Promoting and Protecting Women Migrant Workers Labour and Human Rights through CEDAW and CMW

21 July 2016, Palais des Nations, Room XXIV, Geneva, 1:15 – 2:45 pm
Side Event to the 64th CEDAW session

Organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and UN Women and hosted by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW)

The side event is organized within the framework of UN Women’s global project "Promoting and Protecting Women Migrant Workers’ labour and human rights: Engaging with international, national human rights mechanisms to enhance accountability", funded by the European Union.

Panellists will highlight the distinct needs of women migrant workers in relation to the protection of their labour and human rights, and the importance of addressing these through the review processes of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the International Convention on the Protection of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as well as relevant International Labour Organisation conventions. The side event will also present innovative approaches to ensuring that the rights of women migrant workers are realized.

Moderator: Mr. Simon Walker, OHCHR
Introductory remarks: Ms. Hiba Qasas, UN Women

Panellists:
Ms. Pramila Patten, CEDAW Committee
Ms. Jasmina Dzumhur, CMW Committee
Ms. Maria Elena Valenzuela, ILO
Mr. Patrick Taran, Global Migration Policy Associates
Ms. Katrine Thomasen, Center for Reproductive Rights

Light refreshments will be served at 1 pm