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Concept note for Side event, organised by Sustainable Development Committee Vienna Board members

Background information: The Sustainable Development Committee at the UN in Vienna is focusing on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development. It provides a forum for NGOs interested in discussing and analysing the work of the UN intergovernmental bodies in the field of sustainable development, as well as the related activities of the Vienna-based UN organizations. It encourages new initiatives and seeks inputs into civil society's contribution to the - 2030 agenda of the United Nations.

Side event at the CCPCJ 2021, 17-21 May 2021

At this year's Conference on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice the thematic theme is the *Protocol on Smuggling of Migrants*

The Committee would like to draw attention on the linkages between root causes of migration: environmental disasters, wicked legacies and crime; thus following up the topic of previous events. The Event would take place during CCPCJ 2021 on May 18 or 20 2021; provided approval of the application.

Draft title: **Environmental factors as an important trigger for migration.** – Reconsidering the definition of *smuggling migrants* in the context of (transnational) environmental disasters and hazardous legacies.

A panel of experts will present actual data of migration flows, root causes, impact of environmental factors and climate change on migration and why climate-related events can lead to increased migration. Followed by a discussion on understanding the links between environmental change and migration, which disproportionately affect vulnerable groups, in particular women and girls.

Experts contacted: IOM (Sylvia Lopez-Ekra via linked in), IIASA/Vienna Institute of Demography (Raya Muttarak), Michele LeVoy, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants.

Main Organizer: ZONTA International, co-organizer Soroptimist International, Socialist International Women and Committee on Sustainable Development Vienna

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