**Friday 29 August 2014**

**16h00—18h00 Breakout Session 8**

**Perception of Migration: how to change the narratives about migrants**

There are 232 million international migrants today. There are 740 million internal migrants. Every country, as a place of origin, transit, or destination, is in some way impacted by the increased human mobility our global community is experiencing. By extension, every person is also affected by internal or international migration, whether they are migrants themselves, or habitual residents of a certain place. The more people impacted by migration, the more important it becomes necessary for the public to hold an accurate perception of migration. Public perception of migration and migration-related issues greatly influence the public’s general attitudes and public policies.

**POINTS OF DISCUSSION**

1. Explore new narrative formats (oral history, documentary filmmaking, data visualizations etc) that have appeared recently and challenge the way discussions on migrants are usually done;
2. How can we collectively walk away from the traditional portrayal of migrants as victims/criminals to enter into more complex representations and therefore more balanced perceptions by the general public.
3. Launching of a Media-Friendly Glossary on Migration designed to help the media and all other actors use the correct terminology when referring to migration-related issues in order to create accurate perceptions

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Moderator

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