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# Migrations

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2015 began in the same way as 2014 ended: abandoned cargo ships in the Mediterranean Sea drifting towards the shore, full of hundreds of migrants deprived of water and food, transported like cattle in inhuman conditions.

Last year, a record number of migrants, almost 350,000 migrants, took the seas, often with tragic results. Over 4000 people were swallowed up by the Mediterranean in 2014. Our “Mare nostrum” has become a cemetery.

These migrations are not confined to “Fortress Europe”. They are a planetary phenomenon (on the Mexican-American border or in China...). With more than 215 million international migrants and 750 million internal migrants, migrations are one of the major trends of the twenty-first century, with lasting impacts not only on political, social and economic systems but also on the composition of nation states. This trend will probably increase in the coming years – as an inevitable consequence of the economic crisis, of increasing conflicts in many region of the world and of the environmental degradation caused by climate change.

UNU is therefore organizing a meeting with major political stakeholders – committed to both reflection and action in different countries – and international experts (both academics and those working on the ground) who will analyze the causes of the current massive migrations and will also adopt a forward looking approach.

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## Introductory Session (9:30 am - 1:00 pm)

### 9:30 – 09:45 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Mrs. Irina Bokova**, Director-General of UNESCO
- **Mr. David Malone**, Rector of the United Nations University, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations

### 09:45 – 10:00 Opening

- **Mr. Daniel Rondeau**, UNU Representative at UNESCO, Writer, former ambassador of France to Malta and UNESCO
- **Mrs. Habiba Ahmed Moussa**, Somalian

### 10:00 – 12:00 Session 1 : War and Migrations : The Mediterranean and the Middle East

- **Mr. Joseph Muscat**, Prime Minister of Malta
- **Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos**, Former Foreign Minister of Spain
- **Father Rector Salim Daccache**, Rector of Saint-Joseph University, Beyrouth
- **Mr. Youssef Amrani**, Member of the Royal Cabinet, Former Delegate-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
- **Mr. Andrea Riccardi**, Former Foreign Minister of Italy, Founder of the Sant'Egidio Community

### 12:00 – 12:30 Session 2 : The Climate too. The tragic consequences of climate change

- **Mr. Brice Lalonde**, Special Advisor on Sustainable Development for the Global Compact

### 12:30 – 1:00 pm Discussion

### 1:00 – 2:30 Lunch Break

## Panel Discussions (2:30-6:00 pm)

### 2:30 – 4:30 pm Session 3: A Global Tragedy : State of Affairs

- Session Chair: **Mrs. Parvati Nair**, Director of the United Nations Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility, Member of the UNU Migration Network
- **Mr. Bertrand Badie**, Professor of Political Science, Sciences Po Paris
- **Mr. David Skuli**, Head of the Central Directorate of Border Police

### 4:30 – 5:30 Session 4: Migrations : a Forward Looking Approach

- **Mr. William Lacy Swing**, Director of the International Organization for Migrations
- **Mr. Jean-Marc Châtaigner**, Former Ambassador of France to Madagascar
- **Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Thiam**, Former Ambassador of Senegal, National focal point of the Rabat Process, Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development
- **Mr. Jean Louis Borloo**, Former Minister of France

### 5:30 Conclusions

- **Mr. Hubert Védrine**, Former Foreign Minister of France