



FROM DETERRENCE TO INTEGRATION:

Civil Society Voices on Migration Policy Challenges and Good Practices in the Americas

Hundreds of thousands of people leave their homes every year and cross the Western Hemisphere seeking safety and economic opportunity abroad. Often, they face serious human rights violations, struggle to obtain protection or legal status, or face discrimination and difficulties working and accessing basic services in their new homes, forcing some to travel again in search of safety and economic wellbeing. This discussion will provide an opportunity to assess best practices and provide recommendations on the steps that governments should take towards regional arrangements prioritizing protection for migrants and refugees.

PANEL 1

Abuses against migrants during their journey and barriers to protection and integration.

MODERATOR:

Tania Reneaum

Executive Secretary,
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

SPEAKERS:

Daniel Foote

Former US Special Envoy to Haiti

Claudia Interiano

Head of Transnational Justice,
Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático (FJEDD)

The event will be in English and Spanish with simultaneous translation. If you will require translation please bring headphones to access the online platform using your cellphone.

PANEL 2

Rights-respecting policies that guarantee access to protection and expand legal pathways.

MODERATOR:

Berenice Valdez Rivera

Advocacy Coordinator,
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SPEAKERS:

Álvaro Botero

Coordinator, Unit on Refugees and Forced Displacement,
Organization of American States (OAS)

Camila Maia

International Team Coordinator,
Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS)

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Jesuit Network with Migrants

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