INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE ON THE VENEZUELAN REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CRISIS







PROGRAMME

22 October

28 October 2019 - THEMATIC SESSIONS

Venue: DE GASPERI Room - CHARLEMAGNE Building

12:00 – 14:00 REGISTRATION – BADGE COLLECTION

14:00 – 14:20 WELCOME REMARKS (webstreaming and EBS)

- Christos Stylianides, EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management.
- **Neven Mimica**, EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development.
- 14:20 14:35 KEY NOTE ADDRESS Venezuelan refugee and migration crisis: challenges for the region (webstreaming and EBS)
 - Eduardo Stein, Joint UNHCR-IOM Special Representative for Venezuelan refugees and migrants.
- 14:35 16:10 PANEL 1 Perspectives from the region; challenges and opportunities (closed discussion)

Moderator: DDG Michael Koehler, DG ECHO, European Commission

- Main challenges for the integration of refugees and migrants, Ambassador Jorge Méndez Torres-Llosa, DG Consular Affairs and Peruvian Communities Abroad, MFA Peru
- Government response for the inclusion of refugees and migrants, the need to adapt public policies and national planning, Felipe Muñoz, Advisor to the President of Colombia for the Colombian-Venezuelan Border, Colombia.
- Fiscal Impact of the refugee and migration crisis, Ambassador **Efrain Baus Palacios**, Undersecretary for Latin America and Caribbean, MFA **Ecuador**.
- The regional coordination of the response, **Ana Laura Cachaza**, National Director of International Migration, MFA, **Argentina**.

Interventions from the floor

16:10 - 16:30 BREAK

16:30 – 18:00 PANEL 2 – Response strategies and priorities for external support

Moderator: DG Koen Doens, DG DEVCO, European Commission Panellists

- Addressing humanitarian needs of refugees and migrants: the role of civil society:
 - Fabio Baggio, Under Secretary for Migrants and Refugees Section of the Holy See on behalf of Catholic Church networks.
 - o Victoria Ward, Regional director LAC, Save the Children International.
- Assisting governments in coping with challenges of service provision and integration of refugees and migrants:
 - o Humberto López, acting Vice-President for LAC, The World Bank.
 - Antoni Estevadeordal, Special Advisor Migration Initiative Coordinator, Inter-American Development Bank.
- Engagement of the private sector to support the integration of refugees and migrants:
 - o Ricardo Rizzo, Head of the UN Division, MFA, Brazil.

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Interventions from the floor

28 October 2019 - OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HIGH - LEVEL CONFERENCE

Venue: DE GASPERI Room - CHARLEMAGNE Building

18:15 – 19:30 OPENING REMARKS (webstreaming and EBS)

- Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission.
- Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
- Antonio Vitorino, Director General of IOM.
- Interventions LAC countries and EU Member States.

20:00 – 22:00 OFFICIAL DINNER (by invitation only – no coverage)

Report from the thematic sessions to HL conference by Eduardo Stein.

29 October 2019 - HIGH - LEVEL CONFERENCE

Venue: DE GASPERI Room - CHARLEMAGNE Building

08h40 – 08h50 Visit of Photo Exhibition in Charlemagne Building

08h50 – 09h00 WELCOME REMARKS (webstreaming and EBS)

- Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission.
- Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

09h00 – 09h30 INTERVENTION FROM LAC COUNTRIES (webstreaming and EBS)

Intervention from LAC Ministers.

09h30 - 10h45 INTERVENTIONS FROM THE FLOOR (webstreaming)

• Interventions from floor (countries, IFIs, private sector, CSOs).

10h45 – 11h00 CLOSING REMARKS (webstreaming)

- **Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission.
- Antonio Vitorino. Director General of IOM.

11h15 – 11h45 PRESS CONFERENCE (Berlaymont press room – for accredited press)

- **Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission.
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