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Overcoming challenges related to migration: Leveraging the synergies between the Global Compact and the Migrant Workers Convention

Online panel discussion for parliamentarians organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Tuesday, 21 November 2023

15:00 – 17:00 CEST (Geneva time)

BACKGROUND

This online panel discussion will aim to bring together experts and diverse parliamentarians from all regions of the world to share good practices in migration policy that enable safe, orderly and responsible migration and comply with human rights. The event will give participants a better understanding of what such policies imply in practice and the benefits for implementing them by making use of synergies between the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) and the Migrant Workers Convention (MWC). Participants will be able to hear from MPs and experts in the field, including members of the United Nations Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW). Following the presentations, participants will be able to interact with the panellists, identify challenges and share examples of good practices that can inspire others.

The event will be held online in English, with interpretation in French and Spanish.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 21 November 2023

15:00–15:10

Welcoming remarks

15:10–16:00

Panellists presentations

Panellists will provide an overview of the standards and good practices that enable a safe, orderly and responsible migration in line with recommendations of the CMW, the objectives of the GCM and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They will also elaborate on the critical role that MPs play in that regard and address how parliaments can overcome existing challenges, including by reaping the benefits that come from making use of the convergence between the GCM and the MWC.

Panellists will also elaborate on ways in which the IPU and OHCHR could provide further support for greater engagement by the parliamentary community.

Panellists:

- Representative from a leading parliament in migration and human rights
- CMW Member
- OHCHR Representative

16:00–16:50

Interactive discussion

Following the panel discussion, participants will have a chance to ask questions relating to the issues discussed and to share their experiences on:

- Good practices and existing challenges and opportunities;
- Benefits from engagement with international processes, including by pursuing the objectives of the Global Compact, implementing recommendations and guidance provided by the CMW, ratifying the MWC, etc.
- Ways in which parliaments can become more engaged in this area;
- Previous engagement on migrants' human rights, such as:
 - Incorporating international standards (e.g., International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families – MWC) into domestic law;
 - Adopting budgetary, legislative, policy and institutional measures to protect and promote the human rights of migrant workers and members of their families (in such areas as education, health, social security, non-discrimination etc.);
 - Parliamentary oversight;
 - Establishing national monitoring bodies, etc.

16:50

Closing remarks

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Annex:
Reading material

Convergence of the Convention and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration,

Draft outline of General Comment 6 of the CMW:

www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/cmw/cfi-gc6-2022/2022-07-29/Outline-for-CMW-GC-No6.docx

Migration, human rights and governance, Handbook for parliamentarians:

www.ipu.org/resources/publications/handbooks/2016-07/migration-human-rights-and-governance