

UN Division for Public Administration and Development Management

Expert Group Meeting on “Integrated approaches to international migrations: the perspective of public institutions and public administration”

Inputs to chapter 5 of the World Public Sector Report 2017

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 1 November 2017

9:00-9:30 **Registration**

9:30-10:00 **Opening of the meeting**

Opening remarks: **Thomas Gass** (Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA)

Welcoming statement and EGM expectations: **Marion Barthélemy** (Director, DPADM/UNDESA)

Organizational matters: **Peride K. Blind** (DMB/DPADM/UNDESA)

10:00-12:00 **Session I: Towards an integrated approach to international migrations: Key challenges for public institutions**

Guiding Questions:

- (i) Do public institutions at the national and local levels have enough information about migrants and their needs?
- (ii) What are the major challenges faced by governments and public institutions in dealing with migrants and refugees? What are the implications of flows of migrants and refugees for public services, and how are national and local governments equipped to address them?
- (iii) How can governments work with donors to address the impact and conditions of migrants and refugees in the poorest countries?
- (iv) Are different parts of governments engaged in issues related to refugees compared to issues related to migrants? If so, does it lead to gaps or negative impact on these groups?

Moderator: **Marion Barthélemy** (Director, DPADM/UNDESA)

Keynote speech - Sabine Kuhlmann (Professor, Potsdam University, Germany) - Managing Migrations, Integration and Poverty: A Global Challenge for Governance and Public Administration: main messages from the 2017 IIAS Congress

-- **Michelle Leighton** (Chief of the Labor Migration Branch, ILO) *via video*

-- **Georges Labaki** (Director, ENA-Lebanon)

-- **Kieran Gorman-Best** (Senior Policy and Liaison Officer, IOM)

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 **Session II: Integration among various parts of national governments: key challenges, lessons learned and approaches to various issues related to SDGs and migration**

Guiding Questions:

- (i) How can various parts of national and local governments get engaged in decisions on national migration policies in various political systems?
- (ii) What are concrete challenges to ensuring “whole-of-government approaches” to defining policies related to migration and the needs of migrants?
- (iii) What are examples of modalities that have ensured cross-agency and cross-sectoral cooperation at the national level in policy-making for migrants and sustainable development?
- (iv) What kind of skills should public servants have to support integrated approaches to migrations, and what does this mean for public administration’s characteristics and functioning?

Moderator: *David Le Blanc* (Chief, DMB/DPADM/UNDESA)

-- *Sonia Plaza* (Policy Coherence and Integration, KNOMAD, World Bank-Washington DC)

-- *Yu Ping Chan* (Special Policy Advisor, UNODC-New York)

14:30-15:30 **Session III: How can national and local governments work together to respond to the needs of migrants and promote the SDGs?**

Guiding Questions:

- (i) How can national and local governments work together to respond to migrants’ and refugees’ needs and support their empowerment?
- (ii) What are concrete challenges to coherence and effective collaboration among different levels of governments in relation to policies related to migration and the needs of migrants and refugees?
- (iii) What are the promising interaction and cooperation modalities across levels of government that address critical linkages between policy-making on migration and policies in the area of sustainable development?
- (iv) What are examples of modalities of interaction and cooperation across levels of government that have shown success in enhancing public service delivery for migrant and refugee populations?

Moderator: *Sabine Kuhlmann* (Professor, Potsdam University, Germany)

-- *Kemal Kirisci* (Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute, United States)

-- *Sabine Henning* (Senior Population Affairs Officer, Population Division, UNDESA)

-- *Ioannis Grigoriadis* (Professor, Bilkent University, Turkey)

15:30-16:30 **Session IV: People’s engagement in integrated approaches to migrations at the national level: what have we learned**

Guiding Questions:

- (i) What are some interesting examples of national and local mechanisms for engaging non-state actors that help address linkages between migration and sustainable development?
- (ii) How can governments work with other actors in responding to migrants’ and refugees’ needs, protecting their rights and empowering them? What are successful innovations?
- (iii) What are some of the common and emerging modalities, enablers and hurdles for engagement of non-governmental actors, including local communities, in migration- and refugee-related issues?

- (iv) What is the experience with engaging migrants and refugees in making decisions that affect them and their communities, including migrant- and refugee-led and funded organizations?

Moderator: *Ioannis Grigoriadis* (Professor, Bilkent University, Turkey)

-- *Cristina Alicia Rodriguez-Acosta* (Deputy Director, Institute for Public Management and Community Service, Florida International University, United States)

-- *Scarlet Cronin* (Senior Director, Partnerships and Philanthropy, Tent Foundation, United States)

16:30-16:45 Coffee break

16:45-17:15 Wrap-up - main messages

Guiding Questions:

- (i) What have we learned? What are the most common challenges to and success factors for integrated approaches to international migrations at the national level from the point of view of public institutions and public administration?

Moderator: *David Le Blanc* (Chief, DMB/DPADM/DESA, United Nations)

Rapporteur: *Peride K. Blind* (DPADM/DESA, United Nations)

17:15-17:30 Closing of the meeting

Concluding remarks: *Marion Barthélemy* (Director, DPADM/DESA, United Nations)