

## The role of National Human Rights Institutions in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration implementation with a view of Human rights gender and childhood

Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum  
19 May, 1:30pm EDT, 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*

The event seeks to promote joint learning about initiatives that are being promoted by NHRIs to protect the rights of migrants, with a particular focus on gender and childhood.

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT THAT JUSTIFY THIS SIDE EVENT

**HUMAN RIGHTS VIEW:** The Global Compact is based on international human rights law and upholds the principles of non-regression and non-discrimination. By implementing the Global Compact, we ensure effective respect for and protection and fulfilment of the human rights of all migrants, regardless of their migration status, across all stages of the migration cycle. We also reaffirm the commitment to eliminate all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance, against migrants and their families;

**GENDER-RESPONSIVE.** The Global Compact ensures that the human rights of women, men, girls and boys are respected at all stages of migration, that their specific needs are properly understood and addressed and that they are empowered as agents of change. It mainstreams a gender perspective and promotes gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, recognizing their independence, agency and leadership in order to move away from addressing migrant women primarily through a lens of victimhood;

**CHILD-SENSITIVE.** The Global Compact promotes existing international legal obligations in relation to the rights of the child, and upholds the principle of the best interests of the child at all times, as a primary consideration in all situations concerning children in the context of international migration, including unaccompanied and separated children;

**WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT APPROACH.** The Global Compact considers that migration is a multidimensional reality that cannot be addressed by one government policy sector alone. To develop and implement effective migration policies and practices, a whole-of-government approach is needed to ensure horizontal and vertical policy coherence across all sectors and levels of government.

#### OBJECTIVES OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT RELEVANT FOR THE EVENT

There are five objectives of the Global Compact especially relevant under a combined view of gender and childhood

1. Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies.
4. Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation.
7. Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
10. Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
13. Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives

#### *Format*

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

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#### *Suggested agenda*

<b>Date: May 19h</b> <b>Time: 13.30 (New York) 19.30 (Geneva)</b> <b>Venue: Online (vía Zoom)</b>	
5 minutes	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Najat Maalla. Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children
60 minutes	<b>Panel discussion</b> Panel discussion with representatives of different NHRIs and Government will be discussing good practices; challenges; lessons learnt; and emerging priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patricia Bárcena. Second Deputy Ombudsman of Spain</li> <li>• Amina Bouayach. CNDH President. Morocco</li> <li>• Carlos Camargo. Ombudsman of Colombia</li> <li>• Jesús Javier Perea. State Secretary for Migrations. Kingdom of Spain</li> </ul> Moderator: Elena Arce. Director of Migration Area. Spanish NHRI
20 minutes	<b>Discussion / Q&amp;A</b>

5 minutes

**Closing Remarks**

- Patricia Bárcena García. Second Deputy Ombudsman of Spain