



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, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN of Morocco

H.E. Mr Maurizio Enrico Serra, Ambassador of Italy

Ms. Christine Löw, Director, UN Women Liaison Office, 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. Gloria Moreno-Fontes Chammartin, Specialist in Migration Policies, International Labor Organization

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

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?

-**Mr. Patrick Taran**, President, Global Migration Policy

-**Ms. Louise Aubin**, UNHCR

-**Ms. Natalia Popova**, Labor Economist, International Labor Organization (ILO)

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

13:00 Conclusion

Ms. Valerie Bichelmeier, Main Representative at the United Nations, Make Mothers Matter (MMM)

French-English translation will be provided for all sessions