

Topic: Youth Migration and Development: Towards Sustainable Solutions



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The United Nations Focal Point on Youth is organizing a Google+ Hangout on 6 March 2013 at 11:00 AM EST. The Hangout will be hosted at the UN Google+ account at [gplus.to/unitednations](https://plus.google.com/u/0/+UnitedNations)

The web-based event will offer an opportunity for young people, the UN and member states to discuss the issue of youth migration and development. Youth (15-35 years) will have the opportunity to ask questions related to strategies for enhancing the development potential of youth migration while mitigating associated risk in the migration process (i.e. pre-departure/departure, in-transit, arrival, post arrival, return or no return). Further, it aims to explore the nexus between youth migration and key issues such as access to basic social services, social integration, remittances, migrant rights, the post 2015 development agenda and environmental change.

The Google+ Hangout will also feature a 15-minute live Q&A session with the panellists. [Tweet](#) your questions for panellists to @UN4Youth using #youthmigration, post your questions on the [UNyouthyear Facebook page](#) or submit your questions in the comment section below.

Panellists for this Google + Hangout include: **Bela Hovy**, Chief, Migration Section, Population Division, UN/DESA;

Jo Rispoli,
Regional Specialist on Labour Migration/Migration and Development (East and Southern Africa), IOM Regional Office, Pretoria;

Daniel Pettersson

, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations;

Lonneke van Zundert

, Youth representative and

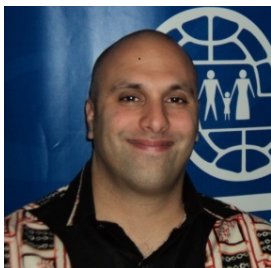
Dynka Amorim

, young immigrant activist and founder of Bué Fixe Magazine.

For further information or technical issues, please email the UN Focal Point on Youth at: youth@un.org with the subject line: *Youth Migration Google + Hangout*

Hangout - submit your questions in the commenting system space below. Please introduce yourself when you post a comment by indicating your Name (first name & initial of last name if preferred), Age, Sex, Country and Youth Organisation (if any). We welcome comments in English, Spanish and French and have installed a Google translate for translation purposes (see above).

Meet the panellist:



Jo Rispoli has worked for IOM since 2002. He is currently based in Pretoria, South Africa, as the Regional Thematic Specialist for Southern and East Africa for the Labour Migration and Human Development (LHD) Division, where he is responsible for strategic planning, reviewing and endorsing proposals, as well as providing technical and policy guidance and training to governments, IOM offices, and other stakeholders in Southern and East Africa.

For nearly nine years, Jo worked as Head of the Technical Cooperation Department and International Programme Manager for IOM's mission in Ghana. His responsibilities included the management of a wide range of migration programmes, including labour migration, migration and development, assisted voluntary return and reintegration, counter-trafficking, irregular migration, and policy development.



Bela Hovy heads the Migration Section, Population Division at United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The Section estimates migration trends, produces technical reports, supports intergovernmental processes on migration, organizes meetings, and builds migration capacities. Before that Mr. Hovy was in charge of statistics at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva, and worked for the United Nations in Cameroun. He holds an advanced degree in human geography from Utrecht University and has studied development economics. He has authored numerous reports and articles on migration, refugees and asylum.
