY:** Ms. Sanjula Weerasinghe, Global Migration and Displacement Coordinator, IFRC

**PANELLISTS:**

- Ms. Madeline Garlick, Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, UNHCR
- Mr. Bryan Sempertegui Rodas, Coordinator of Immigrant Policies and Promotion of Decent Work, City of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Ms. Melanie Teff, Migration and Displacement Specialist, UNICEF
- Ms. Gabriella Sanchez, Research Fellow on Migration at Georgetown University
- Mr. Federico Soda, Director, Department of Operations and Emergencies, IOM

*Followed by Q&A/discussion*

11:20 – 11:50

COFFEE BREAK

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PROTECTING MIGRANTS' RIGHTS AND SAVING LIVES 11:50 – 13:00

11:50 – 12:50

*Looking Forward: Strengthening Advocacy at Global, Regional & Country Levels*

Based on the specific issues covered in the first part of this session, this second panel will focus on identifying priorities for future action based on the following guiding questions:

1. How can the Network better support partners – states and stakeholders – to ensure that migrants' rights are protected and their lives are saved?
2. What measures can we collectively take to counter the negative trend towards migrants including as political scapegoats especially during election campaigns and political cycles more generally?
3. How can the Network improve efforts to speak in one voice on this issue?

**MODERATED BY:** Ms. Laurel Townhead, Representative for Human Rights and Refugees, Quaker UN Office

**PANELLISTS:**

- Dr. Gehad Refaat Madi, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
- Ms. Florence Anselmo, Head of the Central Tracing Agency, ICRC
- Mr. Santino Severoni, Director of Health and Migration Department, WHO
- Ms. Binija Laxmi Dhital Goperma, Regional Programme Coordinator, UNODC

*Followed by Q&A/discussion*

12:50 – 13:00

**CONCLUDING REMARKS BY**

Ms. Laurel Townhead, Representative for Human Rights and Refugees, Quaker UN Office



WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2024

FUTURE OF MIGRATION 14:30 – 15:50

This session will draw on the previous discussions and more broadly identify future areas of work for the Network to support implementation of the GCM.

Migration is both a challenge and an opportunity. It is also a fact of life. How we tell its story, drawing on fact while rejecting prejudice, is ever more critical.

Conflict, food shortages, decent work deficits, climate change and other challenges are one part of the picture. These disruptions interact with longer-term trends, including demographic shifts and rapid technological change.

Equally, the central role migrants play in most societies – sometimes acknowledged, too often not – presents another picture. How do we more effectively communicate that while acknowledging and addressing the challenges presented – particularly to the migrants themselves – by poorly-governed migration?

14:30 – 15:50

*Global Transformations and Migration*

This discussion will focus on major global transformations and the ways they affect migration patterns, governance and narratives. Speakers will respond to the guiding questions:

1. What does data and foresight tell us about the impact of global demographic trends on economies, labour markets and societies, including intergenerational solidarity? How might migration patterns change as a result of future demographic patterns? How can safe, orderly and regular migration act as enabler for just transitions?
2. What is needed to improve national capacities to collect, share and analyze migration data to inform migration policy development and evidence-based narratives? Who needs to be involved?
3. How did COP28 outcomes address human mobility? What should we do more/better to make human mobility work for recovery, adaptation and transitions, and to make these processes inclusive of migrants?
4. What are the main transformations of work affecting migrant workers and how to ensure the protection of their rights in a changing labour context?
5. What are the expectations of younger generations for the Summit of the Future? What would a reinvigorated multilateralism for safe, orderly and regular migration look like?

**MODERATED BY:** Ms. Gladys Cisneros, Chief of the Labour Migration Branch, ILO

**PANELLISTS:**

- Dr. Marina Manke, Global Migration Data Analysis Center, IOM Global Data Institute
- Ms. Rossana Dudziak, UN Resident Coordinator, North Macedonia (online)
- Mr. Atle Solberg, Head of the Secretariat, Platform for Disaster Displacement
- Ms. Neha Misra, Global Lead for Migration and Forced Labour, Solidarity Center
- Mr. Florencio Venté, Co-director, Migration Youth and Children Platform

*Followed by Q&A/discussion*

15:50 – 16:10	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>FUTURE OF MIGRATION 16:10 – 17:30</b>	
16:10 – 17:30	<p><i>Future Actions for GCM Implementation and the Network</i></p> <p>Based on the overview of global transformations and their interaction with migration in the previous panel, this panel will explore lessons learned and areas for future Network action in support of GCM implementation including as the UN system prepares for the Summit of the Future.</p> <p>Speakers will discuss Network planned actions for the future and provide recommendations to take forward based on the following guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How are regional frameworks and initiatives facilitating the development of avenues for safe, orderly and regular migration? What are the success factors of regular pathways schemes and what actions could the Network undertake to promote and facilitate these solutions?</li> <li>2. How can the complementary implementation of the GCM and the GCR better respond to the needs of migrants and refugees in mixed flows settings? What actions can the Network facilitate to improve collective responses in countries and regions?</li> <li>3. In areas of high climate-related risks, how can disaster displacement risk management be enhanced? What lessons have been learned from programmes supporting community members to access sustainable livelihoods and decent green employment?</li> <li>4. What is being done to develop portable skills for green jobs, especially for youth affected by climate-related mobility? What are the lessons learned and how can these actions be amplified?</li> <li>5. How to foster meaningful participation and representation of migrants and youth in policy development? What actions should the Network take forward to enable more participation channels?</li> </ol> <p><b>MODERATED BY:</b> Mr. Gideon Rutaremwa, Population Affairs Officer, UN ECA</p> <p><b>PANELLISTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Andrew Selee, President, Migration Policy Institute (online)</li> <li>• Mr. Mohamed Omar, Mobility Analyst on Disaster and Displacement, IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre, ICPAC</li> <li>• Ms. Cindy Munro, Minister-Counsellor (Migration and Refugee Affairs), Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva</li> <li>• Ms. Gislaine Kengne, Youth Delegate for the African Climate Mobility Initiative</li> <li>• Ms. Marisa Leon Gomez Sonet, Partnerships &amp; Stakeholders Advisor, Refugee Seat (online)</li> </ul> <p>Followed by Q&amp;A/discussion</p>
17:20 – 17:30	<p><b>CONCLUDING REMARKS BY</b></p> <p>Mr. Bela Hovy, Chief, Population, Trends and Analysis Branch, UN DESA Population Division</p>



CONCLUDING REMARKS	
17:30 – 17:45	Ms. Amy Pope, Coordinator, United Nations Network on Migration
17:45 – 20:00	<b>NETWORK RECEPTION (ALL ARE INVITED)</b> <b>CICG RESTAURANT</b>