

## *Agenda*

### **Thematic Workshop**

#### **Children and Youth on the Move: Implementing Sustainable Solutions**

21-22 June, 2018 | Agadir, Morocco

#### **Overview**

Migration is an empowering experience for millions of children and young people around the world. Most of them migrate safely and regularly within their countries or regions, enriching the societies they leave and join. In a context of growing demographic inequities between ageing societies and countries with burgeoning youth populations, economies will soon compete to attract young migrants whose skills and talents are promising. Africa, given its demography, geography and economy, will play a key role in these dynamics.

Against this backdrop, the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship, in partnership with UNICEF, is organising a thematic workshop that aims to unpack priority issues at stake for children and young people on the move, such as protection gaps, social inclusion, and access to services and labour markets. The event will also provide a platform to exchange examples of solutions -- effective migration policies and practices that can guide regional, national and local stakeholders in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration with and for children and young people.

Themes that will run through all workshop discussions include: frameworks to improve cooperation on migration to the benefit of the next generation of child and youth migrants (with a particular focus on regional cooperation); existing good practices that effectively mitigate risks for children and young people and maximise the benefits of migration; knowledge gaps that impede the co-creation of migration policies with and for children and young people; and aspirations and needs of child and youth migrants. The workshop will tap into the first-hand experiences of young migrants, local and national authorities, practitioners, experts, the private sector and the international community.

#### **Objectives**

Prepare for implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, from the local to the global level, by:

1. Exchanging practical examples of effective child-sensitive migration policies and practices that can be replicated regionally or globally, with a focus on the African continent.
2. Identifying and co-creating solutions to address priority issues for and with children and young people on the move.
3. Building multi-stakeholder coalitions that will take forward some of the identified solutions to address key issues at stake for migrant children and youth.

## Structure

The workshop will tap into the first-hand experiences of young migrants, local and national authorities, practitioners, experts, the private sector and the international community. Young migrants themselves will contribute as active participants, experts and thought leaders.

The event will be a mixture of plenary sessions, Davos-style interactive panels and informal chats. Sessions will be structured to allow for a constructive exchange of promising practices and experiences among all participants. As part of a community action, participants will also be invited to join and contribute to UNICEF's public activation aimed at promoting positive attitudes towards refugee and migrant children during the 2018 World Football Cup.

### Day One / 21 June, 2018

**08.30 – 09.00** Registration

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**09.00 – 10.30** **Opening Session**

*Children have the most to gain and the most to lose when decisions are made about migration and displacement. As there is no migration policy or practice that is child-neutral, children need to be part of the discussion on matters that directly concern them. When children and their families have access to safe, legal routes for migration, it can offer tremendous opportunities for children and their families as well as the communities they join. If they migrate irregularly, their migration experience often creates or exacerbates vulnerabilities. Exposing children to immediate dangers and profound consequences. This opening plenary will provide an overview of the relationship between children and young people on the move and rights issues, including those to be covered in the two days of the workshop.*

Format: Keynote speeches

Welcoming remarks:

- **El Habib Nadir** (Morocco GFMD Co-Chair)

Speakers:

- **Abdelkrim Benoutiq**, Minister Delegate in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs
- **Driss El Yazami**, President of the National Human Right Council and a member of the RINADH Steering Committee
- **Michele LeVoy**, Director of PICUM
- **Ted Chaiban**, Director of Programmes, UNICEF
- **Anas Ansar**, UN Migration Group for Children and Youth Regional Focal Point for Central and South Asia

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**10.30 – 11.00** Coffee break

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**11.00 – 13.00 Working Session I: Data to Protect, Data to Inform, Data to Deter?**

*Without high-quality data, we cannot design the evidence-based policies we need to protect migrant and displaced children and their families. Nor can we make good use of their capacities and skills to maximize the impact of migration on sending, transit and receiving societies. Investing in overcoming data gaps is an investment in the future and should be a priority for all governments to ensure that children receive the protection they need to live up to their full potential and contribute to their societies. . Against the background of the global compacts on migration and refugees, this session will focus on challenges and opportunities regarding the collection, analysis and sharing of data relevant to migrant children and youth, including child protection safeguards, capacity development, privacy rights and good practices, and discuss how States and international organizations can best use data to protect migrant children.*

Format: Panel with brief presentations by experts and government representatives, followed by discussion

Chair:

- **Dr. Frank Laczko** (IOM Global Migration Data Analysis Centre)

Speakers:

- **Ms. Hataichanok Puckcharean**, Director of the Statistical Management System Division, National Statistics Office, Thailand
- **Claus Bech Hansen**, UNICEF Data & Analytics
- **Dr. Nando Sigona**, Birmingham University, UK
- **Bela Hovy**, Chief of Migration Section, Population Division, UNDESA
- **Danielle Botti**, Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat
- *Reflections by a young delegate*

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**13.00 – 15.00 LUNCH**

**14.15 – 15.00 Side Event:** UNICEF-EU-Morocco Launch of a new partnership project “Promotion of migrant children’s rights in Morocco”

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**15.00 – 16.30 Working Session II: Protecting Children and Young Migrants Across Borders**

*Providing integrated child protection care and services for all migrant children, starting when they first arrive at the border, is a key migration management tool to prevent children from going underground, being abused and exploited, or ending up in detention. Whenever children are concerned, child protection authorities – not immigration enforcement – should be in the lead. Close cross-border cooperation and partnership among child protection actors in countries of origin, transit and destination along some migratory routes is proving crucial to protect children at all*

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*stages of their journey, regardless of where they are and where they come from. Stepping up returns is a priority for many receiving States involved in GCM negotiations. However, there is very little discussion about when and how returns are in the best interests of children (both unaccompanied or in families), or about how successful reintegration support programmes for returnee children and youth look like.*

*This session will draw on recent regional experiences of cross-border cooperation and identify elements of these schemes that could be replicated in other contexts, as well as areas where UNICEF and other actors can provide technical support. It will also review missing elements in returns practices and propose concrete ways to fill these gaps, including through pilot initiatives that could spin off the GCM once adopted.*

Format: Panel with brief presentations by experts and government representatives, followed by discussion

Chair:

- **Isabella Castrogiovanni**, Senior Advisor Child Protection UNICEF Regional Office

Speakers:

- **Heather Komenda**, Migrant Protection and Assistance Specialist, IOM
- **Monika Sandvik-Nylund**, Senior Regional Protection Adviser (Child) UNHCR, Kenya
- **Marjan Schippers**, representative of the Dutch guardian organisations NIDOS
- **Olivier Geissler**, International Social Services
- **Dr. Chrissie Gale**, International Lead, Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland
- *Reflections by a young delegate*

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**16:30- 18:00**     *Working Session III: Africa -- A Continent on the Move?*

*Nowhere in the world are children more central to a continent's future than in Africa, where they account for almost half of all inhabitants. Between 2016 and 2030, Africa's child population is projected to expand by about 170 million, bringing the total to 750 million children. Investing in their health, protection and education holds the promise of reaping a demographic dividend, and, if coupled with well-managed migration policies and practices, unlocking prosperity and development across the continent. To reap these benefits, understanding and responding to key drivers, such as urbanisation, climate change or income differentials within and between countries, is key.*

*This session will explore challenges and solutions to make migration work for all children in Africa and from Africa. It will look at regional experiences and cooperation models and discuss the respective roles and contributions of the private and public sectors, including at local level. The discussion will be enriched by first-hand accounts of migrant children and*

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*youth from Africa who will share their aspirations, experiences and solutions*

*Format: Davos-style panel, followed by interactive Q&A*

*Chair:*

- **Prof. Mohammed Charef** (Ibn Zohr University, ORMES, Agadir)

*Speakers:*

- **Maiga Binta**, ECOWAS Niger
- **Dr. Akram El Zayat**, National expert working for the National Council for Motherhood and Childhood, Egypt
- **Najatte Kaoiss**, ADEPT Programme and Operations Director
- **Daniela Blecha**, MICIC Project Officer, ICMPD
- *Reflections by a young delegate*

## Day Two / 22 June, 2018

**08.30 - 09.30**

### **Day 1 Recap**

- **Severine Jacomy Vite**, UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

### **Reflections: How Do Children Who Do Not Move Experience Migration?**

*Chair:*

- **Ana Fonseca** (Chief of Mission, IOM)

*Speakers :*

- **Maria Regina Angela G. Galias**, Chief Emigration Officer, Commission on Filipinos Overseas
- *Reflections by a young delegate*

**09.30 -11.00**

### **Working Session IV: Being a Young Migrant – from Object to Subject. Why and How Should You Invest in Us?**

*Session IV will be a youth-led session. 12 young people from around the world will share their experiences around the topic “Being a young migrant”. From 19-20 June, the young people will attend a Youth Pre-Meeting in Agadir, where they will conceptualize and plan Session IV. They are looking forward to sharing their views, opinions and stories with the audience!*

*Format: Davos-style panel, followed by interactive Q&A*

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**11:00 – 11:30**

**Coffee break**

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**11:30 – 13:30 Working Session V: Pathways Out of Vulnerability, Access to Services and Sustainable Solutions for Children and Families**

*While all children are inherently vulnerable, the current lack of safe and regular migration pathways compounds migrant children's vulnerability. Many are in dire need of protection and cannot go back to their countries of origin, but do not have access to refugee or other status. Protracted uncertain status, living a life under the radar, being born to undocumented parents or living a life on a suitcase – in permanent fear of detection and deportation – takes an enormous toll on children and young people's lives. What options exist for national and local governments to protect these children and youth without encouraging irregular migration? What good practices have been tried out offering pathways to regular status? How can governments expand family reunification and options for families to migrate together? How to design integration or reintegration assistance to address children's specific needs?*

*This session will explore how to close protection gaps for children and youth on the move in practice, including through increased access to sustainable solutions.*

Format: Moderated panel discussion

Chair:

- **William Gois**, Regional Coordinator, Migrants Forum in Asia

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Georgi Velikov Panayotov**, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the UN in New York
- **Ester di Napoli**, office of the Ombudsperson, Italy
- **Ahmed Skim**, Director of Migration Affairs, Morocco
- **Verena Knaus**, Senior Migration Advisor, UNICEF
- **Khalid El Hanfioui**, The National Council for Human Right, Morocco
- *Reflections by a young delegate*

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**13:30 – 15:00 LUNCH**

**14.15 – 15:00 #ChildrenUprooted campaign's World Cup activities**

UNICEF is organizing a World Cup-themed lunch event as part of its #ChildrenUprooted campaign: screening the second half of the Denmark-Australia match as well as UNICEF's World Cup video for the campaign. Attendees are encouraged to join the campaign's #LongestGoal challenge.

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## **Working Session VI: Partnerships *For* and *With* Migrant Children and Youth**

**15:00 – 16:30**

*The commitments in the GCM will only make a real difference in the lives of children impacted by migration if they lead to concerted actions by national and local governments, regional and sub-regional organisations, civil society actors, UN entities, the private sector, and children and young people themselves. This session will explore the partnerships, investments and monitoring mechanisms that are needed for these actions to materialize, from the global to the local level. Participants will be challenged to think big and to identify two or three issues that could become vectors of change and lead to results at scale as part of GCM implementation.*

Format: Davos-style panel, followed by interactive Q&A

Chair:

- **Ambassador Omar Hilale**, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the UN in New York

Speakers:

- **Fatima Alfeine**, Coordinator of the Group of African States to the UN General Assembly
- **Tyesha Turner**, Counsellor for Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs, Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the UN in New York
- **David Munir Nabti**, Co-Founder and Managing Director of AltCity Impact - Migration Innovation Lab, Managing Director of Elevate Impact Accelerator
- **Daniela Reale**, Save the Children and Initiative for Child Rights in the Global Compacts

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**16:30 – 17:00**

### **Closing Remarks**

- **Young delegate**
- **Ted Chaiban**, Director of Programmes, UNICEF
- **Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme** (German GFMD Co-Chair)