



## A Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

*Tuesday, 30 June 2015  
11:00 a.m. (following the election of the members of the Committee)  
Conference Room 1  
United Nations Headquarters/New York*

The Permanent Missions of Argentina, Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights cordially invite you to a panel discussion to mark the 25th anniversary of the Convention.

### **Background**

*In the framework of the Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico are honoured to invite all Member States and interested stakeholders to a panel discussion about this core human rights instrument. 25 years after its adoption, the Convention, which is the most comprehensive instrument today on migrant workers, is more relevant than ever before. The Convention sets out the best strategy to prevent abuses and address the challenges that migrant workers face. It also provides guidance on the elaboration of national migration policies for international cooperation based on respect for human rights and rule of law. Increasingly, labour migration and mobility is being addressed at the regional and sub-regional levels, and the Convention can also provide important guidance in this respect. In addition to setting minimum obligations for the protection of migrant workers and members of their families, the Convention is a helpful tool for the governance of migration. The Convention explicitly provides a framework for human-rights based policy-making on migration, including irregular migration.*

### **Main objective**

*This panel discussion will provide perspectives on how to address migration-related issues and the role of the Convention in this regard. Moreover, the event will give Member States and observers the opportunity to make brief statements on, inter alia, activities relating to the promotion of the Convention and ways to increase its rate of ratifications, best practices on its implementation, as well as the role of the Convention to further promote and protect the human rights of migrant workers, in particular in major States of destination.*

**Opening remarks:** Mr. David Marshall, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Moderator:** Mr. Ruben Hasbun, Deputy Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations

### **Panellists:**

- **Mr. Rubén Giustiniani**, Senator, Argentina
- **Mr. Pablo Ceriani Cernadas**, Member of the Committee on Migrant Workers
- **Mr. François Crépeau**, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (video conference)
- **Mr. Federico Agusti**, Director of International Affairs of the National Directorate of Migrations, Argentina
- **Mr. Ashraf El Nour**, Permanent Observer for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to the United Nations
- **Mr. Leonir Mario Chiarello**, Executive Director, The Scalabrini International Migration Network

**Closing remarks:** H.E. Ambassador Jorge Montaña, Permanent Representative of Mexico