

PORTABLE JUSTICE AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN THE GCM

Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum Tuesday May 17, 9-10 AM, Hybrid Format

Background

In 2022, nearly four years after the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), governments, stakeholders and the United Nations system will meet to discuss the successes and challenges of implementing this landmark cooperative framework. The first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) is being held under the auspices of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York from 17-20 May 2022, with a preparatory stakeholder hearing taking place on 16 May.

A series of IMRF side-events will be organized in the margins of the IMRF. They will provide an opportunity to discuss good practices, challenges and recommendations to further the implementation of the GCM. Side-events will take place on 16-20 May 2022.

Description of the Side-event

This panel will focus on **portable justice**, the right and ability of migrants to access justice at all stages of migration. The panellists will share the lessons from migration corridors where civil society has developed accessible, collaborative transnational networks to support migrants in achieving access to justice.

Portable justice is important for asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants seeking to remain in a country of destination. Transnational networks ensure they can safely obtain the admissible legal evidence they need to seek protection and durable immigration status.

Portable justice is also important for returned migrants. Migrant workers leave the country of employment for a variety of reasons, and many give up claims against their employers because of the practical and legal challenges that prevent them from making claims from abroad. Portable justice ensures that returned migrant workers can vindicate their rights, not only delivering a just result for them, but improving working conditions through accountability for employers.

Without effective cross-border support, migrant workers are shut out of justice systems because they return to their families in their home countries, and asylum seekers are not able to access evidence to support their protection claims. This panel will provide practical examples of the need, a normative framework, a draft portable justice “checklist,” and discuss how to address this gap with models for building cross-national networks to ensure portable justice.

Format

The format will be hybrid with the in-person meeting at **Church Center for the United Nations (777 United Nations Plz. New York, NY 10017)**. Interpretation will be provided in English, Arabic, French, and Spanish. Register here. <http://bit.ly/PeopleForumReg>



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Agenda

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Time: 9 AM (New York) 3 PM (Geneva)

Venue: Church Center for the United Nations (777 United Nations Plz. New York, NY 10017)

Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/JoinPeopleForum>

5 minutes	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Jeremy McLean, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Justice in Motion William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia</p>
25 minutes	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Panel discussion will be discussing good practices; challenges; lessons learnt; and emerging priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Douglas Maclean, Executive Director, Justice Without Borders • William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia • Vinicio Sandoval, Director Ejecutivo, Grupo de Monitoreo Independiente de El Salvador (GMIES) • Michele LeVoy, Director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants • Beth Lyon, Board Member, Justice in Motion <p>Moderator: Jeremy McLean</p>
25 minutes	<p>Discussion / Q&A</p>
5 minutes	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy McLean, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Justice in Motion • William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia