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## 4 Invitations

to Governments, civil society and Mayors

for joint work on solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals  
and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

### Statement to the Policy Debate of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

United Nations General Assembly, New York/ Thank you chair. I am Christine Mangale with the Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

I am speaking to you today on behalf of the NGO Committee on Migration. Many of us are migrants, refugees, diaspora. We have been active in the run-up to the IMRF with our own membership worldwide and civil society leaders in every region, fully joining our priorities with the global unified civil society statement the [12 Key Ways](#), and talking directly with UN Member States.

We have **four invitations** to bring States, civil society partners and Mayors together to achieve *joint, concrete* solutions under the sustainable development goals, GCM and IMRF Progress Declaration.

**The first invitation is to *take forward together* essential assistance and protection of the full range of migrants vulnerable in migration**, under GCM objectives 7, 8 and 12 and now Progress Declaration paragraph 65, where States commit explicitly to developing transparent, safe and predictable arrival procedures on land and at sea that comply with international law obligations, for all migrants at borders and along migratory routes. **This should prioritize strengthening real-world solutions and efficiencies in the interaction of the Global Compact for Migration and Global Compact for Refugees**, implementing them “in unison”, as over 150 Mayors and city leaders called for in their [Marrakech Declaration](#) when UN Member States adopted the two Compacts—simultaneously, and with resounding majorities—in 2018.

**The second invitation is to *take forward* Progress Declaration paragraph 59 and GCM Objective 7(i)**, with **structured exchange on the experience of regularization mechanisms** implemented in many regions and States, both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, to examine their contribution to economic and human development, integration, and formal employment and economies. This group could be member- and time-limited, and meet within the auspices of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).

**Finally, urgent invitations to *together*:**

- **deepen our joint focus on *climate-induced migration***, in particular mechanisms enabling people to choose to stay, and protection for those who can't;
- and **strengthen *participation of essential builders* in solutions under the Global Compact**, in particular migrants, refugees, diaspora, workers, and civil society organizations. We regret the watered-down language in the Progress Declaration, most notably in paragraphs 51, 53 and 56.

Thank you.