



INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Information on the General Assembly High-level Dialogue 14–15 September 2006, UN Headquarter, New York

The UN General Assembly in its resolution 58/208 of 23 December 2003 decided to devote a high-level dialogue to international migration and development during its sixty-first session in 2006. The purpose of the high-level dialogue is to discuss the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development and identify appropriate ways to maximize its development benefits and minimize its negative impacts. Additionally, the high-level dialogue will have a strong focus on policy issues, including the challenge of achieving internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Format

The High-level Dialogue is composed of four plenary meetings and four interactive round tables. The outcome of the High-level Dialogue will be the Chairperson's summary.

Plenary meetings

The plenary meetings take place on 14 and 15 September 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. At the opening meeting, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General deliver introductory statements. Governments are expected to participate at the ministerial or highest level possible.

Roundtables

Member States, Permanent Observers, intergovernmental entities, non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector will participate in four closed roundtables. They are on the following themes:

- Effects of international migration on economic and social development
- Measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of all migrants, and to prevent and combat smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons
- Multidimensional aspects of international migration and development including remittances
- Promoting the building of partnerships and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices at all levels, including the bilateral and regional levels, for the benefit of countries and migrants alike

Preparatory events

Several events have taken place in preparation for the High-level Dialogue on Migration and Development:

- **Informal Interactive Hearings with NGOs, Civil Society and the Private Sector**, New York, 12 July 2006
- **Panel discussions on International Migration and Development**, New York, 8 June and Geneva, 4 July
- **International Symposium on International Migration and Development**, Turin, 28-30 June 2006
- **Thirty-Ninth Session of the Commission on Population and Development**, New York, 3–7 April 2006
- **Expert Group Meeting on International Migration and Development in the Arab Region: Challenges and Opportunities**, Beirut, Lebanon, 15–17 May 2006

(For more information, see preparatory events section, www.unmigration.org.)

Schedule of side events during the High-level Dialogue:

http://www.un.org/esa/population/hldmigration/Text/Sched_incl_side_events.pdf

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