

REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

SDG and Migration in Europe

CONCEPT NOTE

Background and rationale

Refugees and migrants belong often to the furthest behind people. This is also the case in Europe. This side event will highlight the situation of refugees and migrants and the relation with the SDGs based on six national and the new European SDGs and Migration report of GCAP and partners. The situation with the refugees from the Ukraine will be part of the event. Recommendations of the Faces of Migration project will be presented and discussed with representatives of migrants and refugees and policy makers.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

1. Make political decision makers aware about the gap between the SDGs and the European policies and practices towards refugees and migrants
2. Propose different actors including UN, EU and governments to take up the recommendations of the SDGs and Migration report
3. Initiate a process that refugees and migrants are included into the VNR reporting and analysis and into the report of the UNECE Regional Forum for the HLPF

Organizers

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Agenda and Structure

13:15 – 13:25	Welcome and introduction	Ingo Ritz, GCAP
13:25 – 13:35	Report of situation of refugees Sayed and Ada	Refugee representative
13:35 – 13 :50	Presentation of the EU SDGs and Migration Report	Sylvia Beales and George Gelber, authors of the report
13 :50 – 14 :00	Presentation of Recommendations	Andrea Stocchiero, Focsiv

14 :00 – 14 :05	Reaction to the report	Migrant representative
14 :05 – 14 :25	Rection of MEPs and MPs	tbc
14 :25 – 14 :40	Discussion	
14 :40	Conclusion	Representative of issue-based coalition on large movement of people, displacement and resilience

List of Panellists

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Sylvia Beales and George Gelber, authors of the report
Andrea Stocchiero, Focsiv
Migrant representative