



## Organizers: WHO, IOM, UNHCR

Event title: **Advancing on the Rabat Declaration and global frameworks to promote and protect the health of refugees and migrants**

GCM objectives covered by the event

GCM objective 15. Provide access to basic services for migrants

GCM objective 16. Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion

GCM objective 17. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration

Date/Time (please indicate time zone) **30 January 13:15 to 14:30 (CET)**

Duration : 75 mins

Format (hybrid, online, in-person): ONLINE (speakers in WHO premises, building B, room T, or distant)

Interpretation provided: **English, French**

### Short description of your event:

The health of people on the move has never been so important, as one in eight persons across the world is a refugee or migrant – an estimated 1 billion people.

Against this backdrop, WHO, IOM, UNHCR and the Kingdom of Morocco co-organized the Third Global Consultation on the Health of Refugees and Migrants with a goal of establishing enduring leadership and commitment for the health of refugees and migrants. The Third Global Consultation took place in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 13–15 June 2023.

The Consultation adopted the Rabat Declaration, a progressive statement of intent to develop, implement and scale up policies to support the health of refugees and migrants, calling for a concerted effort from all stakeholders to increase international cooperation and shared responsibility, with the aim of achieving equitable access to health care for all refugees and migrants.

The Declaration links investment in migrant and refugee health to the achievement of several global agreement and commitments: the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the WHO Global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023 (WHO GAP), extended until 2030 at the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.

This event will outline the progress made in achieving the Rabat Declaration, reflect on lessons learnt, and look forward to the future to improve the health of refugees and migrants globally

### Outcomes:

- reflect on progress to date leading up to, and including, the Rabat Declaration, in promoting the health and well-being of refugee and migrant populations at the national, regional and global levels;
- strengthen coordination and collaboration using the SDGs, WHO GAP, the GCM, and the GCR to improve, protect and preserve the health and well-being of refugees, migrants and host communities; and
- consider priority actions at local, national and regional levels, including to create safe, supportive and healthy environments for refugees and migrants as members of an inclusive society.



### List of speakers:

Moderator – Dr. Tonia Rifaey, Technical Officer, WHO EMRO

Panelist 1: H.E. Mr. Omar ZNIBER, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Panelist 2: Dr Poonam Dhavan, Director, Migration Health Division, Department of Programme Support and Migration Management, IOM

Panelist 3: Mr Allen G.K. Maina, Chief of Public Health Section, Division of Resilience and Solutions/Public Health Section, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Panelist 4: Dr. Ali Ardalan, Regional Adviser, WHO EMRO

Panelist 5: Portugal

Panelist 6: Dr. Santino Severoni, Director, Department of Health and Migration, WHO

Time (CET)	Speaker	Topic
13:15 -13:25	Moderator	Set the scene and introduction of panel
13:25 – 14:10  7 minutes each	Panelist 1: Morocco	Why was the Rabat Declaration set out, and how can Member States use it to improve the health of refugees and migrants globally, working with other global frameworks?
	Panelist 2: IOM	What are the specific global, regional and national frameworks that can be used to further the agenda of achieving objective 15 of the GCM and how can the UNNM build on the commitment set out in the Rabat Declaration?
	Panelist 3: UNHCR	What are the synergies between objective 15 of the GCM and the GCR, and how can the Rabat Declaration and other global frameworks be used to improve the health of refugees?
	Panelist 4: EMRO	Regional approaches: what are the synergies between the second high-level interregional meeting on the health of refugees and migrants (EMRO, 2023), and how will the region utilize the Rabat Declaration to improve the health of refugees and migrants
	Panelist 5: Portugal	What is required at the national level to improve the health of refugees and migrants, and build towards achieving objective 15 of the GCM, what progress has happened, and what are suggested next steps?
	Panelist 6: WHO	How recent progress, including the extension of the WHO GAP can be used to build on progress to date, to improve the health of refugees and migrants, and towards the GCM objective 15?
14:10 – 14: 25	Q&A	Online participants
14:25 – 14: 30	Moderator	Closing remarks