

## Localizing the Global Compact for Migration: Gendered Migration Experiences in New York City

Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum  
May 18, 2022, 4-5pm EDT (New York)  
Virtual

### *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*

Background:

Gendered experiences in migration occur along a continuum (origin-, transit-, and destination country): based on a country's policies, gender dynamics might premise the reason for migration but might also affect experiences along migratory routes and in destination countries. Along this continuum, women, girl, LGBTQIA+, and gender diverse migrants face heightened risks of marginalization, vulnerabilities, and violence.

The Global Compact for Migration (GCM) addresses these experiences in its objectives and through a set of guiding principles such as following a people-centered and whole-of-society approach. In connecting the Compact's objectives and guiding principles in the context of gender, our event "Localizing the Global Compact for Migration: Gendered Migration Experiences in New York City" brings together community leaders to explore the implementation of the GCM in a city setting. The objectives of the event are to identify challenges and opportunities in localizing the GCM through a gender perspective.

### Scope:

The event speaks to various agenda items of the International Migration Review Forum, notably the Informal Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Hearing, Roundtables 3 and 4, and the Policy Debate. The event addresses GCM Objectives (1) Data, (3) Information provision, (7) Reduce vulnerabilities, (15) Access to basic services, (16) Inclusion and social cohesion, (17) Eliminate discrimination, (19) Migrant and diaspora contributions, (22) Social protection, and (23) International cooperation.

### Format:

The event is organized as a community dialogue between representatives from local organizations to discuss what implementing the GCM in NYC looks like, paying specific attention to gender dynamics in migration. The dialogue covers varied migrant groups and explores how GCM objectives and guiding principles can be upheld at the local level. The event will be accompanied by a showcase of migrant community initiatives in NYC and will result in a Guidance Note on localized and gendered experiences in migration within the framework of the GCM.

### Outcomes:

The outcomes of the event include a showcase of migrant community initiatives in NYC and a Guidance Note on localized and gendered experiences in migration within the framework of the GCM.

### *Format*

Register [here](#).

### *Suggested agenda*

<b>May 18, 2022</b> <b>Time: 4pm-5pm (New York) 22h-23h (Geneva)</b> <b>Venue: Virtual</b>	
5 minutes	<b>Welcome</b> Dr. Lara-Zuzan Golesorkhi - Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice
10 minutes	<b>Keynote</b> Dr. Achilles Kallergis - Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility
30 minutes	<b>Community Leaders Dialogue</b>

	<p>Dialogue with representatives of organizations in New York City will be discussing challenges, efforts, and remaining gaps in localizing the Global Compact for Migration through a gender perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arielle Kandel - Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer at New Women New Yorkers</li> <li>• Nitza Segui Albino - President at Latinas en Poder</li> <li>• Naheed Samadi Bahram - Country Director at Women for Afghan Women</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Dr. Lara-Zuzan Golesorkhi - Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice</p>
10 minutes	<b>Discussion / Q&amp;A</b>
5 minutes	<b>Closing Remarks</b>