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**Asia Pacific
Refugee Rights
Network**

**You are cordially invited to a
PUBLIC SEMINAR**

AUSTRALIA AND THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR A NEW AGENDA

Monday 12 November, 6:00–7.30pm (registration commences at 5.30pm)

**Baker McKenzie Sydney Office
Tower One, Level 46
100 Barangaroo Avenue, Sydney**

UN Member States will gather in Morocco on 10-11 December 2018, to adopt the text of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), the first ever-global instrument to provide common frameworks, principles and approaches for dealing with international migration. The GCM is an historic achievement that reflects states' strong desire to cooperate to effectively manage human mobility. It sets out a normative guide and policy framework that aims to uphold the rights of migrants at a time of increased nationalism, populism and anti-immigration sentiment.

As a multicultural nation, Australia has a unique opportunity to strengthen its existing migration commitments, and to set a future-facing agenda that influences both domestic and Asia-Pacific policy contexts, as well as shaping the global debate on migration. This public seminar brings together key policy makers involved in migration policy and planning at the highest level to consider how the Australian government and civil society actors can support, implement, monitor and review the GCM. The seminar aims to raise public awareness and understanding of the importance of the GCM.

PANELLISTS

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Discussion facilitated by **DR MELISSA PHILLIPS**, Adjunct Research Fellow, Humanitarian and Development Initiative (HADRI), Western Sydney University

*****ALL WELCOME*****

This is a free event but registration is essential for catering purposes.

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