

## Promoting the integration of migrants in the context of unplanned migration flows: interactive dialogue with Latin American players

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 8.30 am (NYC Time) - Virtual**

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### **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**

In recent years, Latin America has experienced an increase in unplanned migration flows and their level of complexity. Around five million Venezuelan migrants are currently in other Latin America and the Caribbean countries; simultaneously, unplanned migration flows in Central America and Mexico are increasing, made up of nationals from Haiti, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Venezuela.

This new reality for the region has demanded resilience, flexibility, and the initial adoption of humanitarian measures by governments and other stakeholders. However, as time has gone by, the response has required a progressive shift toward the promotion of socio-economic integration measures targeting both migrant population and host communities. COVID-19, soaring inequalities and the increase of xenophobia and discrimination have rendered this shift particularly urgent.

The lessons learned and promising practices from Latin America could be of use to other regions that face unplanned migration flows. They are part of the acquired savoir faire of UN Member States leading to the achievement of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) goals 6, 18, 19 y 22.

In this framework, civil society federation Coalition for Venezuela (CVE), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) have joined forces to propose a virtual Side Event during the IMRF, which will provide an opportunity to hear from key Latin American players about lessons learned along the way, which may be relevant to human mobility situations that other world regions are currently experiencing.



### Format

Interpretation will be provided in Spanish, English and French.

Register here <https://bit.ly/IMRF-LatinAmericaEvent>

### Agenda

<p>May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Time: 8.30 am (New York) 2.30 pm (Geneva) Venue: Zoom Platform</p>	
5 minutes	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Johanna Sáenz</b>, Human Mobility Advisor for Latin-American and the Caribbean, UNDP</p>
50 minutes	<p><b>Interactive Dialogue</b> Panel discussion with representatives of multiple stakeholders who will be discussing good practices; challenges; lessons learnt; and emerging priorities</p> <p><b>Colombia:</b> Lucas Gómez, Head of the Office of Attention and Integration for the Migrant Population, Presidency of the Republic <b>Mexico:</b> (TBC), Ministry of Labour and Social Protection <b>Panamá:</b> Walker Sizemore, Representative of the National Council of Private Enterprise (CONEP) <b>Argentina:</b> Hernán Ruggirello, Advisor on Labor Migration, International Relations Secretariat of the General Confederation of Labor of Argentina (CGTRA).</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ana María Díez, Vice President, Coalición por Venezuela</p>
5 minutes	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Noortje Denkers</b>, Labor Migration &amp; Mobility Specialist for Central America, ILO</p>