BRIEFING KIT
PARALLEL HIGH-LEVEL EVENT
MIRPS AND THE MIRPS SUPPORT PLATFORM: PROTECTION AND SOLUTIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

13 DECEMBER 2023, 13:30 – 15:00 (CET) | GENEVA
Background on the Global Refugee Forum

The Global Refugee Forum 2023 will take place from 13 to 15 December at the Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland, with linked events held in other locations from 12 December onwards.

Held every four years, the Forum is the world’s largest international gathering on refugees. It is designed to support the practical implementation of the objectives set out in the Global Compact on Refugees: Ease pressures on host countries, enhance refugee self-reliance, increase access to third-country solutions and improve conditions in countries of origin.

It provides the opportunity for States and stakeholders to announce concrete pledges and contributions, highlight progress made, share good practices and take stock of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The 2023 Forum is co-convened by five States – Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, and Uganda, and co-hosted by the Government of Switzerland and UNHCR.

View the updated concept note and the latest programme for the GRF 2023.
Parallel High-Level Event:

MIRPS and the MIRPS Support Platform: Protection and Solutions in Central America and Mexico

13 December, 13:30 – 15:00 CET, Palexpo, Room P

The development of the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), followed by the launch of the MIRPS Support Platform at the First Global Refugee Forum has brought the application of the Global Compact on Refugees to life in Central America and Mexico.

Rooted in the adoption of the San Pedro Sula Declaration in 2017, the MIRPS represents the joint commitment of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama to promote protection and solutions to situations of forced displacement. While the region has faced increasingly complex mixed movements in the years that followed, MIRPS has progressively guided the delivery of strategic results at regional and national levels. Building on the advances of the previous rotating Pro Tempore Presidencies (PPT), Panama holds the 2023 PPT, to be succeeded by Belize in 2024.

Since the MIRPS Support Platform’s launch at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019 -- alongside the SSAR and IGAD-- it has raised the visibility of the situation of forced displacement in Central America and Mexico and fostered new alliances with development actors and other strategic partners at the regional level that achieve results for protection and durable solutions.

The United States of America is the Chair-in-Office of the MIRPS Support Platform from September 2022 – December 2023, a role previously held by Spain and Canada. Its Chair strategy prioritizes efforts to strengthen local integration as a durable solution throughout the region and to spotlight the positive contributions displaced persons bring to their host communities.

This side event will spotlight how GRF pledge cultivation in the framework of the MIRPS matching with Support Platform Members has resulted in the development of pledges that represent joint MIRPS commitments for 2024 and beyond. These MIRPS Pledges, to be applied concretely at the national level, will also guide the forthcoming annual MIRPS Regional Action Plans and Chair Strategies for the MIRPS Support Platform.

Two panels will bring together representatives of MIRPS States, MIRPS Support Platform Members, displaced persons, the private sector, and civil society to illustrate their commitments and perspectives on protection and solutions in Central America and Mexico.

Pledges will be presented around the following themes:

- MIRPS Pledge on Asylum – linked to Multistakeholder Pledge on Asylum Capacity Strengthening, through the MIRPS Working Group on Strengthening Asylum Systems, led by Mexico
- MIRPS Pledge on Integration of Displaced Persons – linked to Mega-Pledge on Economic Inclusion and Social Protection, through the Working Group on Jobs and Livelihoods led by Costa Rica
• MIRPS Pledge on Local Governance – linked to Multistakeholder Pledge: Call to Local Action for Migrants and Refugees
• MIRPS Pledge on Statistical Inclusion – linked to the Multistakeholder Pledge: Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons in National Statistical Systems and Surveys

The four regional MIRPS commitments complement other ambitious national commitments of the MIRPS States.

**Format**

The programme includes remarks at the podium, and two thematic panels to spotlight pledges made on the two pillars of MIRPS, protection and solutions. A brief video will be screened, showcasing the work of the Support Platform under U.S. leadership in 2023.

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, and Spanish will be available.

Each panelist will receive one framing question from the moderator, as indicated in this briefing kit. The question is indicative and may be adjusted slightly. The intention is to have a free-flowing dialogue, and following the remarks from each panelist, interventions and questions from the floor will be welcomed.

Interventions from the floor to participate in the panel discussions are welcomed.

**Logistical notes:**

• Panelists are invited to respond to the framing question with a brief response, limited to three minutes.
• Interventions from the floor will be limited to two minutes long.
• Speakers are requested to arrive 30 minutes prior to the event.
• With any questions or concerns, you may contact the MIRPS Support Platform Secretariat via Julia Hanby on WhatsApp as +1 716 753 6568.
Profiles of Speakers

Gilroy Middleton, Speaker
Chief Executive Officer (Immigration), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration of Belize

Dr. Gilroy H. Middleton joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration as the Chief Executive Officer of Immigration in January 2021. He oversees the operations of the Nationality and Passport Department, the Department of Border Management and Immigration Services, and the Refugees Department. He manages Belize’s participation in the international migration arena, namely, in the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection, the Regional Conference on Migration, CARICOM, Central American Integration System (SICA), the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), the Global Compact for Safe, Regular, and Orderly Migration, and the Global Compact on Refugees.

Before assuming his role at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, where he served for 15 years at the University of Belize. He also a government official for five years as a Trade Economist in the Ministry of Trade and Investment.

Dr. Middleton is currently overseeing several migration initiatives including the digitization of various aspects of the Ministry of Immigration’s operations, the implementation on a new state of the art Electronic Passport Information and Control System with new ePassports, the implementation of an Immigration Amnesty program, the review and updating of Migration Laws, the expansion of the Nationality and Passport Department, and the enhancement of the Refugees Department.

Dr. Middleton holds a Ph.D. on Business Administration (Marketing) from Keimyung University in Daegu, South Korea, an International M.B.A. from National ChengChi University in Taipei, Taiwan, and a B.A. Business Administration from the University of Belize. He also holds a Certificate in Paralegal Studies from the University of Belize and specialized training in Regional Security and Migration Issues.
Alejandro Solano, Panelist (Panel 2)
Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

Alejandro Solano is Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica. As a career diplomat, he has 29 years of experience within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs serving in different positions such as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (2014-2018), Ambassador of Costa Rica to Austria and Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna, Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Costa Rica in Bern, Switzerland; Minister Counselor and Consul General of Costa Rica in Belgium; Minister Counselor at the Mission to the United Nations in Geneva; Director General of Foreign Policy; and Counselor at the Embassy of Costa Rica in Argentina.

Mr. Solano holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Notary Public from the University of Costa Rica and a Master's Degree in International Relations from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). He has a postgraduate degree in Aeronautic and Space Law from the Institute of Aeronautic and Space Law of Argentina. He also speaks five languages.

Ambassador Rina Yessenia Lozano Gallegos, Panelist (Panel 2)
Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Rina Yessenia Lozano Gallegos is the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Prior to her appointment to Geneva, Ms. Lozano Gallegos had been serving as Director-General for foreign policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador since October 2019. She was Director of the Office of Analysis of International Migration of the Vice-Ministry for Salvadorans Abroad at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from February 2016 to October 2019, and from September 2015 to January 2016, she was an Advisor to the Vice-Ministry for Salvadorans Abroad.

A career diplomat, Ms. Lozano Gallegos served as Director of North, South America and the Caribbean at the General Directorate of Foreign Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from August 2012 to September 2015. She was an Executive Assistant at the Minister’s Office from October 2010 to August 2012. She also has experience teaching at University and has a number of research papers and publications.

Ms. Lozano Gallegos was born on 3 October 1982 in Cabañas, El Salvador. She has a master’s degree in diplomacy from the Specialised Institute of Higher Education for Diplomatic Training in San Salvador, El Salvador (2013-2018); a master’s degree in applied political science from the School of Politics and High Government “Goberna America Latina” and Instituto Universitario de Investigación Ortega y Gasset in Madrid, Spain (2011-2012); and a bachelor’s degree in international relations from Universidad de El Salvador in El Salvador (2002-2008).
Ambassador Geovani Castillo, Panelist (Panel 1)
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Relations of Guatemala

Ambassador Geovani Castillo is a career diplomat with 36 years of service, serving in different positions such as Ambassador to India, concurrent to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal; Trinidad and Tobago, concurrent to Barbados and Guyana; Korea; Community of Caribbean States; Ecuador, Dominican Republic and concurrent to Haiti and El Salvador; Dominican Republic and concurrent to Haiti and El Salvador. He is a Permanent Representative to the Association of Caribbean States and Minister Counselor to the Government of the United Mexican States.

He has been a member of different Commissions for the Transfer of Presidential Command and State visits. He has been part of Negotiating Delegations with different countries such as Mexico, Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, European Union.

He has participated in several meetings of the Central American Integration System, Rio Group, Tuxtla Mechanism, V Iberoamerican Summit, 50th General Assembly of the United Nations, among others.

Antonio Garcia, Panelist (Panel 1)
Undersecretary of Consular and Immigration Affairs, Honduras

Dr. Antonio García is a lawyer, who studied in the National Autonomous University of Honduras, and completed a PhD in International Law at the Graduate Institute of International Studies.

His professional career includes having served as an international official of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 1988 to 2015 with assignments in Israel, Chad, Ecuador, Burundi, Indonesia, Bosnia and Mexico, among others.

Cinthia Pérez Trejo, Panelist (Panel 1)
Director General COMAR, Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance

Cinthia Pérez Trejo has a law degree from Universidad del Tepeyac, Mexico, specializing in International Public Law, a Master's Degree at the Law School of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), and a Diploma in Migration and Governance from the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas. She is currently General Director of the Mexican Commission for Refugee (COMAR).

She previously held senior positions at the National Human Rights Commission and at the National Institute of Migration. Ms.
Pérez also served as a professor of Public and Private International Law. She has represented the Mexican State in various national and international forums, mainly dedicated to the analysis of national and international migration and protection systems.

**Juana López Córdoba, Speaker**  
*Vice Minister of Government, Panama*

Vice Minister Lopez was born in the province of Darien. She is a graduate of the University of Panama, has a degree in Business Administration; studies in higher education and a master's degree in Gender and Development. She has an International Diploma of Leaders for Transformation. "Better Leaders Better Country"; in addition to an International Diploma for Competencies in Electoral Campaign Strategies for Women. She served as regional director of the Institute of Telecommunications, Darien, (1994-1997), commercial manager Cable and Wireless Panama (1997-2000), technical manager Cable and Wireless Panama (2000-2004). She served as Governor of the province of Darien, during the administration of President Martín Torrijos (2004-2008). She also served as financial advisor of the Social Investment Fund (FIS) (2008-2009) and Project Coordinator at the University of Panama 2014-2019.

In 2018, she received recognition as an outstanding woman by the Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Panama, in the framework of the International Day for Women's Rights. She is a member of the Afrodescendant Coalition of the Americas in the framework of the VIII Summit of the Americas Lima-Peru 2018. She is also director of the Huellas Afrodescendientes Organization and member of the Board of Directors of the Afrodescendant Women's Voices Organization in Panama.

Vice Minister Lopez is currently a member of the Technical Board of the 2020 Afrodescendant Census. She participated as a speaker at the first Congress on gender violence for Peru and Latin America Lima-Peru 2017; as well as in the II International Forum on women's political participation on the road to the Bicentennial 2018. In 2016, she was invited by UN Women, to the high-level consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Christiane Fox, Panelist (Panel 1)**  
*Deputy Minister, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Canada*

Christiane Fox was appointed Deputy Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada in July 2022. She is also the Deputy Minister Champion of the Federal Youth Network.

Prior to her appointment, Christiane was the Deputy Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, a position she held since September 2020. From November 2019 to September 2020, she was the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and, from June 2017 to November 2019, the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Youth. She also held several positions at the Privy Council.
Office, including Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Communications and Consultations; Director of Operations, Policy in the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Relations Secretariat; and Director General of Communications.

Christiane started her career as a communications advisor at Industry Canada (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada), where she worked in communications and in science policy. She also spent a year with the Competition Policy Review Secretariat as Director of Communications and Consultations.

Christiane has a B.A. in Mass Communications and Psychology from Carleton University and is a graduate of the University of Ottawa’s Master's Certificate Program in Public Administration.

Pilar Cancela, Panelista (Panel 2)
Secretary of State for Migration, Spain

Pilar Cancela Rodríguez was appointed as Secretary of State for Migration in December 2023. Her previous appointment was Secretary of State for International Cooperation, at the Council of Ministers meeting held on 20 July 2021. Born in Stuttgart, Germany, Ms. Cancela Rodríguez holds a Degree in Law from the University of Santiago de Compostela. She has been a civil servant in the Regional Government of Galicia’s Administrative Corps since 1993, with the rank of Senior Expert in Workplace Risk Prevention (since 2006). Twice, she was appointed to the post of Director-General for Labour Relations in the Government of Galicia: in 2003, and from 2005 to 2009. Moreover, Ms. Cancela Rodríguez has been a Member of Parliament for the Socialist Party of Galicia (PSdeG-PSOE) since 2016, representing the province of Corunya. In Parliament, she has chaired the Equality Committee and the Monitoring Committee for the State Pact against Gender Violence. She has also served as Organizational Secretary for the PSdeG-PSOE, and as Chair of its Management Board. Since June 2017, Ms. Cancela Rodríguez has held a seat on the Federal Executive Committee of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), being responsible for the Area of Migration Policies and for PSOE-Foreign Affairs. In addition, she is a trustee of the Pablo Iglesias Foundation.
Julieta Valls Noyes, Moderator and Speaker
Assistant Secretary, United States Department of State, Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration

Julieta Valls Noyes, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, became Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration on March 31, 2022. Previously, she served as Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Foreign Service Institute from 2018-2021. She was U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, a NATO Ally and member of the European Union, from 2015-2017. From 2013-2015, Ambassador Noyes served as Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, where she managed relations with twelve Western European countries and the European Union. As Deputy Executive Secretary for the Department of State from 2011-2013, Ambassador Noyes managed trips and oversaw the preparation of briefing materials for two Secretaries of State. She was Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., and Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See from 2008-2011. Ambassador Noyes has also served as Deputy Director of the Operations Center, the State Department's 24-hour crisis management and communications center; Director of the Office of Multilateral and Global Affairs in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and in domestic and overseas positions in the Bureaus of European and Western Hemisphere Affairs. A graduate of Wellesley College, Ambassador Noyes has a master's degree from the National Defense University. Her foreign languages are Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and some French. She is the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award, the Distinguished Honor Award, and Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards. Ambassador Noyes is a first-generation American whose parents entered the United States from Cuba as refugees. She is married to Nicholas Noyes, Jr., a retired Foreign Service Officer.

Ana Lorena Valle, Panelist (Panel 1)
President, Asociación de Nicaragüenses en México, A.C.

Born in Nicaragua and residing in Mexico since 2011, Ana Valle’s personal and professional experiences have uniquely positioned her as a champion for migrants and refugees. From a young age, her life was shaped by the socio-political upheavals in Nicaragua during the 1980s. Her father’s status as a political prisoner led to her family’s separation, with her father seeking asylum in the United States. Ana, at just 6 years old, later reunited with her family in the U.S. before returning to Nicaragua. Her familial ties to the political landscape continued when her father became a prominent figure in Nicaraguan politics in the ’90s. In 2011, Ana embarked on her academic journey, earning a master's degree and later a doctorate. In 2018, as Nicaragua’s socio-political context shifted once more and her family members faced imprisonment amid demonstrations, Ana altered her plans to return to Nicaragua. Instead, she dedicated herself to assisting fellow Nicaraguans who sought refuge in Mexico or were en route to the United States.
In September 2020, Ana co-founded the Asociación de Nicaragüenses en México (Association of Nicaraguans in Mexico), a critical endeavor driven by her commitment to humanitarian causes and support for her fellow refugees. She assumes the role of President, leading the association in providing essential aid, legal guidance, and collaboration with civil society organizations. Her work has been instrumental in facilitating repatriations of Nicaraguans who tragically lost their lives during their migration journey and supporting families in the quest to find missing migrants in Mexico. Ana’s influence extends beyond grassroots efforts, as she has collaborated with governmental bodies, state prosecutors, and organizations like the IOM, contributing to the development of tools for locating missing migrants. In her formal capacity as Head of the Project Department at UNAM, Ana’s work focuses on the education sector and forging connections with national and international higher education institutions, as well as government entities. Her expertise is highly regarded, evident in her contributions to formal partnerships and her involvement in addressing the pressing issues of migration. Ana has played a pivotal role in organizing discussions surrounding the migration challenges between the United States and Mexico, providing essential humanitarian assistance to those in need, and fostering collaboration with various national and international organizations.

Felipe Muñoz, Panelist (Panel 2)
Migration Unit Chief, Inter-American Development Bank

Felipe Muñoz leads the Migration Unit at the Inter-American Development Bank where he coordinates the banks’ credit operations, technical cooperation projects, and knowledge production to support its member countries’ efforts to transform migration challenges into development opportunities.

Previous to his designation as Migration Unit Chief, he was the Presidential Advisor for the Border between Colombia and Venezuela to the President of Colombia where he coordinated the government response to the migratory flow from Venezuela at the national and local levels, as well as the related efforts of donors, international actors and organizations of civil society.

He has also served as Senior Advisor to the Board of Executive Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank. Throughout his career in the Colombian public sector, Mr. Muñoz served as Superintendent of Surveillance and private security, Director of the National Intelligence Agency, and advisor to the Mayor’s Office of Bogotá and the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, among other positions. He is a graduate of the Universidad Externado de Colombia, where he obtained a degree in Finance and International Relations, and the London School of Economics and Political Science in the United Kingdom, where he obtained a Master’s Degree in Urban and Regional Planning.
Roberto Campa, Panelist (Panel 2)
Vice President of Corporate Affairs, FEMSA

Mr. Campa holds a Degree in Law from Universidad Anáhuac. He joined FEMSA in 2019 after a lengthy professional career in the public, social, and private sectors. His last appointment in the Mexican Federal Government was as Secretary of Labor and Social Welfare in 2018. Previously, he served within the Secretariat of Interior as Subsecretary of Human Rights as well as Subsecretary of Citizen Participation and Crime Prevention. Furthermore, he served as Executive Secretary of the National System for Public Safety.

In 2006, he ran as candidate for the presidency of the Republic. He was a Federal Deputy in the Chamber of Deputies for the LVI Legislature during the 2003-2006 period. From 1997 to 1999, he served as the Federal Prosecutor for the Consumer. Previously, he had been elected as local legislator in the Federal District's (now Mexico City) Legislative Assembly from 1994 to 1997.
Indicative Panel Questions

**Panel 1:**

**Ambassador Geovanni Castillo, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala**
- Perhaps often regarded as a transit country, we are starting to see Guatemala become a destination itself for persons in need of international protection. Based on Guatemala's MIRPS National Action Plan, could you highlight some of Guatemala's good practices on the protection of people in mixed movements, and related priorities for 2024, including any updates on existing or new GRF pledges related to international protection?

**Antonio García, Undersecretary of Consular and Immigration Affairs, Honduras**
- Vice Minister García, Honduras has played an important regional role as the leader of the MIRPS Working Group on Internal Displacement and shared its experiences in strengthening legal frameworks and policies for prevention, response and community-based protection. How are Honduras' experiences and priorities on the implementation of comprehensive protection responses to internal displacement reflected in its GRF pledges?

**Cinthia Pérez Trejo, Director General COMAR, Mexico**
- General Director Pérez, the number of refugees and asylum seekers in Central America and Mexico has increased year after year since MIRPS was born from the 2017 San Pedro Sula Declaration, pressuring capacities of national asylum systems and essential services. Mexico, as the lead of the Working Group on Asylum, has played an important role in facilitating regional cooperation as MIRPS States work to strengthen their national systems. Acknowledging the MIRPS Regional GRF Pledge on Strengthening Asylum Systems and Mexico's application of this pledge at the national level, what do you see as the challenges and ways forward for Mexico and other MIRPS States in terms of reception, admission, and case processing?

**Christiane Fox, Deputy Minister, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Canada**
- In the context of Canada's involvement the MIRPS Support Platform, can you tell us more how you work collaboratively to find solutions to forced displacement and contribute to asylum capacity building efforts in the region?
Ana Lorena Valle, Ana Lorena Valle, President, Asociación de Nicaragüenses en México, A.C.

- Ms. Valle, from your perspective as President of the civil society organization, Asociación de Nicaragüenses en México, A.C., and as a refugee yourself, what recommendations do you have for strengthening approaches to the protection of displaced populations in MIRPS States?

Panel 2:

Pilar Cancela, Secretary of State for Migration, Spain

- Secretary Cancela, given that Spain served as the first Chair of the MIRPS Support Platform following its launch in December 2019 and has continued with active engagement since, what do you see as the impacts of your engagement on MIRPS’ States efforts to respond to forced displacement in the region, and what will Spain’s engagement look like in 2024?

Alejandro Solano, Viceminister of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica

- Vice Minister Solano, acknowledging Costa Rica’s leadership of the MIRPS Working Group on Jobs and Livelihoods in 2023 and the regional MIRPS Pledge in support of integration of displaced persons, how can jobs and livelihoods initiatives for displaced people be integrated into national employment programs?

Ambassador Rina Yessenia Lozano Gallegos, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations in Geneva, El Salvador

- El Salvador co-hosted a Learning Event with the United States in September and has shared diverse good practices with MIRPS States, highlighting multifaceted approaches to various aspects of integration, including for not only refugees but also internally displaced persons. Could you highlight one of El Salvador’s good practices on the socio-economic integration of displaced persons?

Mr. Felipe Muñoz, Migration Unit Chief, IADB

- Mr. Muñoz, from IADB’s perspective, as a member of the MIRPS Support Platform, how would you describe the role for development banks in supporting MIRPS states’ efforts to facilitate integration for displaced persons? What opportunities do you see for further engagement in 2024?

Mr. Roberto Campa, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, FEMSA

- Mr. Campa, through its participation in robust initiatives to facilitate formal employment opportunities, FEMSA has played a critical role in promoting economic and social inclusion of refugees in Mexico. Based on the company’s experiences, how and why should the private sector support displaced populations and host communities, and how does FEMSA plan to engage in the future?
Run of show: 90 minutes

13:30 - 13:40  **Opening session (10 minutes)**
Prior to beginning, speakers in the opening session and the panelists on Panel 1 should be seated on stage.

13:30  Introduction and Remarks by the United States, Chair of the MIRPS Support Platform & Moderator *(at podium)*
Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes

After completing her remarks, Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes takes a seat at the head table.

Vice Minister Juana Lopez moves from her seat to the podium.

13:35  Intervention by Panama MIRPS Pro-Tempore Presidency, Reflecting on 2023 Progress of the MIRPS Regional Action Plan *(at podium)*
Vice Minister of Government, Juana Lopez

After concluding her remarks, Vice Minister Juana Lopez takes her seat in the audience.

13:40 - 14:10  **Panel 1: Protection (30 minutes)**
13:40  Moderator Opening *(seated at table with panelists)*
Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes opens the session and introduces panellists, format and theme of the panel.

(The moderator will direct one question to each panellist, and invite the panellist to respond with a brief intervention of three minutes maximum. After each panellist responds to one question, interventions from the floor will be welcomed).

13:42  Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Ambassador Geovani Castillo, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of GUATEMALA

Ambassador Geovani Castillo, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of GUATEMALA responds to the question.

13:46  Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Antonio García, Undersecretary of Consular and Immigration Affairs of HONDURAS.

Antonio García, Undersecretary of State for Consular and Migration Affairs of Honduras responds the question.

13:50  Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Cinthia Pérez Trejo, General Director of COMAR, MEXICO.

Cinthia Pérez Trejo, General Director of COMAR, Mexico responds to the question.
13:54 Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Christiane Fox, Deputy Minister, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, CANADA.

Christiane Fox, Deputy Minister, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, CANADA responds to the question.

13:58 Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Ana Lorena Valle, President, Asociación de Nicaragüenses en México (Refugee Expert)

Ana Lorena Valle, President, Asociación de Nicaragüenses en México (Refugee Expert) responds to the question.

14:02 Plenary Discussion (10 minutes)
Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes welcomes Q&A / interventions from the floor and moderates exchanges

14:12 Closing of Panel 1
Moderator brings discussion to a close. After closing, moderator invites panelists to take a seat in the audience, and invites the panelists in Panel 2 to sit on stage.

14:12 – 14:17 Screening of MIRPS Support Platform Video (5 minutes)
Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes briefly introduces the video on Support Platform activities under the U.S. Chair Term.

14:17 – 14:50 Panel 2: Solutions (30 minutes) (seated at table with panelists)
14:17 Moderator Opening
Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes opens the session and introduces panelists, format and theme of the panel.
[The moderator will direct one question to each panellist, and invite the panellist to respond with a brief intervention of three minutes maximum. After each panellist responds to one question, interventions from the floor will be welcomed].

14:19 Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Pilar Cancela, Secretary of State for Migration of SPAIN

Pilar Cancela, Secretary of State for Migration of SPAIN responds to the question.

14:23 Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Alejandro Solano, Vice-Minister of Multilateral Affairs of COSTA RICA

Alejandro Solano, Vice-Minister of Multilateral Affairs of COSTA RICA responds to the question.
14:27 Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Ambassador Rina Yessenia Lozano Gallegos, Permanent Representative of EL SALVADOR to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Ambassador Rina Yessenia Lozano Gallegos of EL SALVADOR El Salvador responds to the question.

14:31 Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Mr. Felipe Muñoz, IADB Migration Unit Chief.

Mr. Felipe Muñoz, IADB Migration Unit Chief responds to the question.

14:35 Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes poses a question to Mr. Roberto Campa, Vice President of Corporate Affairs of FEMSA

Mr. Roberto Campa, Vice President of Corporate Affairs of FEMSA responds to the question.

14:39 Plenary Discussion (10 minutes)
Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes welcomes Q&A / interventions from the floor and moderates exchanges.

14:49 Closing of Panel 2
Moderator brings discussion to a close. Moderator invites panelists to take a seat in the audience and invites Dr. Gilroy Middleton to speak at the podium.

14:50 – 15:00 Closing session (10 minutes)
Intervention from Belize as incoming PPT on 2024 MIRPS Regional Action Plan (at podium)
Gilroy Middleton, Chief Executive Officer (Immigration), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration of Belize
After completing remarks, Dr. Middleton returns to his seat in the audience.

Closing by the United States as Chair of the MIRPS Support Platform (at podium)
Julieta Valls Noyes, Assistant Secretary, United States Department of State, Bureau for Population Refugees and Migration
Meeting Room (Palexpo, Room P)