



FWCC Oral Statement to be delivered at the 56th Session of the Human Rights Council Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on human rights of migrants

The thematic report covers a broad range of issues aligned with our priorities including:

- Dismantling systemic racism and inequality in migration governance: we welcome your analysis of how discrimination feeds and is fed by border controls which exacerbate risk for particular groups
- Centring migrant's own expertise and experience: we call on all States and UN entities to implement your recommendation to facilitate the inclusion of migrants in policy and planning processes.
- Ending border violence: we welcome your support for the call for this Council to establish an investigative mechanism on human rights violations at international borders.

We echo that migrants are rights holders and their rights should be protected regardless of the contributions that they make to society

The context the report describes of dehumanisation, criminalisation and the legitimisation by politicians of campaigns designed to distort public perception make this obvious statement worth repeating.

We note that the Secretary General has warned of the danger of narratives that depict migrants solely in terms of the perceived benefits that they bring and we welcome the attention in the report to the role that narratives play in upholding or undermining human rights.

Special Rapporteur, how can this Council play its role in

- a) reshaping narratives in order to prevent violence and address racism?
and
- b) ensuring that migrants themselves have the access and resources needed to reshape narratives?