



THE
6th MAYORAL FORUM
ON HUMAN MOBILITY, MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES



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14:00 - 16:30



CENTRO DE CONVENCIONES METROPOLITANO,
ROOM (TBC), QUITO, ECUADOR

Background

Local and regional governments have an important role to foster community cohesion as well as to stimulate innovation and employment. Entrepreneurship offers both a long-term solution to the challenges emanating from large and permanent movements of people and operates as a coping mechanism in the short-term following humanitarian crises. Within this framework, there is a need to build necessary skills of local authorities and municipalities to foster entrepreneurship opportunities. This is a concrete way to strengthen the humanitarian-development nexus, moving forward from theory to practice.

Objective

This parallel session aims to promote a better understanding of the importance of entrepreneurship for migrants and refugees in local economies by enhancing their knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit and creating new market opportunities and cross-border networks. It is aimed at bridging the gap between contextual needs and opportunities and the commitments at national and international level.

Format

The parallel session will be developed as a Davos-style panel discussion, facilitated by a moderator and involving a group of panellists and time for discussion with the audience.

During the parallel session, local representatives will share examples from their experiences, while UNCTAD, IOM and UNHCR will refer to the Policy Guide on Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees prepared in 2018, which is being adapted for an e-learning course, together with UNITAR. The key themes to be discussed will include (i) the benefits of promoting entrepreneurship for migrants and refugees at both the national and the municipal level (ii) the challenges faced by migrant and refugee entrepreneurs (iii) examples on the policy options emanating from good practices across the world.

Program

14:00 – 14:15	Welcome and introduction	Moderators of the session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KNOMAD/World Bank, Sonia Plaza, Senior Economist, Co-chair remittances and diaspora, Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation Global Practice • Alliance for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (AEI), Andrés Zurita, Executive Director
14:15 – 14:45	The Policy Guide on Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees: A joint initiative from UNCTAD, UNHCR and IOM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the Policy Guide • Implementation of the guide for migrants • Implementation of the guide for refugees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCTAD, Fulvia Farinelli, Officer in Charge, Entrepreneurship Section • IOM, Maurizio Busatti, Head of Multilateral Processes Division • UNHCR, María Clara Martín, Representative of the UNHCR in Ecuador
14:45 – 15:15	The experience of cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The case of Quito • The case of Kampala • The case of Andalucía 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecuador, María Lorena Montalvo, Executive Director “Agencia de Promoción Económica ConQuito” • Rwanda, Ronald N. Balimwezo, Mayor of Kampala • Spain, Juan Carlos Diaz Macas, Coordinator of Multilateral Programmes and Territorial Development, “Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad Internacional (FAMSI)”
15:15 – 15:25	The e-learning course on Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees: A joint initiative from UNCTAD, UNITAR, UNHCR and IOM	UNITAR, Alex Mejia, Director of the Division for People and Social Inclusion
15:25 – 15:30	Briefing on common efforts in the Youth Forum	UN Major Group for Children and Youth, Ahmad Farzan Karimi
15:30 – 16:15	Questions from the audience and interactive debate	
16:15 – 16:30	Closure of the session	