



Additional Interactive Roundtable (cross-cutting issue)

i) Human Rights and Migrant Women

Tuesday, 4 November 2014, 9:30 - 11:00

Palais des Nations Geneva, Room IX

Introduction: Migrant and displaced women have increasingly been recognized as important groups of concern. All 12 critical areas of concern of the Beijing Platform for Action apply to migrant women. Women and girls make up 49% of the estimated 232 million migrants globally. Nearly all adult migrant women are economically active and are especially affected by labor rights violations as well as being vulnerable to exploitation and violence. This session aims to provide analytical context from expert speakers representing key perspectives and sectors with a goal of identifying common experience and agenda in participant discussion. **Objectives:** Sum up challenges facing migrant and displaced women; review the application and implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action recommendations; identify the roles and contributions of women's and migrant organizations; formulate rights-based, gender specific policy recommendations.

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| Co-conveners | Joyce Jett , International Representative, Solar Cookers International and Medical Care Development International Colette Samoya , Fondatrice de BANGWE et Dialogue Patrick Taran , President, Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA) |
| Moderators | Joyce Jett & Colette Samoya |
| Title of video | <i>Maria in Nobody's Land</i> |
| Speakers | Krishna Ahooja-Patel , International Representative, WILPF International Labour Organization International Trade Union Confederation Patrick Taran , President, GMPA Monica Cristea , Vice-chair, RIFFI; Board member, EnoMW Nunu Kidane , Director, Priority Africa Network |
| Interactive Dialogue | From the floor |
| Recommendations, Q&A | Patrick Taran |
| Rapporteurs | Katherine Youtz , GMPA & Dylan Terry , GMPA |
| Interpretation | Provided from and into English and French |

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Co-Convener: Joyce Jett is a civil society advocate and international representative to the UN in Geneva and New York. Substantive expertise includes human rights; advancement of women with a focus on refugee and migrant women; health/reproductive health including FGM; humanitarian affairs and the application of solar thermal cooking technology for refugee women; development and civil society. She has field expertise in the ECE, Africa and Arab regions.

Co-Convener: Colette Samoya fut respectivement députée à l'Assemblée nationale du Burundi et Secrétaire générale de l'Union des Femmes Burundaises. Elle fut la première femme burundaise à exercer la fonction d'Ambassadeur représentant Permanent auprès de l'ONU et différentes Organisations internationales basées à Genève. Promotrice de l'ONG BANGWE et DIALOGUE sur la paix et la non-violence dans la sous-région des Grands Lacs en Afrique, elle fait partie des mille Femmes nominées au Prix Nobel de la Paix pour l'année 2005.

Co-Convener & Speaker: Patrick Taran is President of Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA). He has 35 years full-time professional experience in international migration, immigration, refugee resettlement and discrimination/integration work at local, national and global levels. He has spent significant time working with the International Labour Office and the World Council of Churches and cofounded Migrants Rights International.

Speaker: Krishna Ahooja-Patel is the former president and current international representative for Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). She is a leading voice for women's issues, serving as the past president of NGO-CSW, writing the book *Development has a Woman's Face* and selected as one of 1,000 women working for peace from Southeast Asia. She was trained as a lawyer and is currently a distinguished professor at Halifax.

Speaker: Monica Cristea has volunteered as a project leader and an interpreter for non-profit organisations from EU member states working in Romania with orphaned children and the prevention of HIV/AIDS. Since 1993, Monica has worked in Sweden with migrant and refugee women and has a profound and personal understanding of their issues, as well as the will to empower these women as part of the EU women population and to increase their visibility. At European level, Monica takes an active part in all projects of the European Network of Migrant Women, also serving as the liaison with EWL.

Speaker: Nunu Kidane has worked for over three decades on issues of global policy analysis as it relates to Africa, including militarism, resource extraction, migration, social, economic and racial justice. In January 2012, Nunu was recognized by the White House as a "Champion of Change" for her work with the diaspora communities. She is founding member of the Black Immigration Network and the Pan African Network in Defense of Migrants Rights (PANiDMR). Nunu has been the voice for enhanced transnational dialogue on immigration, globalization and race, culture and identity.

Rapporteur: Katherine Youtz is a research associate with Global Migration Policy Associates, focusing on migration and human rights in Africa.

Rapporteur: Dylan Terry is a Masters student in human rights and humanitarian action at the Paris School of International Affairs, Institut d'études politiques de Paris.
