



## Side Event on “Large movements of refugees and migrants: global challenge, regional responses, comprehensive strategy”

### PROGRAM

Side event at the 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly  
United Nations Headquarters, New York  
**21 September 2016, 3pm – 5pm**  
**Conference Room 3**

**Co-hosting Member States:** Europe (Italy and the Netherlands), the Middle East (Jordan and Lebanon), East Africa (Ethiopia), West Africa (Nigeria); the Sahel region (Niger)

#### Welcoming Remarks

- ◆ H.E. Paolo Gentiloni, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

#### Opening Remarks

- ◆ H.E. Tammam Salam, Prime Minister, Lebanon
- ◆ H.E. Nasser Judeh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Jordan
- ◆ H.E. Tedros Adhanom, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia
- ◆ H.E. Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, The Netherlands
- ◆ H.E. Abdulrahman Bello Dambazau, Minister of the Interior, Nigeria
- ◆ H.E. Kaffa Rakietou Christelle Jackou, Minister of Population Ministry of the Population and Social Reforms, Niger

- ◆ H.E. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR
- ◆ H.E. William Lacy Swing, Director General, IOM

### Special Guest

- ◆ H.E. Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice President of the European Commission

### Panel discussion

**Moderator:** Hon. Emma Bonino, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy

### Panelists

- ◆ Michael Doyle, Director of the Columbia Global Policy Initiative, University Professor at Columbia University
- ◆ Senior Official from the Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS), a Malta-registered NGO
- ◆ Egizia Petroccione, Save the Children Italia
- ◆ Andea Bartoli, Community of Sant'Egidio
- ◆ Giampaolo Silvestri, Secretary General of AVSI Foundation
- ◆ Ayman Riad Al Mufleh Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO)
- ◆ Alaa Al Alwani, Syrian entrepreneur, Co-Founder/Partner of Levant for Translation
- ◆ Bram Frouws, “Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat”, Nairobi

### Q&A Session

**Closing remarks:** Mr. Peter Sutherland, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration

**EMCEE (Master of Ceremonies):** Mr. Jeffrey A. Brez, Chief, NGO Relations Advocacy & Special Events, DPI UN

### Background

This side event is organized on the occasion of the opening of the 71st General Assembly, that this year will begin with the Summit on large movements of refugees and migrants. It will seek to explore the regional dimension of large movements of people across Africa, the Mediterranean Sea, Middle East and Europe. A panel of distinguished experts in the field of human mobility will lead the discussion and offer insights on issues such as the protection of refugees and migrants in a vulnerable situation, examples of solidarity and

integration, combating human trafficking, saving lives at sea and effective international partnerships.

*Interest in participating in the discussion is high and delegations wishing to take the floor are requested to contact the Permanent Mission of Italy or the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands specifying the level of speaker (see contact below). Please note that there will be interpretation into English, French and Arab.*

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