



You are cordially invited to attend the launch of the

Guidelines To Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster

Monday, 27 June 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00
Room XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Speakers:

Ambassador Pamela Hamamoto

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and
Other International Organizations in Geneva

Ambassador Cecilia Rebong

Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations and
Other International Organizations in Geneva

Ambassador Peter Sørensen

Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in Geneva

William Lacy Swing

Director General, International Organization for Migration

John Bingham

Head of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission

Additional speakers from the MICIC Initiative Working Group, Civil Society, and the Private Sector

Please confirm attendance to the MICIC Secretariat by registering [here](#) or
by contacting micicsecretariat@iom.int no later than **Thursday 23 June 2016**



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Save Lives
Increase Protection
Decrease Vulnerability
Improve Response



MIGRANTS IN COUNTRIES IN CRISIS INITIATIVE

With more international migrants in the world today than at any point in history, every country hosts some form of a migrant population. At the same time, no country is immune to conflicts or natural disasters. When such crises erupt, migrant populations that are present in the country experiencing a crisis can fall through the cracks of emergency and post-crisis responses.

The governments of the United States and the Philippines launched the Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative in 2014 to address this gap. The co-chairs are supported by a Working Group composed of Australia, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, the European Commission, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), the Georgetown University Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM), and the Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for International Migration. IOM serves as the Secretariat of the MICIC Initiative.

Following a broad, inclusive consultation process with States, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector, the co-chairs and the Working Group launched the MICIC Initiative *Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster* in New York on 15 June 2016. The Geneva launch will take place on **27 June 2016**. The Guidelines are available to view and download on the [MICIC Initiative website](#).

The Guidelines provide practical, non-binding, voluntary guidance for States, private sector actors, international organizations, and civil society to protect migrants in countries experiencing conflicts or natural disasters at the preparedness, emergency, and post-crisis phases. The Guidelines can be used to plan, prepare, and improve responses for the benefit of migrants, their families, and societies. They are intended to be a useful reference for actors to implement or adapt to the dynamics of a crisis at hand.

The speakers will review the content of the Guidelines; how the Guidelines support objectives in the broader international humanitarian, development, and migration agendas; and, how all stakeholders can use the Guidelines to save lives, improve protection, decrease vulnerability, and improve responses. There will be an opportunity for statements and questions from the floor.

