Side event: 
Migrants' Contributions to Sustainable Development in the Context of the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Organizers: United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Latin America and the Caribbean

Objective: To reflect and make proposals on the contributions of migrants to sustainable development and consider options to accelerate their potential based on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Date: 25 April 2023 Time: 13:00
Room: Auditorio Fernando Fajnzylber

Online participation: https://cepal-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZxfXYvhAR96_Y4alb6N77w

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development builds upon its recognition that migration is a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the sustainable development of countries of origin, transit and destination, which requires coherent and comprehensive responses.

This event seeks to offers a space for reflection and exchange of ideas and perspectives on the challenges and opportunities for the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the region with the aim to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The results of this reflection will serve as inputs to the United Nations SDG Summit to be held in New York from 19 to 20 September 2023.

In the current challenging economic and social context throughout the region, government and civil society actors are expected to present their perspectives on how to identify, highlight and enhance the contributions of migrants to economies, societies and communities of origin and destination, favouring regular channels for the admission, stay and social and economic inclusion of migrants regardless of the reasons of move (labour, family, humanitarian, among

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1 OHCHR, UNHCR, ECLAC (co-chair), FAO, OCHA, ICRC, IOM (co-chair), ILO, UNAIDS, WFP, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN Habitat, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNODC, UNOPS, UN Women.
2 Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. A/RES/73/195, paragraph 15.e.
others), strengthening the combat against discrimination and xenophobia as well as promoting the cohesion of societies, among others.

It will also consider the recommendations of the Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum\(^3\) in particular the need to integrate migration as a cross-cutting issue in national development plans, development cooperation and other relevant frameworks with a whole-of-government and pan-social approach, expand international cooperation and partnerships to implement the vision of the Global Compact, including through financial and technical assistance to developing countries, and continue to align the implementation of relevant Global Compact commitments and targets with those of Agenda 2000, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

Some of the questions that would guide the discussions are:

- What factors should be considered to identify and enhance the contributions of migration to sustainable development?
- What new narratives and good practices developed on the issue in the region could be shared?
- What actions are needed to enhance the positive impact of migrants on sustainable development?
- How do remittances contribute to the well-being of families and communities and the development of countries of origin and what actions could be developed to amplify these impacts?
- What role have migrants played during the pandemic, particularly in the economic sphere, and what role can they play in the recovery?
- What are the main features, challenges and opportunities of migrants' socio-labour insertion in the region?


\(^3\) A/RES/76/266.
Agenda:

**Moderation:** Claudia Coenjaerts, Regional Director a.i., ILO

**Opening:** 13.00-13.15
- José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of the ECLAC
- Michele Klein Solomon, Regional Director, Central America, North America and the Caribbean
- Michelle Muschett, UN Assistant Secretary-General & UNDP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean

**Interventions:** 13.15-13.50
- Video on the contributions of migration to sustainable development
- Pedro Hernández, Jefe de División de Migraciones, Dirección General Asuntos Consulares, Inmigración y de Chilenos en el Exterior, Chile
- Cindy Mariella Portal Salazar, Vice Minister for Diáspora and Human Mobility, El Salvador
- Aaliyah Gentles, Project Officer, Civil Registration and Migration Policy Unit in the Social Policy Planning and Research Division (SPPRD), Jamaica
- Rosario Olivares Saavedra, Subdirectora de Igualdad de Género, Diversidad Sexual e Inclusión, Ilustre Municipalidad de Santiago, Chile
- Luis Carlos Rodríguez De La Cruz, Consultancy for Human Rights and Displacement (CODHES)

To allow for a debate, interventions are limited to 7 minutes each.

**Debate:** 13.50 to 14.20

**Closing:** 14.20-14.30
- Marcelo Pisani, Regional Director, South America, IOM
- Simone Cecchini, Director, CELADE - Population Division of ECLAC