

Lunch debate on

Migration and Integral Human Development: 50 years after *Populorum Progressio*



Thursday

23 March 2017

12:00 – 14:00



Reception &
Sandwich Lunch



Welcoming
by Fr. Olivier Poquillon OP
General Secretary
of COMECE



Populorum
Progressio:
Its Relevance
for Today's World
by Grégoire Catta SJ
Centre Sèvres – Paris



Facing forced
migration
by Annabelle Roig Granjon
Senior EU Affairs Officer,
UNHCR Brussels, Global
issues / EU Unit



The right not to
migrate in the
context of the right
to development
by José Luis Bazán
COMECE Legal Advisor



Questions
& answers
session



Closing Remarks,
by José Ignacio García SJ
Regional Director
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Please register online by Monday 20 March latest:

In 2017 we commemorate the fifty anniversary of the publication of Encyclical *Populorum Progressio* by Pope Paul VI whose enriching reflection shifted development to the center of the question of social justice. From then on the concept of integral human development (“the good of every man and of the whole man”) entered for good into Catholic Social Teaching.

Among others, Pope Paul VI addressed the issue of migration reminding the duty of giving foreigners a hospitable reception and a warm welcome, “imposed by human solidarity and by Christian charity.” At the same time, the Pope called for “furthering man's spiritual and moral development, and benefiting the whole human race”, allowing people to remain in dignity in their own country. War and violence, or lack of social, economic, cultural and political development in their home countries force people to look for protection or opportunities in other countries.

COMECE wishes to invite you to a lunch event to debate what migration and asylum policies should take into account in order to preserve the primary rights of persons and assist less developed countries in their own integral development.

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