



**DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION ON  
THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN AN IRREGULAR SITUATION  
AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES**

***COMMITTEE ON MIGRANT WORKERS***

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**Palais Wilson – Geneva, 19 September 2011**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

As at 19 August 2011

**Morning 10:00-13:00**

10:00-10:10 - Opening remarks - Mr. Abdelhamid El Jamri, Chair of the Committee on Migrant Workers.

10:10-10:20 - Keynote: Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Chief, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, OHCHR.

10:20-10:30 - Complementary remarks ILO (invitation pending, tbc).

10:30-10:45 - The rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families under ICRMW. Mr. Ahmadou Tall, Member of CMW.

10:45-11:00 - Other complementary international standards and jurisprudence related to the rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families. Mr. Vincent Chetail, Geneva University Institute of International Studies (invited, tbc)

11:00: 12:00 - The challenges when protecting the rights of migrants workers in an irregular situation and members of their families. Mr. Christian Guillermet, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica; Mr. Paolo Cavaleri, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Argentina; Mr. Patrick Taran, Senior Migration Specialist, GMPA. Presentations and discussion.

12:00- 13:00 - The protection of the rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families in practice. Ms. Michèle Levoy, PICUM; Ms. Claire Courteille, International Trade Union Confederation; Ms Sandrine Salerno, Geneva City Council member, former Mayor (invited, tbc). Presentations and discussion.

## **Afternoon 15:00- 18:00**

Gaps in the protection of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families.

15:00-16:30 Parallel working groups:

- (1) The criminalization of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families, and their vulnerability to exploitation, abuse and arbitrary detention. Ms. Myriam Poussi, Member of CMW (moderator); Mr. Guillermo Reyes, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Mexico (five-minute presentation); Mr. William Gois, Expert (five-minute presentation); Rapporteur: Ms. Mariette Grange. Discussion with interpretation.
- (2) Protection and restriction of economic and social rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families. Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, Member of CMW (moderator); Mr. Sergey Khrychikov, Council of Europe (five-minute presentation); Mr. Ryszard Cholewinski, ILO (five-minute presentation); Rapporteur Ms. Paola Pace (IOM). Discussion in English.
- (3) International cooperation in the protection of the rights of migrant workers in an irregular situation and members of their families. Mr. Mehmet Sevim, Member of CMW (Moderator); Mr. Denis Y. Lepatan, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Philippines (five-minute presentation); Mr. Paul de Guchtenière, UNESCO (invited, pending confirmation) (five-minute presentation); Rapporteur: Mr. John Bingham. Discussion in English.

16:30- 17:00 Report to the plenary of the three working groups (10 minutes per each).

17:00- 17:50 Next steps - open discussion.

17:50- 18:00 Conclusions and closing remarks (CMW Chair).