



## Youth Lead: Children & Youth Engagement in the Implementation of the Global Compact for Migration

20th May, 0900 - 1000am EDT

**Hybrid: Danny Kaye Room, UNICEF House, 3 United Nations Plaza, New York City NY**  
(main entryway near the James P Grant Plaza on E 44th Street)  
**Zoom ([Register Here](#))**

**Co-Leads: IOM, UNICEF, Migration Youth & Children Platform (MYCP), International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), Terres des Hommes, with support from the Mayoral Mechanism and the Initiative on Child Rights**

### Objectives

This side event will highlight and discuss the role of children and youth in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, and the importance of consulting, collaborating, empowering and engaging them as change agents in ways that enhances their ability to participate in innovation and decision-making processes.

Combining key voices engaging youth and children, and centering youth and child self-representation, this side event will feature an interactive panel of stakeholders and UN agencies, to discuss progress and challenges in solidifying the role of youth and children in the GCM, and recommendations on how to further meaningful engagement and participation. More specifically, it will:

- Highlight the crucial role of children and youth in the Global Compact for Migration, both in the implementation and through the mechanisms of review and progress accountability that are key to achieving the Compact.
- Call on policy-makers and international organisations to center youth and child sensitivity, empowerment, development and self-representation as key pillars of comprehensive and successful GCM implementation.
- Produce concrete recommendations addressing the challenges faced by youth and children in meaningful participation and engagement in GCM implementation, and promote models of youth-led and child-led initiatives and innovations in the context of Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.



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## Output

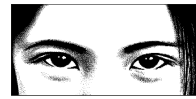
This side event will produce the following:

- Summary Note of the discussions and points raised, including key recommendations to States and other international actors to meaningfully elevate the engagement, participation, and overall role of youth and children at the GCM.
- A collection of best practices for child and youth participation, including youth and children-led innovations, in the implementation and review of the GCM.

## Agenda

*Translations: English, Spanish*

9:00 - 9:10	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verena Knaus, <i>Global Chief of Migration &amp; Displacement, UNICEF</i></li> <li>• IOM representative</li> <li>• Alicja Lelwic, <i>Incoming Global Focal Point for the Migration Youth &amp; Children Platform</i></li> </ul>	
9:10 - 9:35	<p><b>Youth Moderator:</b>          Florencio Venté, <i>founder of Travalinguas and Latin America Focal Point for the Migration Youth &amp; Children Platform</i></p> <p><b>Dialogue Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahmood Al-Hamody, <i>Liaison Officer for Human Rights and Peace Issues at the International Federation for Medical Students Association</i></li> <li>• Terres des Hommes representative with <i>Resilience Innovation Facilities</i> participant (Youth)</li> <li>• Save the Children speaker</li> <li>• Mayor TBC (<i>Supported by the Mayoral Mechanism</i>)</li> </ul>	<p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What do young people want/call for? What are their needs for participation and engagement?</li> <li>2. What are some examples of effective facilitation of children and youth participation, and how can they be scaled?</li> <li>3. What can stakeholders in decision-making positions pledge to do to address these needs?</li> </ol>



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9:35 - 9:55	Moderated Discussion- Open to the Floor	
9:55 - 10:00	Wrap Up and Closing Reflections Closing Speaker: TBC ( <i>Civil Society</i> )	