

## Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum

# The Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund: Turning commitments into reality

Thursday, 19 May 2022; 13:15-14:30

Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters

### CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME

The President of the 76<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly, and the United Nations Network on Migration, will co-organise a side-event on the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (Migration MPTF) in the margins of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).

#### *The Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund*

The Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (Migration MPTF) is the only fund dedicated solely to safe, orderly and regular migration, through strengthened capacities and international cooperation. Resourced with USD 28 million as of end December 2021, the Fund is already at work in 14 countries and one region (IGAD). From strengthening migrant integration and social cohesion in South Africa, to addressing the vulnerabilities of migrant families in Tajikistan, through strengthening the capacity of the Government of Philippines to support overseas workers, the Migration MPTF is addressing migration challenges and making a positive impact on the lives of migrants all over the world.

Yet more can be done, and to this end, the Migration MPTF has prepared a pipeline of joint programmes, across the range of issues covered by the GCM, ready to go once resourced. Contributions of an additional USD 40 million could help support strengthening protection, safety and wellbeing of unaccompanied minors and separated children in Zimbabwe, strengthening migration policy capacities at national and local levels in Serbia or addressing protection and reintegration of migrants in El Salvador, amidst so much more.

Bringing together national and local authorities and the coordinated support of the United Nations system, the Fund is a key means by which to deliver on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), both collectively and collaboratively.

#### *Description*

Building on the recommendations of the United Nations Secretary-General in his 2022 report on the implementation of the GCM<sup>1</sup>, the Migration MPTF side event aims to highlight key gaps and challenges in migration governance that would benefit from targeted support. Focusing specifically on the topics of climate change in the Pacific and trafficking and irregular migration in West and Central Africa, the event will demonstrate how the Fund is poised to

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<sup>1</sup> <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/resources/secretary-general-report>

provide much needed support through joint action. It will offer an opportunity for Member States to announce pledges towards reaching the funding target of USD 70 million. The Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration, as Chair of the Migration MPTF Steering Committee, will bring the recommendations emerging from the session to the attention of Steering Committee members during its June meeting.

### Format

On each of the topics, to reflect the GCM's whole-of-government and whole-of-society guiding principles, the in-person event will include speakers from national governments, the United Nations and civil society through two short panel discussions. The panels will be followed by an interactive discussion. The following panellists are suggested:

- Opening remarks by:
  - The President of the 76<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly;
  - The Director General of the International Organization for Migration, as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration and Chair of the Migration MPTF Steering Committee; and
  - The Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations (TBC)
- Panel on climate change and migration in the Pacific comprised of:
  - The Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations; and
  - A representative of the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO)
- Panel on irregular migration and trafficking in West and Central Africa comprised of:
  - The Minister of Justice of Gabon; and
  - The UN Resident Coordinator in Gabon.
- Closing remarks by the Deputy Secretary-General (via video).

The event will be moderated by the Executive Director of the Mayors Migration Council and it will include the screening of a short video introducing the joint programme pipeline and demonstrating the readiness of the Migration MPTF to deliver more.

**PROGRAMME**

<b>The Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund: Turning commitments into reality</b>	
<b>Moderator: Ms Vittoria Zanuso, Executive Director of the Mayors Migration Council.</b>	
<b>13:15-13:35</b>	<p style="background-color: #d9e1f2; margin: 0;"><b>OPENING</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Ambassador Abdulla Shahid</b>, President of the 76<sup>th</sup> Session United Nations General Assembly</p> <p><b>IOM Director General Mr António Vitorino</b>, Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration &amp; Chair of the Migration MPTF Steering Committee</p> <p><b>H.E Ambassador Thomas Zahneisen</b>, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations</p> <p><i>Short video introducing the Migration MPTF joint programmes pipeline and demonstrating potential for growth.</i></p>
<b>13:35-14:00</b>	<p style="background-color: #d9e1f2; margin: 0;"><b>INTERACTIVE PANELS</b></p> <p><b>1) Climate Change and Migration in the Pacific</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Dr Satyendra Prasad</b>, Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations</li> <li>• <b>Ms Pefi Kingi</b>, Pacific Island Association of NGOs</li> </ul> <p><b>2) Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Persons in West and Central Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Minister Erlyne Antonella Ndembet</b>, Minister of Justice of Gabon</li> <li>• <b>Ms Savina Ammassari</b>, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Gabon</li> </ul>
<b>14:00-14:25</b>	<p style="background-color: #d9e1f2; margin: 0;"><b>INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Interactive discussion with interventions from the floor</p>
<b>14:25-14:30</b>	<p style="background-color: #d9e1f2; margin: 0;"><b>CLOSING</b></p> <p>Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Ms. Amina Amina J. Mohammed</p>