

MEDIA ADVISORY

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UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants:

Global Coalition on Migration Urge Stronger, Concrete Commitments to Protect the Human Rights of Migrants

Members of the Global Coalition on Migration (GCM) will participate in two upcoming press briefings of migrant organizations from around the globe in conjunction with the September 19 UN High Level Summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants.

Press briefings:

Sunday, Sept. 18 at 1:30pm Eastern TimeChurch Center of the United Nations, 10th Floor
777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 10am Eastern Time

1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Civil society speakers representing GCM from various regions will address their concerns that the High Level Summit may fall short on concrete commitments to protect migrant and refugee rights in practice, as revealed in preliminary summit documents.

While much of the attention around the Summit—from States, civil society and the media—has focused on responses to refugee issues, the Summit and its outcomes are also intended to address the full range of issues facing migrants and their communities. Speakers will explain why governments need to take urgent action to provide for regular migration that upholds human and labor rights and to set aside deterrent migration policies. Migration-related proposals are being scrutinized in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and a commitment to a two-year process to develop a Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (Annex II).

GCM spokespersons available for interviews:

Leaders from migrant rights organizations, organized labor and faith groups that work with migrant communities on the ground and in international advocacy, including:

Jille Belisario, Transnational Migrant Platform (Netherlands/Europe) and speaker at the UN High Level Summit

Milka Isinta, Pan Africa Network in Defense of Migrant Rights (Kenya/Africa)

Oscar A. Chacón, Alianza Americas (U.S./Americas region)

William Gois, Migrant Forum in Asia (Philippines/Asia)

Michele LeVoy, Platform for the International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (Belgium/Europe)

Catherine Tactaquin, National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (U.S.)

Roshan Dadoo, Women in Migration Network and Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa

The Global Coalition on Migration (<u>www.gcmigration.org</u>) includes regional and international networks of migrant associations, migrant's rights organizations and advocates, trade unions, faith groups and academia, covering every region around the world.