

May 8, 2017

Dear applicant,

Thank you for submitting your application for special accreditation for participation in the preparatory process of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

Please see the [letter](#) from the President of the General Assembly with a list of stakeholder organisations, including academic institutions, which have been approved to participate in the preparatory process. I am pleased to let you know that your institution is among those approved.

Next steps

Please see the Guidelines for multi-stakeholder participation available [here](#).

Important: separate registration for participation for each event is required. Registration will open in the weeks before each event and details will be available at <https://www.un-ngls.org/>

Points and dates to note include:

1. Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings

The President of the General Assembly will organize four days of informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings, between April 2017 and June 2018, with representatives of multiple stakeholders. A summary of the hearings, to be prepared by the President of the General Assembly, will be made available as an input for the intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact. A stakeholder steering committee, comprised of representatives from multiple stakeholders, will support the preparations of the informal hearings by (a) recommending speakers, (b) providing inputs to the programme, and (c) contributing to the summary of the hearings. All representatives of stakeholders wishing to attend the multi-stakeholder hearings are invited to register for each hearing separately. Registration will be opened several weeks prior to each hearing and details will be available at <https://www.un-ngls.org/>. At the time of registration, persons will have the opportunity to express their interest in a speaking role as part of the programme. The Office of the President of the General Assembly will determine the final list of speakers included in the hearing based on advice from the stakeholder steering committee.

Dates for multi-stakeholder hearings are as follows, please check [here](#) for updates:

Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (full day)
(New York, 26 July, 2017)

Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (full day)
(Geneva, 4 October, 2017) (TBC)

Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)
(New York, 18 December 2017)

Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)
(New York, February 2018)

Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)
(New York, April 2018)

Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)
(New York, June/July, 2018)

2. Informal thematic sessions

The President of the General Assembly will hold six informal thematic sessions on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration. All representatives of relevant multiple stakeholders wishing to attend the informal thematic sessions are invited to register for each meeting separately. Registration will be opened several weeks prior to each of the meetings and details will be available at <https://www.un-ngls.org/>. At the time of registration, persons will have the opportunity to express their interest in a speaking role. Speaking opportunities, if any, will be determined in light of the overall programme of each thematic session. Where speaking opportunities exist, recommendations on the selection of speakers may be sought from the stakeholder steering committee.

It is intended that the sessions will be webcast on <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/>

Dates of informal thematic sessions:

Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance
(Geneva, 8-9 May 2017)

Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution
(New York, 22-23 May 2017)

International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration
(Geneva, 19-20 June 2017)

Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits
(New York, 24-25 July 2017)

Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims
(Vienna, 4-5 September 2017)

Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures
(Geneva, 2-3 October 2017)

3. Informal dialogues organized by the co-facilitators

The co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations, Ambassador Juan José Gómez Camacho of Mexico and Ambassador Jürg Lauber of Switzerland, will invite relevant stakeholders, including civil society, scientific and knowledge-based institutions, parliaments, local authorities, the private sector and migrants themselves to contribute views on the global compact, in particular by holding informal dialogues. When possible, such dialogues will be held at the margins of the informal thematic sessions.

4. Stakeholder steering committee

The UN will establish a steering committee comprised of representatives from the multiple stakeholders to support broad and inclusive participation in the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings and the informal thematic meetings. The members of the steering committee will be selected on the basis of expertise and diversity of constituencies, with due regard for geographical, gender and age balance. Members of the committee will not be considered for speaking roles on the programmes of the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings.

If interested, [Apply now to be part of the Stakeholder Steering Committee](#) for the preparatory process of the global compact on migration. (Deadline: 9 May 2017)

5. Dedicated website

All stakeholders are invited to regularly check the website portal <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/> for the latest information pertaining to the follow-up to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the preparations of the global compact.

Thank you for your interest in and support for this important process.

Kind regards,

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