

**Joint Civil Society Statement at the Conclusion of Negotiations on the Global Compact for Safe,
Orderly, and Regular Migration**

New York, July 13, 2018

Co-facilitators, we are grateful for you and your staff's guidance and work over the past two years in producing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration. We appreciate your efforts to promote the voice and space for participation of civil society and migrant networks in a formal and diligent process.

We also acknowledge all participating Member States who have worked to create this agreement, particularly in a xenophobic political environment often hostile to understanding the realities of migrants and refugees. We express our strong hope that when properly implemented and with concerted efforts to address remaining gaps, the Compact provides Member States with a sound framework for governing migration in a manner which respects human rights and the rule of law.

We would like to highlight some of the significant achievements of the Compact:

- Working to end child detention;
- Expanding regular avenues for migration and measures for regularization as a way to increase safe, orderly, and regular migration and reduce vulnerabilities;
- Emphasizing community-based alternatives to detention, and not promoting detention as a deterrent to irregular migration;
- Protecting migrants in situations of vulnerability, including those fleeing slow and sudden onset natural disasters, the adverse effects of climate change, and environmental degradation;
- Safeguarding the rights of children by adhering to the principle of the best interest of the child at all times and ensuring their protection and access to sustainable solutions;
- Ensuring decent work and labour rights
- Promoting concrete gender responsive policies and the empowerment of women as agents rather than from the lens of victims;
- Guaranteeing due process, individual assessment and effective remedy in return procedures, by upholding the prohibition on collective expulsion and the principle of non-refoulement;
- Strengthening the collection of data on migration in order to better inform humane policy responses, in a manner which respects the right to privacy;
- Investing in sustainable development at national and local levels in order to honour the right of migrants to live and support their families in their countries of origin;
- Cooperating to provide international protection to migrants in situations of vulnerability at borders;

Unfortunately, the Compact falls short in several important areas and in some aspects steps away from current international standards and regional practice. For example: we regret that no stronger language could be achieved on the non-criminalisation of migrants and of those who provide support to them, on firewalls, access to basic services and on full labour rights and freedom of association for irregular migrant workers.

Nonetheless, we will interpret such formulations in a way that fully adheres to international law. Indeed, we aim to strengthen them in their implementation and seek to hold governments and stakeholders accountable in the follow-up and review process. This is the beginning, not the end.

In this regard, we look forward to participating in the concrete next steps. We will continue to work on behalf of migrants and their communities around the world, with the goal of ensuring their human rights and upholding human dignity.

Signatories as of Friday 10th of August:

- 21st Century Community Empowerment for Youth and Women Initiative
- ACFM Niger
- ACT Alliance
- Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism KISA
- Action Secours Ambulance (ASA)
- Africa Solidarity Centre (Africa Centre)
- Africa Unite (AU)
- Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT)
- African Foundation for Development (AFFORD)
- Alianza Americas
- Amici dei Bambini Ai.Bi.-Marocco
- Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)
- Asian Human Rights and Culture Development Forum (Asian Forum)
- Association des Travailleurs Immigrés au Maroc, ATIMA
- Association interculturelle kirikou (Kirikou maroc)
- Association of German Development and Humanitarian Aid NGOs (VENRO)
- Awaj Foundation
- Bread for the World
- Campaign For Government Of International Unity In Africa
- Caritas Internationalis
- Caritas Sweden
- Casa del Migrante de Saltillo
- Casa Generalizia della Societa del Sacro Cuore (Society of the Sacred Heart)
- Casa Monarca. Humanitarian Aid for Migrants
- Centre for Indian Migrants Studies (CIMS)
- Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos "Segundo Montes Mozo S.J." (CSMM)
- Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS)
- Centro de Reflexión y Acción Social Padre Juan Montalvo SJ
- Collectif des Communautés Subsahariennes au Maroc (CCSM)
- Comisión Argentina para los Refugiados y Migrantes (CAREF)
- Community Development Services (CDS)
- Company of the Daughters of Charity of St.Vincent de Paul
- Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
- Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organizations
- Construisons Ensemble le Monde
- Coordinamento Italiano NGOs Internazionali (CINI)
- Cross Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants
- Democratic Network for Action (DNA)
- Development Action for Women Network (DAWN)
- Dianova International
- EnZO
- Espace Afrique International
- Espace Médiation (#EsMed)
- Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO)
- Federazione organismi cristiani servizio volontario internazionale - FOCSIV

- Fondation des Œuvres pour la Solidarité et le Bien Etre Social
- Forum des Organisations de Solidarité Internationale issues des Migrations (FORIM)
- Fundación Migrantes y Refugiados Sin Fronteras
- Global Coalition on Migration
- Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council
- Groupe d'Action, de Paix et de Formation pour la Transformation (GAPAFOT)
- Hope Border Institute/Instituto Fronterizo Esperanza
- Immigration Outreach Service Center (IOSC)
- Institute of Studies and Outreach about Migration
- Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Loreto Generalate
- Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migracion, Mexico
- International Association of Applied Psychology
- International Catholic Migration Commission
- International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)
- International Council of Psychologists
- International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- International Detention Coalition
- International Federation of Business and Professional Women IFBPW
- International Presentation Association
- International Social Service
- INTERSOS
- Jesuit Refugee Service Australia
- Joint Committee with Migrants in Korea (JCMK)
- Legal Support for Children and Women (LSCW)
- Loretto Community - Sisters of Loretto
- Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
- Md Shafiqul Alam
- Medi Buero Kiel e.V.
- Mercy International Association
- Mesa Nacional para las Migraciones y Refugiados en la Republica Dominicana (MENAMIRD)
- Migrant CARE
- Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)
- Migrant Voice UK
- Migrants Rights Council India
- Migration Services for development (MSD)
- Migration Working Group, Malaysia
- Mixed Migration Centre
- National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- New Humanity
- NGO Committee on Migration
- OMANIAE ORGANIZATION
- ONG Un Monde Avenir / 1 MA
- Our Journey, Malaysia
- Outreach Social Care Project
- OXFAM International
- Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organizations (PIANGO)
- Pacificwin (Australia & Aoteaora NewZealand)
- Pan African Network in the Defense of Migrants' Rights (PANiDMR)
- Partnership for Global Justice
- People Forum for Human Rights (People Forum)
- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
- Policy Analysis and Research Institute of Lesotho (PARIL)
- Poverty Elimination and Community Education (PEACE) Foundation
- Refugees International
- Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
- Réseau Africain Migration développement (#RAMD)
- Réseau Marocain Transnational Migration Développement ({RMTMD)
- Save the Children
- Save the Climate
- Scalabrini International Migration Network
- Servicio Jesuita de Chile
- Sisters of Charity Federation
- Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (SNDdeN)
- Society for Human Rights and Prisoners Aid. SHARP-Pakistan
- Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries
- Sorooptimist International (SI)
- Soul Sustainable Progress (SSP)
- SÜDWIND Institut
- Terre des Hommes International Federation
- The Association of the Kenya Diaspora Organizations, inc
- The Women in Migration Network (WIMN)

- The World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP)
- Toronto Moroccan Association (AMDT)
- Trade d'Union Mediterranean Subsaharan Migration Network (RSMMS)
- UNANIMA International
- United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth
- VIVAT International
- WARBE Development Foundation
- World Council for Psychotherapy
- World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP)
- Zimbabwe United Nations Association (ZUNA)