

## UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM 2022

### Side event:

### “The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Advancing Implementation of the Global Compact for Migration”

**18 May 2022, 9:00-10:00 am EDT – Online**

#### **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**

The Global Compact for Migration (Global Compact), adopted in 2018, is a significant commitment from governments to take a people centered and human rights-based approach to migration policy and to work together towards the achievement of its objectives. This focus on people and on migrants as rights holders aligns closely with the mandate and mission of national human rights institutions (NHRIs).

By virtue of their unique mandates and functions in line with the United Nations Paris Principles, NHRIs can provide a human rights-based, expert and evidence-based assessment of progress made in implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, identifying gaps, whilst offering recommendations to overcome them.

The Global Compact recognizes the critical role of NHRIs and encourages NHRIs, the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and NHRI regional networks to engage in Global Compact implementation, follow-up and review, at national, regional and global levels.

This event will focus on the unique role and experiences of NHRIs worldwide in advancing implementation of the Global Compact for Migration.

In line with their mandates and functions, NHRIs' contributions to advancing implementation of the Global Compact for Migration include:

- Documenting, disseminating information and promoting participation of all stakeholders, thereby realising the GCM's multi-stakeholder approach
- Shaping national debate and discourse that places human rights at the centre and that promotes positive narratives on the contribution belonging of migrants to communities
- Advising on and promoting human rights-based GCM national implementation plans
- Leading on policy and legislative scrutiny
- Monitoring, reviewing and reporting on the human rights situation of migrants and progress made in GCM implementation from a rights-centred perspective, to national, regional and international human rights protection bodies
- Contributing to international dialogue to inform global policy development through regional networks and GANHRI as global voice of NHRIs,
- Providing examples of promising practices, innovative approaches and recommendations related to GCM implementation and the protection of migrant's rights.

### **Objectives and expected outcomes**

The event objective will be to discuss among NHRIs from all regions and all stakeholders and partners including United Nations, Member states and civil society the role and experiences of NHRIs in advancing implementation of the Global Compact for Migration.

Specifically, the objectives will be:

- To identify promising practices, tools/resources and innovative ideas for NHRIs to advance GCM implementation at the national, regional and global level
- To identify opportunities for global policy development, as well as knowledge sharing among NHRIs
- To identify ongoing migration-related human rights concerns, and priorities, for NHRIs
- Identify areas of interest, and expertise on migration that NHRIs have in different regions
- Continue supporting NHRIs and other stakeholders in GCM implementation on the identified areas of concern, priorities and in need of additional capacity building.
- Continue strengthening strategic partnership between GANHRI and NHRIs with UN agencies, OHCHR, member states, civil society and other stakeholders for the human rights-based implementation of the GCM

### **Format**

The event will be online. The event will enjoy interpretation into English, French and Spanish. The duration will be 1 hour.

Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_k0DPI3JSSPeQp-7yP7DPeQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k0DPI3JSSPeQp-7yP7DPeQ)

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### AGENDA

<p><b>Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2022</b> <b>Time: 9:00-10:00 (New York) 15:00-16:00 (Geneva)</b></p>
<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ms. Amina BOUAYACH, GANHRI Secretary and Chairperson of the Conseil National des Droits de l’Homme (Morocco)</li><li>○ Ms. Carolina HERNANDEZ, OHCHR Advisor on Migration and Human Rights</li></ul>
<p><b>Moderated discussion with interactive dialogue</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Patricia BÁRCENA GARCÍA, Adjunta Segunda Defensor del Pueblo of Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mr. Edgar CORZO SOSA, Chair of the United Nations Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families</li><li>○ Mr. Apolonio TOBAR, Procurador of the Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos of El Salvador</li><li>○ Ms. Priscilla MBANGA, Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission</li><li>○ Ms. Vanja BAKALOVIĆ, Advisor on Migration, Office of the Ombudswoman of the Republic of Croatia</li><li>○ Ms. Jacqueline DE GUIA, Executive Director, Commission on Human Rights of the Republic of the Philippines</li></ul>
<p><b>Discussion / Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Representative from Member State</li><li>○ Ms. Patricia BÁRCENA GARCÍA, Adjunta Segunda Defensor del Pueblo of Spain</li></ul>