

## ORAL STATEMENT

**Statement to the  
49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council  
General Segment**

The Global Compact for Migration, adopted in 2018, represents a significant commitment from States around the world to bring a people-centered and human rights-based approach to migration policy.

This focus on people and on rights holders aligns closely with the aims and mandate of national human rights institutions (NHRIs).

The upcoming International Migration Review Forum in May 2022 is an opportunity for all stakeholders to reaffirm the centrality of human rights in promoting safe migration, to document the progress made so far, and to develop solutions to the challenges we face in order to fully implement the Global Compact.

We welcome the emphasis the [UN Secretary General](#) has placed on the importance of inclusive societies, opportunities for diversified pathways, regularization and sustainable reintegration, and the vital role of local actors for the implementation of the Global Compact.

GANHRI and NHRIs from all regions were active participants in developing the Global Compact. Today, NHRIs in all regions are supporting its implementation on the ground including by monitoring and reporting on the human rights situation of migrants; advising their States and other stakeholders on human rights-based approaches to migration; and working through GANHRI and their regional networks to advance global policy development and support NHRI action on the ground.

Born from the experience of our members, our key priorities moving forward are:

- Ensuring access to justice for migrants whose rights have been neglected in countries of origin, transit or destination, with particular attention on migrant workers affected by the pandemic and those migrating due to climate change
- Border management and human rights to uphold the rights of migrants, including addressing immigration detention, detention of unaccompanied minors, and separation of families

- Protecting migrants against human trafficking and its consequences, which is connected to a better border management, establishing regular pathways without discrimination, supporting communities at risk and ensuring access to justice
- Strengthening data collection and management systems to inform migration policies and legal frameworks that integrate the voices and reality of migrants and contribute to develop positive narratives regarding migration
- Celebrating the contribution of migrants to their own and other communities, by highlighting the ways they enrich the culture and society and encouraging them to share their stories and forge positive futures in the communities where they live.

Mr. President, this is a critical moment.

More people are on the move globally than at any other point in human history.

We call on all States to:

- Adopt a human rights-based approach to migration, including more durable and effective migration policies
- Protect the rights of all migrants, based on the principles of human dignity, equality, non-discrimination and meaningful participation
- Cooperate with and report to the International Migration Review Forum, the Human Rights Council, UN special procedures and treaty bodies, to further strengthen the implementation of human rights obligations in the context of migration.

We also call for the ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families by those States who are still not parties to the Convention.

GANHRI will continue to support NHRIs worldwide as they fulfil their commitment to uphold the rights and dignity of migrants, individually and collectively.