



## PROGRAM

### Women and Global Migration: Root Causes and innovative Solutions

#### ROOM XI – Palais des Nations

**8:30** Arrival of participants and registration – Palais des Nations – Pregny Gate Avenue de la Paix - Geneve

**9:30 – 10:00** Official Opening of the Forum

**Welcome Remarks by the Organiser:**

**Simone A. Overt**, Zonta International, Main Representative at the United Nations Geneva and President of the NGO Committee of the Status of Women - Geneva

**M. Michael Møller**, Director General of the UN Office at Geneva

**H.E. Mr Olaph J. Terribile**, Ambassador of Malta

**H.E. Mr Hassane Boukili**, Ambassador of Morocco

**Ms. Christine Löw**, Director of the UN Women Geneva

**10:00 – 11:00** Session 1

**Factors affecting migration flows**

In the current global context, what are the most recent causes of displacement and how do they overlap? Preventive considerations?

**Speakers:**

- **Ms. Sonja Hönig Schough**, International President Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation  
“Women and Unsafe Migration”

- **Princess Micheline Makou Djouma**, President/Chief Executive of Ocaproce International  
“Les facteurs des mouvements migratoires Africains en Europe”

- **Ms. Colette Samoya, Former Ambassador R.P. Burundi**, Founder Bangwe & Dialogue  
“The causes of migration in history and in the contemporary context”

*Moderator: Simone A. Overt, Main Representative of Zonta International to the UN Office in Geneva – President of the NGO Committee of the Status of Women - Geneva*



## 11:00 – 12:00 Session 2

### **Movements and labor force**

Given the global shifts and disparities in the labour market, what are the possibilities for remedy and balance? Migrant women and their empowerment in the world of work.

Are the high foreign qualifications fully understood and valued by states? New perspectives for the recognition of skills acquired in the countries of origin.

**Ms. Jill Helke**, Director, International Cooperation and Partnership at IOM

**Ms. Madi Sharma**, European Economic and Social Council, Brussels

**M. Brian Grim** Ph.D. President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation

*Moderator: Ms. Carolyn Handschin, Director for UN Relations, International Vice President (rep Europe) Women's Federation for World Peace, International (WFWPI)*

## 12:00 – 13:00 Session 3

### **Promotion of human rights and innovative solutions**

Terrorism and religious extremism are both factors which foster migration flows and are causes of reluctance to welcome migrants in destination countries. How to address those phenomena to reach stable security and healthy integration?

Which are the essential factors for the integration, adaptation and assimilation in the social system? How can programs such as the SDG's be applied to build trust and eradicate xenophobia in the countries of destination?

**Ms. Melissa Fleming**, Head of Communications and Chief Spoke Person for UNHCR

**Ms. Shirin Taber**, MWLN Director

*Moderator: Ms. Anne Riz, Fawco Main Representative at the UN Geneva*

## 13:00 Conclusion

***French-English translation will be provided for all sessions***