

Meeting in the middle

Shaping public narratives on migration and migrants

Tuesday, January 21st. Room Panecillo 4. Centro de Convenciones Metropolitano

Identifying prevailing beliefs and fears to which anti-migrant discourses speak is a fundamental first step towards understanding how and why negative narratives on migration are taking root. Equipped with this knowledge, a multi-actor alliance is required to develop a new fact-based narrative that reflects the true experiences of migrant women, men, girls and boys.

Format and speakers

Through interviews and audiovisual materials, this radio show-like event will engage the audience in discussing key aspects of current positive and negative narratives on migration. Only when we understand these aspects, we can build on the potential that migration offers for promoting human development.

Opening by **Mr. Felipe González**, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

1. **Unravelling the anti-migrant discourse and building alternative narratives.** Speakers will exchange key findings of their research and practical experiences on unravelling the discriminative and anti-migrant discourse worldwide, focusing specifically on sexist perceptions towards migrant women.

Pablo Andrés Rivero - LAC Regional Policy & Narratives Lead (Oxfam)

Eva Garzón - Global Displacement Lead (Oxfam)

2. **Narratives on migrant women and their impact on women's rights.** The panel will explore how racist and xenophobic narratives affect the lives of migrant women who experience multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, and reflect on measures to address xenophobia.

Maria-Noel Vaeza - Regional Director, Americas & Caribbean (UN Women)

Paola Cyment - Consultant (Women in Migration Network)

3. **The role of disinformation in shaping the public debate.** The discussion will revolve around the impact of disinformation targeting migrant and refugees and the role that journalism can play in promoting experience-based narratives, amplifying the lived experiences of migrants and communities.

Yuly Jara - Fact-checking journalist (Maldita.es)

Albor Rodríguez - Journalist (La Vida de Nos)

José María León - Journalist (GK)

Join us in this interactive discussion to **share ideas and agree on recommendations** to governments, media, political leaders and other actors on how to promote responsible public communication and narratives on migration that are **inspired by facts and fundamental values**.