# #StandUp4Migrants



#### **Roundtable on**

#### **Confronting hate in our societies and**

## reshaping narratives on migration

Geneva, 10 July 2019



#### 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)



Snapshot of an image search for 'migrants'







Creating 21st century border governance by expanding public safety, protecting human rights, and welcoming border residents and newcomers.

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## **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

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http://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/pages/vid eostories.aspx



Hari Kondabolu shared United Nations Human Rights's video.

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Proud to be a part of this amazing project.

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#### STAND-UP FOR MIGRANTS A night of comedy in English and French



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

