

SUMMIT 2016

UN High-level Meeting
on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants
New York, United Nations General Assembly, 19 September 2016
Civil Society taking action together

MEDIA ADVISORY: Civil society Press briefing September 18 on next day's UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants

With over 150 heads of state and government leaders gathering at the UN to sign landmark commitments to re-organize the way they respond to refugee crises and people on the move, media are invited to talk directly with refugees, migrants and civil society leaders from around the world:

When: Sunday, 18 September from 14:00 – 15:00 (New York EST time)

Where: Church Center of the UN 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, 6th Floor

How: come in person – please RSVP to contacts below (no security pass is needed this day) or connect on-line, via [this GoToMeeting link](#) on your computer or by dialling in using your phone to +32 (0) 28 93 7001 (Access Code: 646-692-877)

The hour will start with a **short briefing by civil society leaders, with a question & answer period.**

During and after the briefing, civil society representatives can speak with media about:

- ✚ their personal perspectives and stories as refugees, migrants and the migrant diaspora;
- ✚ border policies, human rights and human lives;
- ✚ the challenge—and the urgency—today: over 60 million refugees and internally displaced persons; migrant children on the move and in detention; the situation of irregular migrants, trafficked persons and exploited workers;
- ✚ governments adopting a “Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework” at the Summit to better handle current refugee crises, with a commitment to also develop a “Compact on *responsibility-sharing* for Refugees”—how would that work, if at all?;
- ✚ the governments’ unprecedented new commitment to develop a “Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” – what does that mean, and what’s next?;
- ✚ In a world of runaway populism and xenophobia, what hope for welcome, integration and social cohesion do we have?;
- ✚ Refugees and migrants who “make it” working, contributing, integrating into new countries, building lives, businesses and communities, entering politics;
- ✚ What it was like advocating as migrants and refugees, citizens and civil society, to governments in the Summit negotiations process in June and July. Does the result ([The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants](#)) go forward or backward? What are civil society’s new [joint statement and ‘scorecard’](#) and “commitment rings” saying?;
- ✚ The International Organization for Migration (IOM) joining the UN system after 65 years “outside”— what does this mean on the ground?;
- ✚ What do we know about the 20 September Leaders’ Summit (Obama Summit) on Refugees?

This Media Hour is organised by the global Civil Society [Action Committee](#): 22 leading NGO organizations and networks working on the ground and in advocacy with refugees, migrants, forced displacement and human rights issues (see list of members on next page).

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- Amnesty International
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)
- Asylum Access
- Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI)
- CARE-International
- Caritas Internationalis
- Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
- Global Coalition on Migration
- International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)
- International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- International Detention Coalition (IDC)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
- Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)
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