



International Organization for Migration (IOM)

The UN Migration Agency

International Dialogue on Migration 2019

Unlocking the potential of youth to respond to the new challenges and opportunities of migration

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Concept note

The 2019 International Dialogue on Migration (IDM)¹ was designed to provide youth with a main seat at the table of migration policy discussions in acknowledgment of their pivotal role and valuable contribution to the global debate on migration and national migration policy and planning.

Engaging with youth is a priority for IOM. The IDM 2019 is part of the Organization's Youth Action Plan, aligned with the UN Youth Strategy and Agenda 2030. The Dialogue focusses on gathering knowledge and expertise and facilitating evidence-based global awareness on youth and migration and aims at encouraging collaboration and partnership between youth and key actors in migration and related policy areas.

During the first IDM session which took place in New York on February 28th on the theme "*Youth and migration: Engaging youth as key partners in migration governance*"² participants discussed trends of youth migration, emphasized the many challenges faced by young people worldwide and identified some policy gaps in addressing them. Global, regional and national strategies and partnerships in the area of youth mobility were presented and extensively discussed by an inclusive and representative audience comprising youth, governments, and other international actors.

Besides responding to the calls for greater engagement with youth made by participants at the 2018 IDM, this second session will build on the outcome of the New York session and the valuable recommendations made by participants there with a focus on adaptation, integration, and empowerment of young migrants.

The dialogue in Geneva will also provide an opportunity for an exchange of views and best practices on aspects of foremost importance for today's global migration governance and the role of youth, including, among others: youth migration and technology, youth diaspora and inter-diaspora collaboration, the impact of climate change on youth migration and youth leadership role in climate change action, challenges and opportunities of youth in rural areas, vulnerabilities, resilience and well-being of youth.

The outcome of the two IDM 2019 sessions will be captured in the IDM Red Book which will be made available to all contributors and participants, and beyond.

¹ The International Dialogue on Migration is IOM's main forum for migration policy dialogue open to all relevant stakeholders.

² Please see : <https://www.iom.int/idm-2019-youth-and-migration-engaging-youth-key-partners-migration-governance>