



International Migration Law (IML)
NGO Learning Initiative

Session Two

International Migration Law: The rights of migrants under international and regional law

Objective of the session: This session will focus on substantial law, discuss the content of rights as recognized under international law, while also zooming in the regional mechanisms and how they apply at the benefit of migrants.

⇒ Introduction: organisers (5')

⇒ First speaker: **Ian Kysel (IMBR Initiative)**

The rights of migrants under international law (15')

- Review of core UN human rights treaties, Refugee and Labor law, and the extent of ratification (is there a migrants' bill of rights);
- Overview of the non-discrimination principle;
- Key areas of rights and their indivisibility;
- Gaps in legal protections;

⇒ Second speaker: **Alvaro Botero (OAS & UN Migrant Workers Committee)**

The rights of migrants in the Inter-American System (15')

- Review of core treaties & sources of law in the Americas;
- Key areas of rights protected by that body of law;
- Recent developments;
- Gaps in legal protections;

⇒ Third speaker: **Ibrahima Kane (OSIWA)**

The rights of migrants in the African System (15')

- Review of core treaties & sources of law in the African System;
- Key areas of rights protected by that body of law;
- Recent developments;
- Gaps in legal protections;

⇒ Questions and Answers (Q&A) session (20')

⇒ Closing remarks: organisers (5')



Follow up Activity: The rights of migrants and the European human rights mechanisms. After the session, participants will receive an assignment, enabling them to navigate the European mechanisms of human rights at the hand of a specific case study.

Further reading:

- [International Migrants Bill of Rights & Legal Commentaries](#), Georgetown Immigration Law Journal 28
- Frigo M., [Migration and International Human Rights Law: A Practitioners Guide](#), International Commission of Jurists, 2014
- Chetail, V., [The Human Rights of Migrants in General International Law: From Minimum Standards to Fundamental Rights](#). *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, 28(1), 2013
- Yannis Ktistakis, [Protecting Migrants Under the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter: A Handbook for Legal Practitioners](#), Council of Europe, 2013
- [Inter-American Principles on the Human Rights of Migrants, Refugees, Stateless Persons and Victims of Human Trafficking](#)