



**Civil Society
Action Committee**

Side Event at the 2019 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

A New Era in Global Migration and Development Governance:

A Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable Dialogue on Advancing Global Compact for Migration (GCM) Objectives and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Date: **12 July 2019 (Friday)**

Time: **1:15pm – 2:45pm**

Venue: **S-29MM2 (29th Floor), UN Headquarters Secretariat Building, New York**

Co-organizers:

- Civil Society Action Committee (AC)
- NGO Committee on Migration (CoM)
- UN Major Group on Children and Youth (MGCY)

Description

This year's 2019 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) focuses on the theme of *"Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality"*. With a similar approach and view, in its guiding principle 15(j), the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) which was adopted last December, calls for a *"whole-of-society approach"*, and promotes *"broad multi-stakeholder partnerships to address migration in all its dimensions"*. Further, the GCM's guiding principle 15(e) also underlines that it is *"rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"*.

With this in mind, and with the general recognition that the GCM ushered in a new era of global governance for migration and development, this roundtable dialogue will **bring together leaders and representatives of various stakeholder groups**, to discuss efforts and ideas to cooperate and **collectively advance GCM objectives and the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. Migration is one of the defining features of the 21st century and contributes significantly to all aspects of economic and social development everywhere. We need though, to better understand the impact of migration on the achievement of all SDGs, and the impact this achievement will have on migration patterns. It is more important than ever to understand these **links and their implications for policy**.¹

It is expected that an open discussion such as this roundtable, can foster **further cooperation and spark new synergies** to collectively reach these goals in an all-inclusive and truly whole-of-society manner.

Format

The roundtable will begin with a round of **general comments** from various stakeholder groups, kicked off by the Coordinator of the 2019 Chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD). It will then be followed by an **open roundtable discussion** with all participants.

Discussion-starters:

- **Andrés Montalvo**, Coordinator, 2019 GFMD Chairmanship, Republic of Ecuador
- **Véronique Lamontagne**, Senior Advisor, Mayors Migration Council (MMC) (*local & regional authority*)
- **Azrah Karim Rajput**, UN Migration Network Secretariat (*UN*)
- **Matthias Thorns**, Deputy Secretary-General, International Organization of Employers (IOE) (*private sector*)
- **Muhammad Saifullah**, UN MGCY, Canadian Rohingya Development Initiative (CRDI) (*youth*)
- **Eva Sandis**, NGO Committee on Migration (CoM) (*civil society*)

Moderator: **Colin Rajah**, Coordinator, Civil Society Action Committee

¹ Migration & Development - How human mobility can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. ODI. 2018