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"Migration and Older Persons"

Thursday 7 April 2016, 1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)

What constitutes a "migrant", a "refugee"? What are the different reasons people leave their homelands to go other countries? What are the challenges they face? What does resettlement mean? What is "forced migration" within countries? What constitutes a "well-managed migration policy"? What are good practices on collaboration between different levels of governance to address issues of migrants and refugees? What is being done to address the concerns of older persons when they are either left behind or when they choose to leave their homes, because of conflict, severe natural disasters, extreme poverty and other crises — are they invisible or are they viewed as a vulnerable group needing specific attention? Why does the reference to "migrants" or "refugee" solicit so much negative reaction? What will be the main issues to be addressed at the United Nations Summit on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants?

Speakers:

Mr. Bela Hovy, Chief, Migration Section Population Division, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Ms. Eva Richter, UN Representative of the Poverty, Elimination and Community Education (PEACE) Foundation

Ms. Karen Koning AbuZayd, Special Adviser on the General Assembly Summit on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants.