SISTER-LED DIALOGUE ROME / 03 JULY 2023





# ON MIGRATION

## 9.30 - 9.45 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Sister **Patricia Murray** - Executive Secretary, UISG Sister **Carmen Elisa Bandeo** - Coordinator, International Migrants & Refugees Network, UISG Mrs **Giulia Isabel Cirillo** - Coordinator, Sisters Advocating Globally, UISG Mr **Luca Attanasio** - Moderator

# 9.45 - 11.15 ROOT CAUSES OF MIGRATION IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY

Sister **Nieves Crespo** - Missionary in Ethiopia, Salesian Sisters Mr **Ahmad Al Rousan** - Cultural Mediator, Medici Senza Frontiere (MSF) Mrs **Daniela Fatarella** - Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children Italia Mr **Patrizio Nissirio** - Senior International News Editor & Coordinator ANSAmed/InfoMigrants, ANSA Professor **Abdessatar Sahbani** - Sociologist, University of Tunis

#### Questions for debate

What are the **main challenges for migrants and refugees** in the current social and historical moment, particularly in the Euro-Mediterranean context?

At the national and international level, **migration issues are often politicised and polarised in public debate**: what are the main policy changes needed to support migrants and refugees? What kind of advocacy initiatives could impact the international agenda?

# 11.15 - 11.30 MORNING BREAK

## 11.30 - 13.00 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Sister **Maryanne Loughry** - Core Team member, International Migrants & Refugees Network, UISG Mr **Flavio Di Giacomo** - Spokesperson, International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Mrs **Maria Francia Luna Itriago** - Migration Expert, Spanish Conference of Religious (CONFER) Mrs **Valentina Brinis** - Advocacy Officer, Open Arms Father **Paul Samasumo** - Head of English Africa Service, Vatican News & Vatican Radio, Dicastery for Communication

#### Question for debate

Reflecting on **projects to support and build the capacity of migrants and refugees**, what initiatives could be scaled up and replicated in the areas of humanitarian aid and rights-based policy development?

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13.00 - 14.15 LUNCH





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#### 14.15 - 15.30 INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL COHESION

Sister **Charity Katongo** - Italy, Franciscan Missionary Sisters Father **Fabio Baggio** - Under-secretary, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development Dr **Nayla Tabbara** - Co-founder & Director, Adyan Foundation Mrs **Anna Meli** - Vice President, Associazione Carta di Roma Sister **Maria José Rey Merodio** - Project Lead, Communities of Hospitality, Centro Astalli (JRS Italy)

#### Questions for debate

Human mobility favours the encounter between people from different cultural, religious and ethnic background: what policy and project-oriented measures can **facilitate social integration between host communities, migrants and refugees**?

**Giving voice to the most vulnerable** entails listening to them, creating the necessary platforms, and stimulating public interest: what do journalists need in order to **make space for the voices of minorities and vulnerable people?** What could be **the message for a joint campaign**?

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#### 15.30 - 15.45 AFTERNOON BREAK

#### 15.45 - 17.00 JOURNEYING TOWARDS THE UISG ADVOCACY FORUM

Sister **Janete Ferreira** - Board of Directors member, Scalabrinian Foundation Mr **Tareke Brhane** - President, Comitato 3 ottobre Sister **Paula Agostinho** - Volunteer, Talitha Kum, UISG Mrs **Hannah Kummer** - Case Manager, Mediterranean Hope, Federation of Evangelical Churches

#### Questions for debate

UISG's Sister-led dialogues are intended as the **basis for a sustainable platform**: what is needed to facilitate a regular exchange of information, support and collaboration among the actors around the table?

What could be the main **features of the UISG Advocacy Forum 2023** in relation to migration?

17.00 - 18.00 TRANSFER

# 18.00 - 19.00 ENCOUNTER WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Mrs Raffaella Bencivenga – Project Educator, Chaire Gynai

Visit to a project of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabriniane

19.00 - 20.00 CLOSING RECEPTION

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