

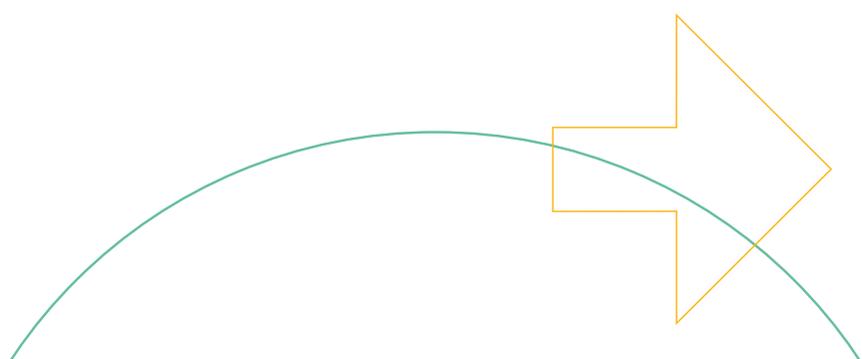
VIENNA MIGRATION CONFERENCE 2022

11-12 October 2022

Palais Niederösterreich, Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna, Austria

Draft programme*

The Vienna Migration Conference 2022 takes the return of inter-state war to the borders of the EU as the starting point for two days of frank exchanges on the old and new forces shaping international migration and how governments, international organisations and civil society should respond. High-level speakers and key decision makers will set out the impact of ongoing conflicts and regional instability; instrumentalisation of migrant flows; climate change; and the impact of post-pandemic labour market shortages, on the cross-border movement of people. Beneath the baroque interiors of the Palais Niederösterreich, a select group of 200 top officials, major stakeholders and key opinion formers will debate the ramifications these developments have for international cooperation on migration and asylum.



Tuesday, 11 October 2022, Day 1

09.30 – 10.15 **Opening session**

The VMC2022 takes place amid a turbulent year for Europe and the world, including new and persisting conflict, large-scale displacement, natural hazards, a rising cost of living, labour shortages and an ongoing pandemic. To open the conference, Austrian Federal Minister of the Interior Gerhard Karner will join ICMPD Director General Michael Spindelegger to set out his concerns and priorities for addressing these significant challenges. Dmytro Kuleba, Ukraine's Minister of Foreign Affairs, will then address the audience on this watershed moment for Europe, including the challenge of rebuilding his war-torn country.

- Michael Spindelegger, Director General, ICMPD
- Gerhard Karner, Federal Minister of the Interior, Austria
- Dmytro Kuleba, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine

10.15 – 10.45 **In the spotlight** Climate change and migration: Do we find ourselves at a crossroads?

Over the last decade, the world has been increasingly concerned by the role of climate change in altering mobility patterns. No place is immune to its adverse impact, as shown through 2022's super-charged summer of climate extremes and related displacements. But current migration and asylum governance and infrastructure are not yet prepared for the full spectrum of consequences. As our knowledge is advancing, so too must our framing of the impact and required interventions. Award-winning science writer Gaia Vince will raise the temperature of the debate at the VMC2022 as she discusses the interconnections between two 'hot' topics: climate change and migration.

- Gaia Vince, Environmental Journalist, Author and Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University College London
- Lukas Gehrke, Deputy Director General and Director for Policy, Research and Strategy, ICMPD

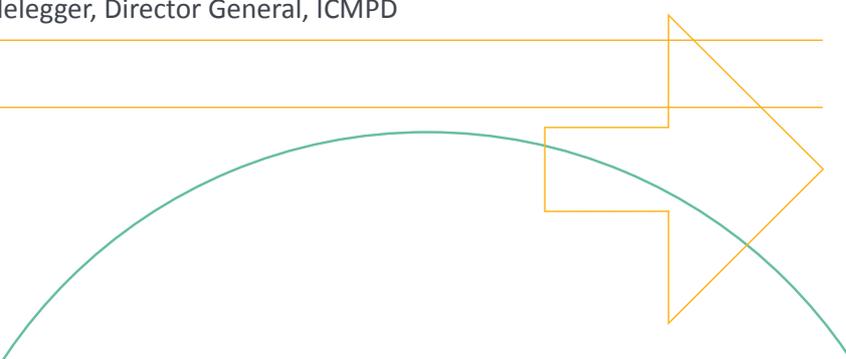
10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00 **High-level panel** Managing migration in turbulent times: Key perspectives from Europe

Europe is experiencing some of the most challenging times in recent history: from instrumentalisation at the EU's external borders to the ramifications of Russia's aggression against Ukraine and current migration, flight and displacement dynamics. Senior European politicians discuss where we currently stand and outline their visions for delivering a timely response from Europe.

- Selmo Cikotić, Minister of Security, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ana Revenco, Minister of Internal Affairs, Moldova
- Arnoldas Abramavičius, Vice-Minister of the Interior, Lithuania
- Mahmut Özdemir, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community, Germany
- Michael Spindelegger, Director General, ICMPD

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break



13.30 – 14.10 **Side event** **Beyond the short term: How to address vulnerability to trafficking in persons in the context of lasting crises?**

Under the auspices of the Inter Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) this side event discusses vulnerabilities that fuel trafficking in persons for those who have fled conflict areas, often in haste and in situations of destitution or high precariousness. Effective operational responses to such crises require strategies that respond to both immediate and long-term protection needs of displaced and refugee populations. Panellists will debate current practices and strategies, and the medium to long term challenges they foresee.

- Ana Revenco, Minister of Internal Affairs, Moldova
- Ilias Chatzis, Head, Anti-Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, United Nations Office against Drugs and Crime
- Melita Gruevska-Graham, Head of Anti-Trafficking Programme, ICMPD

14.30 – 15.00 **In conversation** **Migration and displacement dynamics: What is driving change in Africa**

Russia's aggression against Ukraine brutally underscored the reality of global interconnectedness, driving up the price of food, energy and the cost of living more generally in other parts of the world, including Africa, further exacerbating the negative consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for the continent. In this one-on-one conversation, African Union Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development H.E. Cessouma Minata Samaté will share the factors and trends that are driving change on the African continent and how this may impact migration and displacement dynamics within and from Africa. She will also share her views on how AU-EU cooperation can be strengthened further to address new challenges.

- Cessouma Minata Samaté, Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development, African Union Commission
- Mojisola Sodeinde, Head of Region, West Africa, ICMPD

15.00 – 16.15 **Panel discussion** **Same but different: Global perspectives on migration challenges**

The headlines are rife with stories of global challenges, including the eruption of new conflicts and persistence of long-standing ones, natural disasters linked to climate change, a rising cost of living, an economic slowdown and acute labour shortages. This panel explores how responsive migration policies can help to mitigate some of the consequences of these challenges for domestic and global publics, including those related to asylum, resettlement and labour migration. Speakers will share the perspectives and recent initiatives of Australia, Europe and the United States – representing some of the most sought-after global migration destinations. How are these countries responding to current events? What innovations are being implemented, and what more can be done, to move the needle forward in terms of developing and fine-tuning responsive policies?

- Marta Youth, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, U.S. Department of State, United States
 - Andrew Rose, Minister Counsellor, Home Affairs, Australian Permanent Mission to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva
 - Luigi Soreca, Ambassador-at-Large, Special Envoy for External Aspects of Migration, European External Action Service
 - Pierre Vimont, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe
 - Ralph Genetzke, Director, Brussels Mission, ICMPD
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16.15 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 17.30 **In the spotlight** **Migration as a geopolitical weapon? How powerful a force in international relations?**

In 2010, Kelly M. Greenhill published ‘Weapons of Mass Migration: Forced Displacement, Coercion and Foreign Policy’, citing “the intentional creation, manipulation and exploitation of migration and refugee crises” by rogue states and other actors seeking to bend stronger countries to their will. Greenhill documented dozens of such cases taking place since the 1951 UN Refugee Convention came into force, including early threats in 2002 and 2004 by Belarus’s Aleksander Lukashenko to “flood the European Union with asylum seekers if it failed to meet his demands”. With events at Europe’s external borders in 2021 clearly validating her work’s prescience, the Harvard and Tufts University academic will address VMC2022 on a form of political blackmail becoming more common, including why liberal democracies are not always necessarily the passive victim; how perpetrators can miscalculate; and whether these hybrid attacks can be deterred by policy makers.

- Kelly M. Greenhill, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Tufts University
 - Hugo Brady, Senior Strategic Advisor, ICMPD
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17.30 – 20.00 **Reception** **upon invitation of the Mayor and Governor of Vienna, Dr Michael Ludwig**

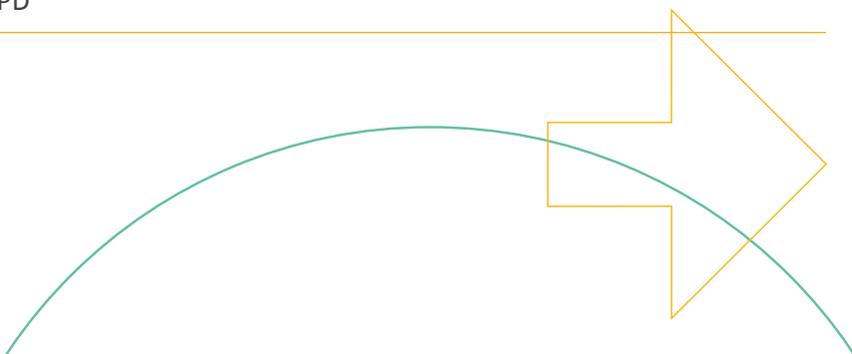
- Welcome remarks by Dr Kurt Stürzenbecher, Member of the City Council and Provincial Parliament of Vienna, on behalf of the Mayor and Governor of Vienna, Dr Michael Ludwig
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Wednesday, 12 October 2022, Day 2

09.00 – 09.30 **In the spotlight** **Ukraine, south-eastern Europe and the future of European integration**

Veteran broadcaster and journalist, Misha Glenny is one of Europe’s foremost authorities on central and eastern Europe, as well as the Western Balkans, where he covered the breakup of the former Yugoslavia and its aftermath for The Guardian, and later the BBC. Glenny is also one of the first authors to chronicle the rise of organised crime in the era of the internet and globalisation, most notably in the 2008 book “McMafia: A journey through the global criminal underworld”. In 2022, he became rector of the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, host to some of eastern Europe’s most prominent liberal and dissenting thinkers, including American historian Timothy Snyder. To open Day 2 of the VMC, Glenny returns directly from Ukraine to discuss what victory or defeat there will mean for liberal democracy and openness in Europe, and what the future holds for the regions he has spent a lifetime observing.

- Misha Glenny, Rector, Institute for Human Sciences
 - Lukas Gehrke, Deputy Director General and Director for Policy, Research and Strategy, ICMPD
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09.30 – 11.00 **Panel discussion** **Regional perspectives and priorities: Finding the right political and policy formula for successful partnerships**

As the European Union and its partners face new and persistent migration challenges, including a rise in forced displacement and irregular migration, effective cooperation along migration routes plays a critical role. This panel discusses where interests and strategies converge and diverge with a view to identifying priorities for building stronger migration partnerships. Amid a shifting geopolitical landscape, climate change, a stuttering global economy and a food crisis, how should we work together to better manage migration? In which ways do current dynamics constrain or support opportunities for practical cooperation?

- Savaş Ünlü, President, Presidency of Migration Management, Ministry of Interior, Türkiye
- Usman Jadoon, Director General, United Nations Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan
- Neveen El-Husseiny, Deputy Assistant Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
- Khalid Zerouali, Wali, Director of Migration and Border Surveillance, Ministry of the Interior, Morocco
- Chiara Adamo, Acting Director, Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission
- Jennifer Tangney, Senior Project Manager, ICMPD

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.50 **Panel discussion** **European migration and asylum policy reform: Are we breaking gridlocks?**

The road to a comprehensive EU approach on migration, as envisioned in the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, has seen many challenges. Crises – such as the instrumentalisation of migrants for geopolitical gains at EU external borders and the reception of people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine – have affected the bloc's identity as a whole and become a significant factor shaping the prospects for achieving progress and finding mutual responses on migration matters. VMC2022's final panel brings critical actors in this process together to discuss what steps are necessary to secure EU asylum reform during this mandate. Was the moment of unity fleeting, or is a true breakthrough imminent?

- Beate Gminder, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
- Jean Mafart, Director, Directorate of European and International Affairs, Ministry of the Interior, France
- Elena Yoncheva, Member, European Parliament
- Suzanne Lynch, Chief Brussels Correspondent, Politico Europe
- Sarah Schlaeger, Senior Lead, Policy and Liaison, ICMPD

12.50 – 13.00 **Closing remarks**

- Michael Spindelegger, Director General, ICMPD

* The list of speakers is tentative. ICMPD strives to ensure an inclusive working environment and be attentive to gender diversity and the plurality of voices represented in our initiatives. When this is not reflected in our events, it is due to the unavailability of speakers or challenges in identifying suitable profiles in our network.