

Template for Notetaking for the IMRF virtual side-events

Date and time: May 18, 2022 4-5pm EDT

Notetakers: Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice Team

Notes of the session	Member State/UN/Stakeholder
<p>To reflect the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Key points raised with focus on innovative approaches, successes and hindrances, and reasons of success or failure <p>The Global Compact for Migration (GCM) addresses gendered migration experiences in its objectives and through a set of guiding principles such as following a people-centered, gender-responsive, 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” brought together community leaders to explore the implementation of the GCM in a city setting. The objectives of the event were to identify challenges and opportunities in localizing the GCM through a gender perspective.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Pledges / Requests <p>Pledges and requests made concerned gender-responsive initiatives and efforts in collaboration with and/or led by local and community-based organizations. This must include funding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Issue/s to flag for the Network to follow-up 	<p>The event was organized as a community dialogue between representatives from local organizations, including New Women New Yorkers, Latinas en Poder, and Women for Afghan Women. The event was framed by a keynote address from a representative of an academic institution (Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility) and moderated by a representative from a non-profit NGO (Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice).</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Lara-Zuzan Golesorkhi (Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice) Dr. Achilles Kallergis (Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility) Arielle Kandel (New Women New Yorkers) Nitza Segui Albino (Latinas en Poder) Naheed Samadi Bahram (Women for Afghan Women)</p>



Centering migrants' lived experiences is key in achieving the GCM objectives. This event featured representatives of organizations that are indeed led by migrants themselves. It is critical to highlight initiatives and efforts by and for migrants.

Summary (500 words max)

Introduction

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.

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The event addressed 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.

The event was 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 covered varied migrant groups and explored how GCM objectives and guiding principles can be upheld at the local level. The event was accompanied by a showcase of migrant community initiatives in NYC (social media Twitter/IG @cmgj_ngo).

Panel discussion

Please find the summary of the panel discussion on our Twitter (@cmgj_ngo) and in the [event recording](#).

Here are the key questions addressed as part of the panel discussion:



- What are some specific challenges that migrant communities in NYC face - with a focus on gendered migration experiences - and how do these localized experiences relate to broader global dynamics and patterns at the intersection of migration and gender? How do these challenges develop, evolve, and change along the migration continuum (origin-, transit-, and destination country)?
- What are some localized efforts that you have undertaken (programs etc.) in addressing these challenges and how are they situated within the Global Compact for Migration, specifically in regards to its objectives that speak to the challenges that you have identified as well as the Compact's guiding principles such as following a gender-responsive, a people-centered, and whole-of-society approach?
- What are some remaining gaps in localizing the Global Compact for Migration and what are your Calls to Action for stakeholders attending the International Migration Review Forum?

Interventions from the floor

Please find the summary of interventions by panelists on our Twitter (@cmgj_ngo) and in the [event recording](#).

Here are some highlights of interventions made by the panelists:

Naheed Samadi Bahram from Women for Afghan Women highlighted that “the training they [WAW] provide on what domestic violence is, how to prevent it, and what the available resources are” is key in addressing gendered migration experiences through a local, community-based approach.

Arielle Kandel from New Women New Yorkers discussed how efforts to provide “a space for women to build their confidence and proficiency in English, upscaling their job-readiness skills, and a space for women to become familiar with the US work culture” is imperative in addressing gendered migration experiences through a local, community-based approach.

Nitza Segui Albino from Latinas en Poder emphasized that “many of these women [indigenous migrant women] are placed in shelters and struggle with navigating systems that are not very familiar for them” and how local, community-based approaches can address these gendered migration experiences.