

Introduction

On 19 September 2016, the General Assembly will hold a high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants (see A/70/L.34). Global Migration Group (GMG) an interagency cooperation mechanism consisting of 17 entities of the United Nations system and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is organizing a series of interactive, multi-stakeholder meetings.

A short report, providing a summary of the deliberations and the main findings will be made available before the 19 September event.

Strengthening responsibility sharing for refugees

The third meeting in the series will review ways for states to facilitate protection and re-affirm solidarity in sharing responsibility for refugees worldwide. The meeting will be co-chaired by the permanent missions of Portugal and Zambia and organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The first panel will focus on the proposed Global Compact on Responsibility sharing for Refugees. A Global Compact on Responsibility sharing for Refugees was proposed in the Secretary General's 5 H Strategy on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants as a means of better ensuring a holistic and predictable international response to large refugee movements. As described by the Secretary General the Global Compact would not seek to establish new norms or legal standards of refugee protection, as these are already well-established, but rather seek to re-affirm these existing, fundamental principles and secure the necessary political commitment to ensure that comprehensive refugee responses are pursued from the outset of any large refugee movement.

The panel will begin with an overview of the proposed Global Compact's potential impact and key elements that might include. This will be followed by a discussion of complementary pathways for refugee admissions, including resettlement, humanitarian

Refugee Responses

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