



09.05.2016 – There are close to 250 million people on the move globally, of which nearly 15 million are refugees. Close to 75% of those refugees come from just 11 countries and more than half of them are hosted in just seven countries.

These are findings from the Secretary-General's report on large movements of refugees and migrants which will be launched later this Monday at the noon briefing (12pm EDT, 6pm CET) at UN Headquarters in New York by Karen AbuZayd, Special Adviser on the High-level Meeting on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants, and UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson.

The report entitled 'In Safety and Dignity: Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants' will focus on three interdependent Pillars:

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It will call for a new comprehensive framework and makes recommendations to address issues

of common concern, including the causes of such movements;

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The protection of those who are compelled to undertake such journeys;

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The prevention of discrimination and xenophobia.

Speaking in advance of the report's launch, Special Adviser Karen AbuZayd said in [an interview with UN News Centre](#)

, "What we're recommending, and what we hope [Member States accept], are two global compacts. One is on fulfilling their commitments to refugees in terms of the legal instruments already in place, that's really all they have to do, is to carry out things they've already promised to do. And for people, for nations, who have not signed up to the 1951 Refugee Convention to do so, and anyone who has expressed reservations to the Convention to lift [them] and fulfil it in its entirety."

The launch of the report comes in advance of a high-level meeting on 19 September 2016 at UN Headquarters in New York to address large movements of refugees and migrants. This is the first time the General Assembly has called for a meeting at the Heads of State and Government level and it will be a historic opportunity to come up with a blueprint for a better international response. It will be a watershed moment to strengthen governance of international migration with the aim of bringing countries together behind a more humane and coordinated approach.

The launch of the report can be watched live: <http://webtv.un.org/>

UNRICs Related Links

- [Addressing the Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants](#)
- ['In Safety and Dignity: Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants on large movements of refugees and migrants' \(Report available from 6pm CET\)](#)
- [Interview with Karen AbuZayd, Special Adviser on the High-level Meeting on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants](#)
- [UNHCR](#)

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