

# **PSI-SEIU Roundtable on the Refugee Crisis**

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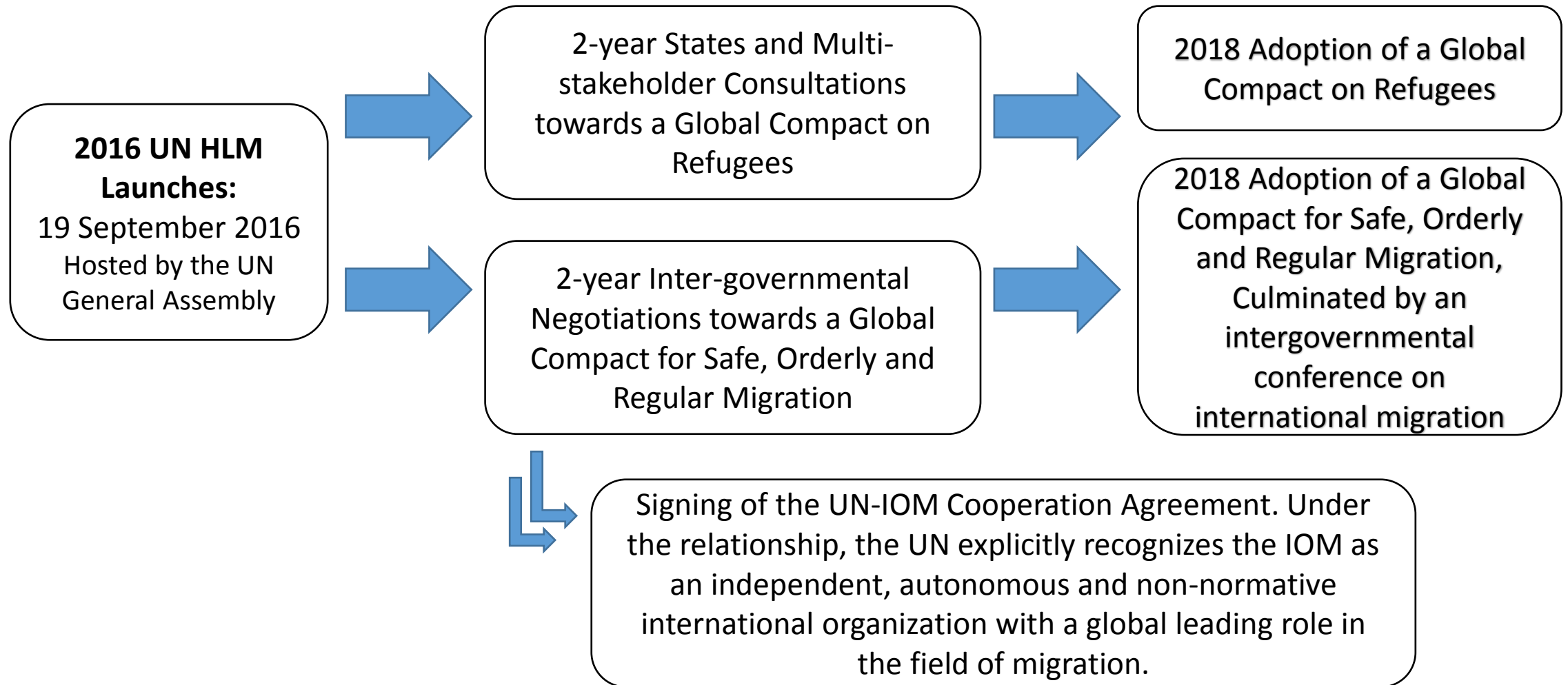
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# A Quick Look at the Figures 2015

- 244 million international migrants; 150 million migrant workers
- Health worker shortage: 12.9 million health workers by 2035 (WHO)
- 65 million forcibly displaced due to persecution, conflict, violence and human rights violations
- 21.3 million refugees, more than half (51%) are children below 18 years of age
- 86% of world's refugees hosted by developing countries
- Between 2008 and 2014, 18.4 million were displaced by climate-related disasters
- Up to 1 billion people at risk of displacement if climate change not addressed
- Conflicts, climate change, human rights violations, poverty, unemployment, labour shortages and demographics – drivers of mobility and displacement in coming years



## What is the UN High Level Meeting (UN HLM) on Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees?



# New York Declaration on Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees

PSI Welcomes:

- Respect for human rights of migrant and refugees
- Shared responsibility and international cooperation
- Special situation of migrant and refugee children
- Multidimensional aspects of migration
- Commitment to the SDGs
- Gender perspective
- Fighting racism, xenophobia and intolerance
- Access to public services, labour market and social protection
- Role of local authorities
- Role of the UNHCR in developing the Global Compact on Refugees

# New York Declaration on Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees

## PSI Concerns:

- Role of private sector, World Bank and multilateral development banks
- IOM in closer relationship with the UN system
- Detention of migrants, including children
- Border control and management
- Preventing irregular migration flows
- Circular migration

# PSI Strategic Actions

- Active engagement in the global consultations leading to the adoption of the Global Compacts in 2018
- Counter privatisation of migration and refugee services
- Affiliate-led studies on impact of migration and refugee flows
- Joint cooperation with local authorities (e.g. UCLG) in promoting access to QPS, capacity building for workers, funding of public services
- Action plan in fighting racism, xenophobia and all forms of intolerance
- PSI Global Campaign on the Right to Health
- Replicating good practices and using achievements from the PSI Migration Project (union to union cooperation)
- Synergies with PSI Campaigns on Tax Justice, Fair Trade, Equality, QPS