# GRASSROOTS VOICES: SPOTLIGHT ON MIGRANT PERSPECTIVES TOWARDS THE IMRE

The Global Coalition on Migration and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung are pleased to announce the launch of the Spotlight Report on Global Migration.

We invite you to join the launch event with a panel discussion via Zoom on

#### Thursday, 28 April 2022, 08:30-10:00 NY/14:30-16:00 Geneva/19:30-21:00 BKK

The link will be shared nearer the time. Please register here.

Interpretation in French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic will be provided.

The event represents an important opportunity for Member States and stakeholders to hear grassroots migrant perspectives on progress and challenges regarding migrant realities in the lead up to the IMRF.

The Spotlight Report on Global Migration advocates for a rights-based, migrant-centered and gender-responsive implementation of the Global Compact for Migration. Focusing on key issues affecting migrants at the grassroots, national and regional levels, the publication brings grassroots organizations, activists and communities' voices to the forefront in speaking to decision-makers at the policy-level.

The report launch will offer a space for dialogue between grassroots migrant organizations, their civil society allies, and Member States on urgent issues for migrants.

#### **Speakers:**

#### Alma Maquitico

## Co-director of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR)

Alma is advancing NNIRR's strategic human rights advocacy and organizing at the border. Her work has centered on developing initiatives to address rural development, climate change, and human rights. She has helped build grassroots networks to monitor and document human rights violations resulting from immigration enforcement in communities along the US-Mexico border.

#### Mishka Pillay

#### Migration & lived experience advocate & campaigner

Mishka is a human rights advocate, as well as an asylum seeker and refugee community leader. He works on campaigns with Allies for Justice and Detention Action, is a Trustee at Freedom from Torture, a spokesperson for One Strong Voice, and a member of the Coordination Group of the Detention Forum. He is also a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Working Group on the health of refugees and asylum seekers.

#### **Roula Seghaier**

### Strategic program coordinator of the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF)

Roula leads the advocacy efforts of the IDWF according to the strategic plan developed by domestic workers worldwide. She is trained in Political Science, Transitional Justice, and Human Rights, with over 10 years of experience in community organizing in migrant, transnational, and feminist contexts. She is also a feminist writer and a co-founder of Intersectional Knowledge Publishers.

#### **Respondents:**

Governmental representatives from two countries, TBC.

#### **Registration:**

Please <u>register here</u>. If you have any questions about the event, please contact <u>srgm@mediacompany.com</u>. We look forward to your participation.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to other colleagues or interested persons.

#### **About the Report**

The report is a joint effort by the <u>Global Coalition on Migration</u> and the <u>Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung</u> to generate momentum for rights-based, migrant-centered and gender-responsive implementation of the Global Compact for Migration. These organizations see the UN International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2022 as a key moment for states to renew commitment to this rights agenda through concrete pledges, benchmarks, and new ways of approaching migration policy.



