



A panel discussion marking the 25th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

Current challenges in protecting the human rights of migrant workers: irregular migration flows in the Mediterranean, migrant workers in the Gulf, and undocumented children in the Americas

Organised by the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights with the support of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

8 September 2015 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm
UNOG, Palais des Nations, **Conference Room VII**

Programme

3:00 – 3:05 pm

- Welcoming Statement by Mr. Francisco Carrion Mena, Chair of the CMW Committee

3:05 – 3:15 pm

- Opening Statement by Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

3:15 – 3:20 pm

- Statement by Mr. Hubert René Schillinger, Director of the Geneva Office of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

3:20-3:30

- Statement by Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo, Head of Delegation for Caritas Internationalis and Attaché, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations Office at Geneva, on the historical background of the Convention and its relevance today

3:30 – 5:45 pm

- Interactive panel discussions on current trends in violations of human rights of migrant workers and members of their families, and challenges for States and promising developments on how to best address these trends in the context of irregular migration flows in the Mediterranean, migrant workers in the Gulf, and undocumented children in the Americas, moderated by Mr. Ibrahim Salama, Director, Human Rights Treaties Division, OHCHR



3:30 – 4:15 pm

Panel 1 Current trends in violations of migrant workers' human rights

- Ms. Michele Levoy, Director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
- Mr. Mustafa Qadri, Gulf Migrant Rights Researcher, Amnesty International
- Mr. Ashley William Gois, Regional Coordinator of Migrant Forum in Asia
- Mr. Diego Lorente Pérez de Eulate, Director, Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Matías de Córdova (Mexico)

4:15 – 4:45 pm

- Interventions, questions and answers

4:45-5:20 pm

Panel 2 Challenges for States and promising developments in responding to these trends

- H.E. Mr. Peter Sørensen, Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Cecilia Rebono, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Jorge Lomónaco, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Representative of the Permanent Delegation of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva (Speaker to be confirmed)

5:20 – 5:45 pm

- Interventions, questions and answers

5:45- 5:55 pm

- Concluding remarks by Ms. Manuela Tomei, Director of Conditions of Work and Equality Department, International Labour Organisation

5:55 – 6:00 pm

- Wrap-up by Mr. Ibrahim Salama, Director, Human Rights Treaties Division, OHCHR

All texts of statements and submissions relating to the day of general discussion will be posted on the webpage of CMW at: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/>