

Concept Paper

High Level Side Event

70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

**Strengthening cooperation on migration and refugee movements
in the perspective of the new development agenda**

30 September 2015, 3 to 5 p.m., Conference Room 4

Overview

The United Nations Secretary-General will convene a high-level side event on migration during the high-level segment of the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The aim is to encourage enhanced cooperation and collective action in dealing with the problems and challenges of migration and human mobility, including mixed movements involving migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees. Facilitating safe, orderly and responsible mobility is also a key component of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which requires coordinated action not only among States, but also at all levels of Government, and with a series of non-governmental stakeholders, to ensure no one is left behind.

Recent situations at sea and land borders, including in the Mediterranean Sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea, and more recently in the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea, demonstrate that mixed migration in insecure circumstances is a global challenge. These large mixed flows, often facilitated by criminal smuggling rings, have heightened the risks of abuse and exploitation, particularly for women and children. This phenomenon generates specific dynamics at the regional level and has multi-

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