**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