Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting of International Migration Experts on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

Santiago, 30-31 August 2017

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
(Raúl Prebisch conference room, ECLAC)

Wednesday, 30 August

8.30 – 9 a.m. Registration

9 – 9.45 a.m. Opening session
• Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
• Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
• Juan José Gómez Camacho, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, co-facilitator of the consultations and intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, regular and orderly migration
• Louise Arbour, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration and Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference on international migration to be held in 2018

9.45 – 9.55 a.m. Message from Felipe González, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (by video link)
9.55 – 11 a.m.  **Overview of international migration in the three Latin American and Caribbean subregions**

Moderator: Jorge Martínez Pizarro, Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC

Remarks:

- **South America**: Carolina Stefoni, Alberto Hurtado University, Chile
- **Central America and Mexico**: Alejandro Canales, University of Guadalajara, Mexico
- **The Caribbean**: William Mejía, Grupo de Investigación en Movilidad Humana, Colombia

Comments:

- Victoria Prieto, University of the Republic (UDELAR), Uruguay
- Luciana Gandini, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico
- Bridget Wooding, Observation Centre for Migration and Social Development in the Caribbean (OBMICA), Dominican Republic

11 – 11.30 a.m.  Break

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  **Thematic session 1: Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance**

Moderator: Amerigo Incalcaterra, Regional Representative for South America of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Remarks (10 minutes each):

- Javier Palummo, Director of the Research and Information Management Department of the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policy on Human Rights (IPPDH)
- Martha Rojas, representative of El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR), Mexico
- Julio Crocci, National Director of Pluralism and Multiculturalism, Argentina
- Alvaro Botero, member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
- Raúl Vera, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saltillo, Mexico
- María Emilia Tijoux, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Chile

General discussion (30 minutes)

1 – 2.30 p.m.  Lunch break
2.30 – 4 p.m.  

**Thematic session 2: 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**

**Moderator:** María Nieves Rico, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC

Remarks:

- Erika Pires, South American Network for Environmental Migrations (RESAMA), Brazil
- Patricia Chemor, Secretary-General of the National Council for Population (CONAPO), Mexico
- Duval Fernandes, Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, Brazil
- Leonir Chiarello, Executive Director of the Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN)
- Francisco Rico Martínez, Technical Secretariat of the Regional Network of Civil Society Organizations for Migration (RNCOM)
- Jorge Pizarro, Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO)

General discussion

4 – 4.30 p.m.  

**Break**

4.30 – 6 p.m.  

**Thematic session 3: International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration**

**Moderator:** Francisco Becerra, Assistant Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

Remarks:

- Oliver Bush, Coordinator of the Migration Programme of the Regional Delegation for Mexico, Central America and Cuba of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Pedro Hernández, Deputy Director for International Migration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
- Liduvina Magarin, Vice-Minister for Salvadorean Abroad of El Salvador and President pro tempore of the Regional Conference on Migration
- Gisella Zapata, Centre for Regional Development and Planning (CEDEPLAR), Brazil
- Perseo Quiroz, Amnesty International, Mexico

General discussion
Thursday, 31 August

9 – 10.30 a.m. **Thematic session 4: Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits**

**Moderator:** Juan José Calvo, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

**Remarks:**
- Raúl Delgado Wise, President of the International Network on Migration and Development (INMD), Mexico
- Fernando Lozano, Regional Centre for Multidisciplinary Research (CRIM), National Autonomous University of Mexico
- Tricia Barrow, Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
- Juan Artola, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero (UNTREF), Argentina
- Elizabeth Thomas-Hope, University of the West Indies, Jamaica
- Marcela Cerrutti, Centre for Population Studies (CENEP), Argentina, and Latin American Population Association (ALAP)

General discussion

10.30 – 11 a.m. Break

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Thematic session 5: Addressing smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including through appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims**

**Moderator:** José Miguel Guzmán, Regional Coordinator of Demographic and Health Surveys, ICF International

**Remarks:**
- Teresa Martínez, Public Prosecutor of Paraguay
- Argentina Santacruz, Coordinator of the Programme against Human Trafficking of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Ecuador
- Pablo de la Vega, Segundo Montes Mozo S.J. Human Rights Documentation Centre (CSMM), Ecuador
- Diana Shaw, The Child Development Foundation, Belize
- Gabriela Liguori, Comisión Argentina para los Refugiados y Migrantes (CAREF), Argentina

General discussion

1 – 2.30 p.m. Lunch break
2.30 – 4 p.m. Thematic session 6: Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures

Moderator: Diego Beltrand, Regional Director for South America of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Remarks:

• Esther Cuesta Santana, Parliamentarian, Ecuador

• Federico Agusti, Director of International Affairs of the National Migration Department (DNM) of Argentina and President pro tempore of the Specialized Forum on Migration of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)

• Oscar Chacón, Executive Director of Alianza Americas, El Salvador

• Guillermo Dema, Regional Specialist of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Peru

• Adriana Velázquez, Central American Social Integration Secretariat (SISCA) Costa Rica

• Diego Morales, Centre for Legal and Social Studies (CELS), Argentina

General discussion

4 – 4.30 p.m. Break

4.30 – 5.30 p.m. Conclusions round table

Moderator: Jorge Bravo, Chief of the Demographic Analysis Branch, United Nations Population Division

• Michele Manca di Nissa, Regional Representative of the Regional Office for Southern Latin America of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

• Salvador Berumen, Deputy Director General of the Migration Policy Unit of the Secretariat of the Interior (SEGOB), Mexico

• Valter Bittencourt, Coordinator of the Migrant Workers Network of the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (CSA)

• María Victoria Giuletti, Head of the Social Policy and Legislation Department of the Argentine Industrial Union

• Edgardo Chévez, General Coordinator of Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras (OCDIH)
5.30 – 6 p.m.  

**Closing session**

- Louise Arbour, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration
- Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) (to be confirmed)
- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)