



A panel discussion marking the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 XI, Geneva

**Programme**

**3:00 – 3:05 pm**

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

**3:05 – 3:20 pm**

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

**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 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 in responding these current 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 Rebong, 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

**5:20 – 5:45 pm**

- Interventions, questions and answers

**5:45- 5:55 pm**

- Concluding remarks by Ms. Michelle Leighton, Chief of the Labour Migration Branch, Conditions of Work and Equality Department, International Labour Organisation (TBC)

**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/>**