Ambassadors Bin Momen (Bangladesh) and Santos Maraver (Spain) spoke about the latest developments in the implementation process of the Global Compacts on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and presented their zero draft (see below). They presented their initiatives to date, including extensive efforts to engage civil society throughout the process. **Note: Civil Society has shown poor attendance at events; please help change this.** 

The focus is to build a transparent and flexible structure, with a focus on a bottom-up approach (to counter the depressing political climate around migration), while benefitting from experts in the field. The process will be a multi-year iterative one. The goal is a consensus document (it is non-binding, though process voted into existence in UNGA). To keep the process sleek and not overly costly, it will be out of NYC (rather than Geneva). Next major review of document will be in 2022. By using organic growth and awareness building from national – regional – global, there is a hope to not block the process. Some regions are further advanced (Latin America more than Asia for example). Really seek input using a 360 degree approach (experts, civil society, parliamentarians, universities, more). The Permanent Secretariat will be open to all; with a focus on developing real evidence-based reporting and language.

After the Ambassadors, Voices from the Field included:

- Robert Mirsel & Daniel Le Blanc, Representatives of Vivat International to the UN, on recent experiences at the US-Mexico border
- Mary Jo Toll, Sister of Notre Dame, on working with Mexican migrants in Ohio

There was no time to discuss the Committee on Migrations' strategy for commenting on and participating in emerging platforms for global migration governance.

Follow the links below for all the latest documentation accompanying the development of modalities for the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF). Please also note the upcoming dates for the final consultations on the draft modalities.

**Documents of interest** (please press control/click to see the documents):

- Flyer
- Co-facillitator's note informal consultation
- IMRF Modalities Zero Draft

## **Next meetings:**

## **20 June:**

• Informal consultation on revised draft of IMRF modalities, UN Headquarters, New York (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

## **26 June:**

- Final informal consultations on IMRF modalities, UN Headquarters, New York (conference room 3)
- OHCHR consultation of civil society representatives, 4-5pm, UN Headquarters, New York (conference room 9) <u>Invitation & RSVP by 15 June</u>