



## Migrant Fatalities, Identification and Data 2017

Workshop, 10 - 12 May, 2017

Venue: University of Texas, El Paso

### Agenda

The IOM workshop “Migrant Fatalities, Identification and Data 2017” addresses the data, identification and policy challenges resulting from deaths during migration. Bringing together key actors from international agencies and organisations, non-governmental organisations and academia, the workshop will examine how to improve the collection, management and exchange of data between relevant actors. This is needed to facilitate identification of deceased migrants and the development of policies and good practices.

The workshop serves to bring together contributors to the third volume of IOM’s annual *Fatal Journeys* report, and aims to identify key areas of improvement and improve collaboration across sectors on the issue of missing migrants.

For more information on the workshop please refer to the Global Migration Data Analysis Centre webpage <http://www.gmdac.iom.int/> or contact [gmdac@iom.int](mailto:gmdac@iom.int).

<b>Day 1 – Wednesday, 10 May 2017</b>	
12:00 – 12:30	Registration
13:00 – 16:20	Tour of the US-Mexico border
<b>Day 2 – Thursday, 11 May 2017</b>	
09:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Tour de Table
<b>Introduction: Setting the scene</b>	
9:15 – 10:30	What is known and what is unknown? A global overview of data on migrant deaths.
	This introductory session will present recent research findings on issues related to missing migrants and migrant deaths from a global perspective. How many people have lost their lives during their migration journey, and where is this occurring? How many of those can be identified and what are the challenges involved in this?
	Welcome remarks: Dr. Diana Natalicio, University of Texas El Paso
	Introduction to the report: Frank Laczko, IOM GMDAC, Director
	Speaker: Julia Black, IOM GMDAC

10:30 – 10:45	Coffee
<b>Session 1: US-Mexico border</b>	
10:45 – 12:15	
	<p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· What are the current migration trends on the US-Mexico border?</li> <li>· What risks do migrants face when crossing the border?</li> <li>· What efforts are being made to assist migrants on the US-Mexico border?</li> <li>· In what ways are the needs of the families of missing migrants addressed in this region?</li> <li>· What best practices from the US-Mexico border can be applied to the issue of migrant deaths in the wider world?</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Gabriella Sanchez, University of Texas El Paso  Speakers: Robin Reineke, Colibrí Center for Human Rights; Eduardo Canales, South Texas Human Rights Center; Oliver Dubois, ICRC</p>
12:15 – 13:45	Lunch break
<b>Session 2: Central and South America</b>	
13:45 – 15:45	
	<p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· What are the current migration trends in Central and Southern America?</li> <li>· How have recent policy changes affected migration in this region?</li> <li>· What risks do migrants face while travelling through these areas?</li> <li>· How can forensic anthropology improve information on missing migrants in Central America?</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Frank Laczko, IOM GMDAC  Speakers: John Doering-White, University of Michigan; Vanina Modolo, IOM Buenos Aires; Rachel Danniels, Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee
16:00 – 17:30	
	<p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· What are the current trends and policy context of migration in Europe and the Mediterranean?</li> <li>· What are the data challenges involved with collecting information on missing migrants in these regions?</li> <li>· What role does big data have in improving data on migrant deaths in the Mediterranean?</li> <li>· What best practices from Europe and the Mediterranean may be applied to the issue of migrant deaths in the wider world?</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Ann Singleton, University of Bristol  Speakers: Ignacio Urquijo, Complutense University of Madrid and University of Bucharest; Simon Robins, University of York; Miguel Luengo-Oroz, UN Global Pulse</p>
19:00	Dinner

**Day 3 – Friday, 12 May 2017****Session 4: Africa, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific**

09:00 – 10:30

Guiding questions:

- What are the current trends and policy context of migration in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific?
- How reliable is the data on missing migrants in these regions? How can this be improved?
- What are the challenges of collecting information on missing migrants in each of these regions?

Chair: Julia Black, IOM GMDAC

Speakers: Chris Horwood, Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat; Tara Brian, IOM Cairo; Sharon Pickering, Monash University

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee

**Session 5: Missing migrants and the media**

10:45 – 11:45

Guiding questions:

- How reliable is data on missing migrants?
- What are the strengths and challenges of using media as a data source on missing migrants?
- What role does social media have in collecting and disseminating information on missing migrants?
- How has media reporting on migrant deaths changed over time?

Chair: Frank Laczko, IOM GMDAC

Speakers: Ann Singleton, University of Bristol; Aidan White, Ethical Journalism Network

12:15 – 13:30

Lunch break

**Concluding roundtable discussion**

13:30 – 15:00

The final session will summarise the workshop findings. It will conclude with recommendations for different actors about the next steps to improve policy responses, identification rates and data management systems.

Guiding questions:

- How can current efforts to assist missing migrants be improved?
- What research needs to be done to improve data on missing migrants?
- What collaborations would improve the situation for migrants and their families?

Chair: Frank Laczko, IOM GMDAC

**End of Workshop**