**IOM NGO meeting**

**Consultation in prep for International Dialogue on Migration**

**April 17, 2017**

* Probably about 30 of us in the room
	+ US, Mexico, Vietnam, US/Mexico/CA corridor, Bangladesh, Geneva (Franciscans), NGO Committee on Migration (50+ orgs), many faith-based (all Christian), Global Coalition on Migration, lots of women’s rights orgs, ACT Alliance (RM rights new priority), STC
* On call: having technical difficulties

**Director General of IOM**

* Utmost importance to engagement of CS in this process through end of November
* Followed by wrap up conference in Mexico, probably Guadalajara in early December
* March to July 2018 will be negotiations
* Having Colin brought on means that we won’t be lax in engaging with CSOs and will keep us engaged with what is happening on ground
* We have our own vision paper: world in which migration well governed
	+ Migrants choose to move instead of out of desperation
	+ Rights of migrants are fully respected and protected throughout migratory processs
	+ Will need to:
		- Keep migrants at heart of deliberations (not empty phrases)
		- Link migration to development
		- Restore more accurate public discourse on migration – that it’s overwhelmingly positive
		- If took all migrants out of NYC, would be their largest city in US
		- China has more internal migrants than the rest of the world has externally
		- Need long-term multi-faceted approach that takes into account all, including CSOs, labor unions, private sector, migrant groups, etc.
	+ IOM’s entry into UN
		- Went in because HC Guterrez said we were born joined at the hip in 1951, but they lost your birth cert.#
		- World has evolved, migration has evolved, IOM has evolved and is now more a humanitarian org than ever before
			* Working in all 9 major armed conflicts right now
			* 90% of staff on ground
		- If didn’t join, would be left out and could not help MS and migrants if out of UN
		- 4 major UN agreements in 2015 and IOM is not in any of them
			* Sendai
			* Addis Ababa action agenda July 2015
			* SDGs September 2015
			* Paris Climate December 2015
		- Constellation of personalities – all new and respected IOM as important agency
			* After that would need to get to know new personalities
				+ Ban Ki-Moon, Obama (had not traditionally wanted IOM in UN), Guterrezand ?
		- In first year in UN and new SG, have both been given a mammoth task to succeed and/or be tested
	+ 3 points
		- Historic moment because never before has intl community been asked to come together around special commitments/principles/understandings for that large group of people on the move
		- Migrants totally invisible in middle of crisis
			* + Not registered by embassies
				+ Not in contingency planning, etc.
		- Not starting from scratch – a lot of structures already in place
			* Last structure was started by League of Arab States in Cairo
			* GFMD
			* Special Rap Louise Arbour
				+ IOM staff person (Eva?) seconded to this office
			* Many tools
				+ Eg IOM – migrants in countries in crisis
			* But limited time and populist mood in world
				+ Maybe in our favour as pushes us to be practical

**Colin Rajah**

* Agenda points
	+ A lot around what the process looks like and where CS can engage
		- Strategizing around events
	+ Idea would be to do more of these briefings in NY, Geneva and other cities
* Co-facilitators reconfirmed and may be available for next convening

**Michelle Klein-Solomon – Process for development of global compact with focus on entry points for CSOs**

* April 1 beginning of consultation phase (through end of November)
	+ Opportunity to give voice to ideas, hear from stakeholders around the world
* Stock-taking phase (November to February)
	+ 2 major components
		- Stocktaking meeting in Mexico, first week of December
			* Will draw upon all inputs at consultation phase
		- Report produced by Secretary General out of SRSG’s office
			* Facts, figures, analysis drawn from the consultation phase
* Negotiations
	+ Inter-governmental phase (February to July)
	+ Zero draft for February
	+ Monthly negotiations with view toward conclusion by July
	+ Presentation at inter-governmental conference in September 2018 at opening of GA

**SRSG’s Office for International Migration – Jonathan (just started this week)**

* Just came into being within the last 10 days (even though officially started three months ago, was not staffed)
* Louise is in place and staff are being seconded
* Very much at the beginning of putting the office together
	+ Getting office space, UN phones, etc.
	+ Funded extra-budgetarily, which means it’s not budgeted
* SRSG has 3 key roles in this process
	+ Provide policy advice and advocacy on overall issue of migration
	+ Coordinate work of UN on intl migration (cohesively and not across UNICEF, OHCHR, UNHCR, etc.)
	+ Guide process toward GCM by end of 2018
* Overlying all of this is for her to develop her own voice on these issues
	+ Sharpen her own language on this issue
* Re-orient narrative on migration
* Focus on what SRSG can contribute to this process
	+ Right now migration is everything and anything in NY Declaration
* SG’s report is expected to be issued in late November/early December
* One issue brief already prepared on human rights with GMG
	+ Subject of meeting in Geneva in early May
* Drivers of migration will be second session
* Multi-stakeholder engagement
	+ Hope that this will grow now that we are now active
	+ Welcome input and ideas for better engagement

**Michelle K-S**

* Particularly important consultations from modalities for CSOs
	+ 6 thematic consultations
		- May 8/9 in Geneva – human rights
		- May 22/23 in NY – drivers
		- June 19/20 in Geneva – international cooperation and migration governance
		- July 24/25 in NY – contributions of migrants and diaspora
		- September 4/5 in Vienna – smuggling and trafficking
		- October 2/3 in Geneva – irregular migration and regular pathways
		- Govts decided on scope of consultations
			* Meant to capture the 24 elements that were identified in Annex II
				+ Not as maximum but should all be captured
	+ IOM will help with SRSG’s report with facts, figures, etc.
	+ UN Economic Commission regional consultations (RECs)
		- 4 of 5 are underway and being prepared
		- REC for developed world (North Americas and Europe) are a bit slower in starting
	+ National multi-stakeholder consultations
		- Less well developed but about ensuring that non-govt and ministerial offices are able to engage
	+ IOM has asked each of our heads of office to suggest a convening for national stakeholder meeting
		- Working with Colin to link up CS to these multi-stakeholders consultations
		- Colin will suggest the groups that should be considered for inclusion and participation
	+ IOM will convene regional CS consultations
		- Modelled on Migrants on Countries in Crisis initiative, which had regional consultations
		- Don’t have funds for this yet
	+ IOM’s international dialogue on migration is specifically referenced in NY Annex as forum for discussion toward GCM
		- First is here and on governance and migration (this week)
		- Much of expert community is in Geneva, but NY is political HQs
			* Want to help frame the discussion here from the outset
		- Negotiations will take place in NY
		- Have framework (handed out today) and would appreciate feedback
	+ IOM IDM – July in Geneva
		- Migrants in vulnerable situations
			* Human rights law applies, but implementation not effective right onw
	+ IOM organizing regional consultative processes
		- 18-20 around the world
		- Led by govts and take place outside formal structures and focus on migration issues
	+ GFMD
		- Global counterpart to regional consultative processes
		- Launch in 2007
		- Germany this year; Morocco next year
	+ This is the phase to bring our voices to the table

**Susan Alzner – NGLS**

* Leading work on the migration process
* Will be fully joined up comprehensive coordination among different UN agencies toward global compact on migration
* Technical side – one entry point
	+ Application process for special accreditation – deadline cannot be extended and closes today at midnight
	+ Same for all stakeholders including the private sector
	+ Next will be application form for individual representatives of accredited orgs
		- One unitary platform
		- Only constraint for each org will be capacity of spaces – will ask for prioritization of staff
			* Will be able to register all at org just one time!!
		- Orgs will need to authorize someone to participate on behalf of org
			* Because had cases in past of people saying they were with an org and they were not
			* Will need to come from senior person in org (ED, etc.)
	+ Wil have steering committee again, including all stakeholders, eg CSOs, academics, private sector, etc.
		- Similar process to last year and application will be released tomorrow
		- Will likely be open application process for 3-4 weeks
		- Main role will be for these inter-active multi-stakeholder sessions
		- Will likely run through the end of this year only
		- If don’t show up for work, will get booted
			* Will be able to send a substitute if person can’t make meeting
		- New configuration: all stakeholders will be there together
			* There is not any official defined categories, but awareness of main stakeholder constituencies and type of expertise that should be included
			* Will have gender and geographical balance
			* Won’t be small tight group
			* Expect all stakeholders to be doing their own orgnaizing and that it will be represented in the steering committee
			* Proposals for themes; concept note; speakers; etc.
				+ All decisions rest with OPGA
	+ If interested in speaking roles at informal multi-stakeholder dialogues
	+ Want this to be open, transparent and participatory – in line with human rights standards

**Q&A:**

* Will be different registration for each meeting because are in different locations and different thematic issues
* First thematic meeting will not have CSO participation but will likely be meeting with co-facilitators on morning of May 9
* Use of technology?
	+ Video contributions
	+ Live event with SG is good model and we’ll look to replicate
		- These were firsts for UN last year
	+ Know this is even more important now given visa restrictions
* Migrant-led process
	+ Each migrant will need to be affiliated with an organization because modalities say they *must* be affiliated with org
	+ So other orgs can help out and MS can take orgs objected into a delegation
* Will there be a way for non-English speaking to engage in their own language
	+ Know this is an issue, but there are only two of us so looking for workarounds
		- UN translation takes a lot of time and can be a delay
	+ Google translate is on the form and we would welcome a cooperation to achieving translations whenever possible
* Informal multi-stakeholder meetings will have UN translators at meetings
* Thematic sessions will also have live interpretation
* Steering Committee – people will have to bring in their own translation support (is this something we can work on together as CSOs)
* No funding for travel for any stakeholders to any of these sessions
	+ Not a speaker, not a participant
	+ Is this something CSOs can work on together
* Michelle Klein-Solomon: There is a multi-stakeholder trust fund being established but just getting started and don’t know parameters yet or how to access (SRSG is also working on this)
	+ It is being focused on MS reps but if there is a surplus, could be used for CSOs
* NGLS did ask for funds for CSOs and it was denied
* How will other inputs be factored into stocktaking? Things referenced but not part of formal process
	+ MKS: are looking at creating a common and coherent reporting template that could then feed in to SRSG’s office and be used during the drafting of the SRSG’s report

**Colin Rajah – Regional Civil Society Consultations (RCSCs)**

* MICIC process allowed us to do a deep amount of briefing of the results with CSOs because so much info is held in NY and Geneva
	+ Want to have strong space in regions for groups
* Regional CS consultations
	+ Utilizing what we’re doing in NY/Geneva at global level while giving space for CSOs to organize themselves
		- Some regions well organized but others have gaps
	+ See how we can bring forward issues that are relevant to regions all the way through the compact process
		- Want good regional process to come up to global level too and land in zero draft
* Will be organized with support of IOM, but will not be organized by IOM
	+ Will be organized by MS/regional offices/where regional capacity exists
* Have some leeway in that a lot of this is not defined in modalities for compact process
	+ Won’t have special accreditation process for the regionals!
* Agenda will be defined by regional groups and participation will also be decided there
	+ Because IOM driven process, outside of modalities more flexibility
* Know that 4 economic processes will be happening and will connect to those
	+ Already started discussions with states about how to bring in the CSO portion
	+ Seeking panel dedicated to CSO report about conclusions during MS meetings
	+ Modelled based on MICIC experience and very well received
	+ Nothing down on paper and no guarantees yet, but good feedback
* Want these CSO consultations to deliver full report and consolidated report at stocktaking meeting in Mexico
* Will look at how to get the interlocutors for each regional consultation to participate in the Mexico meeting
* Discussions on each region
	+ Africa
		- Challenge: dearth of resources and networks forming/new
			* Francophone and Anglophone communities
			* Working with Pan Africa network, MADE office in Brussels with Africa partners
				+ both have worked on prior processes/dialogues
				+ looking for more partners here – above orgs represent coalitions that have organized civil society in other processes
			* consultation will be bilingual and will try to breakout sub-regionally into 5 geographies
		- Likely Addis Ababa
	+ Asia
		- Passed out statement from Migrant Forum in Asia in terms of their work toward GCM
		- MFA, APPRN and Global Alliance on Trafficking in Women (GAATW) just did training for CSOs on GCM
		- Looking to do consultation in Bangkok about three weeks*before* the economic regional consultation (November 6-8)
			* So can do lobbying, etc.
	+ Europe
		- PICUM will be involved
		- CSO consultation in Brussels
		- Want to link up with global process to bring back to EU and work up
		- Want to see how to have interface with EU reps in Europe and here
	+ Latin America
		- Have some leads here in room already
		- Colin named many across the Americas but I missed names
		- ECLAC consultation will be in Santiago
			* Exploring whether can have CSO meeting there but very expensive, so might look at San Salvador or another location instead
	+ Middle East
		- Arab Network on Migrants’ Rights based in Lebanon
		- Cross-Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants
			* Includes Gulf migrants and those in Mediterranean
			* Lala on phone: network of refugee and migrants’ organizations
		- Named some others that I missed
	+ North America
		- Question about what to do here
		- Look at it as migration corridor?
			* A lot of organizing in this way
			* Consider as way to build migration-related funding?
				+ Unions are having a meeting on GCM in Brussels right now and may have some money

Q&A:

* Colin is putting together a working calendar on all the possible events that could take place
* How to handle inter-connections between regional and thematic networks around the world
	+ Eg, in terms of funding, we need to think about how to spread around depending on how CSOs self-identify, and how they have been organized in other processes
* MICIC regional reports
	+ NGO WG pushed beyond MICIC for migrants in distress; in crisis and transit; etc.
	+ Would be helpful to have these regional reports because what happened there would help us to know what regional voices will tell us before the consultations
* Colin – bring us ideas for CSOs to patriciate in the different regional consultations
	+ We know that there may be some overlap and we’re open to ways of making this work
	+ When we organize the consultations, we’ll try to have a body of background documents to inform consultations
* MKS: MICIC regional CSO and MS reports are on the website
* Pen is held by DESA and co-facilitators
	+ Drafts go to membership and they will insist on changes
	+ Need to develop relationships with delegates
	+ More critical is relationshjps with capitals because that’s where decision-making occurs
		- Regional consultations could help to feed good information and build relationships
* MSK: there will be a core set of delegates here doing the negotiations
	+ Important to focus on those that are dedicating resources
		- Isolate spoilers
		- Prop up ally govts
			* But many will not work with CSO regularly
	+ Think about who is best placed to deliver which messages with whom
	+ Govts will self-identify early in terms of who will be constructive and who will not
* As we’re working on advocacy, need to consider what resonates nationally
* Negotiation phase
	+ What space exists for CS?
		- Not defined as of yet
		- Everything is open to negotiation in leadership, and will depend on climate at the time
* There is supposed to be a second workplan developed on ways of working with CSOs
	+ Right now we don’t know what will happen, but the footnote on CSO participation in the modalities remains hugely important to MS
		- 1996/31 resolution says that CSOs have right to communicated with about why they have received an objection
	+ This is an important area needing advocacy too
* How will specific issues that come up around migration (global north and south; conflict; famine; development, etc.)
	+ We want to sharpen the thinking over the next year, but also over next 10-15 years in terms of implementation
* In terms of formal process, the thematic consultations will take place before the regional consultations, so a little awkward
	+ But, regional consultations may be able to feed off the thematic consultations if there are reports prepared, etc.
	+ Want the priorities of thematic consultations to feed into the regional consultations
	+ We need to be seeding issues
* In terms of concept papers, the OPGA and SRSG want to have the concept notes and inter-agency docs out four weeks before, at minimum
	+ That will not happen for first one, but that one is out now
	+ Will likely be tight on the second one as well
	+ Will be translated in time, but likely will start in English only
	+ Meant to help stimulate the discussion and frame issues, but will be taken forward in whatever way that happens
	+ Louise will have her voice in concept notes too and she is the final decision-maker
		- She is to have the benefit of the thinking of all the agencies, but she is the final decision-maker
		- Anyone who has data on the different subjects will be welcomed
		- Mexico also wants a lot of data
		- Looking for data on ground, with different themes and the differences in different regions/contexts
	+ UN University is current chair of GMG and doing a good job
		- Timeline is very short and so first here will likely have little room of input
	+ Louise is very committed to changing the narrative on migration
		- Sees negative characterizations as a real challenge

**Looking forward: IDM**

* Scheduled CSO statements tomorrow
* What are CSOs planning to say?
* Anyone can request the floor to make a statement over next two days
* Maria Pia Belloni – NGO Committee on Migration
	+ See GCM as extraordinary opportunity to advance rights of migrants
	+ Will meet with up to 22 govts in coming weeks
	+ Stakeholders need to share common plans and approaches
	+ Propose 3 issues where there should be understanding among positions
		- Respective action priorities for GCM
			* NGO Committee on Migration
				+ Protection and assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations, in particular women and children
				+ Support safe, regular, and orderly migration that is consistent with human rights
				+ Return only when it is safe and rights-based
		- Effective govt framework
			* Mirror SDGs process
			* Goals, targets and indicators in 2/5/12 year framework with benchmarks and monitoring frameworks
			* Concrete and deliverable measures
			* Targets with specific time period
			* Accountability and willingness to accept responsibility
		- Role of CSOs: 2-way process
			* Should choose at least half of the CSO reps themselves
			* Concerned about participation of non-ECOSOC
			* Want seat at govt tables
	+ Berenice – IMUMI/COMPRA
		- Coalition of more than 100 orgs in CA, Mexico and Canada
		- Concerned about implementation of GCM – that it will become a deportation compact
		- MS position needs to be transparent and open
		- Opportunity to analyse
			* positive results of migrants and their families bring forward
			* What is working and what is not working
		- Cannot be analysed only from an economic view – they are not just migrant workers
			* Conditions are driving the migration
			* GCM should input the strategies for how to make these changes on the ground
		- Principles need to be complementary and talk about integration and gender, human rights – not just about governance
		- Have to talk about returns, coordination, expulsion – realities
			* If don’t talk about realities, then cannot define the needs
		- Consideration for implementation
			* We need to be centered (migrants)
	+ MKS: there will be a search for concrete examples on how to make this work in terms of implementation
		- Need to bring these concepts forward