



# **COMMITMENT FROM THE FLOOR**

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Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

The 2030 Agenda has recognized the positive contribution of migrants for sustainable development. But many of the 250 million international migrants have left their homes not out of choice but out of necessity. They faced hardship, perilous journeys and thousands have lost their lives desperately seeking a better future for them and their children.

The Agenda for Humanity calls upon all of us to address the vulnerabilities of migrants. Through the Nansen Initiative in the past and now with the new Platform on Disaster Displacement, which was launched just a few hours ago, Switzerland shows its commitment to address the protection needs of people displaced across borders in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change. We are also supporting the equally important Migrants in Countries in Crises Initiative as a member of the Group of Friends.

These initiatives are critically important to address the protection and assistance needs of migrants in vulnerable and precarious situations. But more needs to be done because the international community is still failing to appropriately respond to the current challenges.

Our political commitment towards the 19th of September should therefore be unambiguous. We need to formulate globally applicable answers that have a direct and immediate impact on the lives of millions of displaced persons also for those who do not fall under the protection of the 1951 Convention. We need to strengthen international cooperation and uphold the existing human rights framework protecting migrants irrespective of their status. And we have to reassure our people through a more open and direct dialogue with them, as public perception greatly impacts the political response.

It's not a task for humanitarian actors alone, but it takes the resolve of all stakeholders in order to ensure a future where all migrants are protected and where they can truly contribute to sustainable development to the best of their capacities.