



## INVITATION

*The Belgian Development Cooperation and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have the pleasure to invite you to a panel discussion on*

### **“Exploring sustainable solutions to a pressing migration and refugee crisis”**

**With as keynote speaker, Alexander DE CROO,  
Belgian Vice-Minister and Minister for Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda,  
Telecom and Postal Services.**

**Friday, 20 November 2015, 15:30– 17:30**

**Orange Room, Palais d’Egmont  
FPS Foreign Affairs, 8 bis rue du Petit Sablon, Brussels, Belgium**

*Today worldwide displacement is at the highest level ever recorded, with 60 million people forcibly displaced. As a result of complex and long term crisis we are experiencing in Somalia, Eritrea, Mali, Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, forced migrants are longer periods in exile, averaging 17 years. In this context of protracted crisis and growing migration and refugee flows, we need to think about long term responses to guarantee a livelihood for and better integration of displaced people.*

#### **Opening**

- Frank De WISPELAERE, Acting Director General of the Directorate General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid
- Bill SWING, Director General of the International Organization for Migration, IOM

The panel, including a Q&A from the audience, will address how we could contribute to delivering long-term responses; which role the private sector, civil society, origin and hosting countries can play; and finally, why and how we shall support neighbouring hosting countries as to ensure protection and long-term integration of displaced people? The panel will be composed of a High Representative of IOM, UNHCR, the European Commission, FEDASIL (TBC) and the private sector.

Presentations will be made in English and French. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

**Registration required before 12 November at: [diane.ceri@diplobel.fed.be](mailto:diane.ceri@diplobel.fed.be)**

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