Roundtable on
Confronting hate in our societies and
reshaping narratives on migration

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#StandUp4HumanRights
Human rights concerns

“This type of language is clearly inflammatory and unacceptable...”
– former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein urging the U.K. to tackle tabloid hate speech, after migrants called “cockroaches” (2015)
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

EARTH
Role of the UN Human Rights Office

• Confronting racism, xenophobia, discrimination
• Working with and bringing together a range of actors
• Storytelling, sharing and amplifying migrants’ stories and the communities that welcome them
• Building a narrative on migration based on our shared values and common humanity

#StandUp4Migrants
Confronting hate and reshaping narratives on migration

“MANY STORIES MATTER. STORIES HAVE BEEN USED TO DISPOSSESS AND TO MALIGN. BUT STORIES CAN ALSO BE USED TO EMPOWER, AND TO HUMANIZE. STORIES CAN BREAK THE DIGNITY OF A PEOPLE. BUT STORIES CAN ALSO REPAIR THAT BROKEN DIGNITY.”

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Stand Up for Migrants – the way forward

• Take stock
• How to build support
• How to reframe narratives
• Concrete steps to move forward