



YOUTH LEAD: CHILDREN & YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION

Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum
20th May | 9-10 AM New York | Hybrid

Objectives

This side event will highlight and discuss the role of children and youth in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, and the importance of consulting, collaborating, empowering and engaging them as change agents in ways that enhances their ability to participate in innovation and decision-making processes.

Combining key voices engaging youth and children, and centering youth and child self-representation, this side event will feature an interactive panel of stakeholders and UN agencies, to discuss progress and challenges in solidifying the role of youth and children in the GCM, and recommendations on how to further meaningful engagement and participation. More specifically, it will:

- Highlight the crucial role of children and youth in the Global Compact for Migration, both in the implementation and through the mechanisms of review and progress accountability that are key to achieving the Compact.
- Call on policy-makers and international organisations to center youth and child sensitivity, empowerment, development and self-representation as key pillars of comprehensive and successful GCM implementation.
- Produce concrete recommendations addressing the challenges faced by youth and children in meaningful participation and engagement in GCM implementation, and promote models of youth-led and child-led initiatives and innovations in the context of Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

Outputs

This side event will produce the following:

- Summary Note of the discussions and points raised, including key recommendations to States and other international actors to meaningfully elevate the engagement, participation, and overall role of youth and children at the GCM.
- A collection of best practices for child and youth participation, including youth and children-led innovations, in the implementation and review of the GCM.

Format

This event will be held in a hybrid format, on Zoom and in-person at UNICEF House. In-person registration will end Tuesday 17th May at 4pm New York Time, and is capped at 50 participants.

Interpretation will be provided in Spanish, and will be via Zoom. Zoom and Location details will be provided via a confirmation email after registration.

[Register here](#)

Agenda

20th May 2022 9-10 AM (New York), 3-4 PM (Geneva), 8-9 PM (Bangkok) Zoom / UNICEF House	
10 minutes	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verena Knaus, <i>Global Chief of Migration & Displacement, UNICEF</i> • IOM <p>Alicja Lelwic, <i>Incoming Global Focal Point for the Migration Youth & Children Platform</i></p>
25 minutes	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Panel discussion with representatives of youth-led organisations, youth and child-focused civil society and other stakeholders will be discussing good practices, challenges, lessons learnt and scalable recommendations for youth and child engagement in the GCM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahmood Al-Hamody, <i>Liaison Officer for Human Rights and Peace Issues at the International Federation for Medical Students Association</i> • Caroline Horne, <i>Head of Destination Unknown Campaign for Terres Des Hommes, with Resilience Innovation Facilities consulting child/youth organisation representative</i> • Grégory Dianzenza Mayukua, <i>Policy, Partnerships and Advocacy Officer, Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT)</i> • Local Government Representative (supported by the Mayoral Mechanism and United Cities and Local Government) <p>Moderator: Florencio Venté, <i>founder of Glocals and Latin America Focal Point for the Migration Youth & Children Platform</i></p>
20 minutes	Moderated Discussion / Q&A
5 minutes	Closing Remarks