

Name of Int'l Meeting / Engagement	Description	Date(s)	Location	Attendees
IGC Integration Working Group - Communicating With and About Migrants	Relevant and accessible information is key to integration, and governments need effective communication and clear engagement channels with receiving communities as well as with new arrival so they feel welcome and included and can quickly build their lives.	11/2 – 11/3/2017	Geneva, Switzerland	Laura Patching, Chief, Office of Citizenship
Metropolis North America - Migration Policy Forum: People, Labor, Borders and Security	The goals of this inaugural policy forum are to facilitate open and constructive discussion between policymakers, researchers and practitioners in order to achieve better understanding of the respective challenges in the area of migration in the United States, Mexico and Canada.	11/16 – 11/17/2017	Arlington, VA	Laura Patching, Chief, Office of Citizenship
IGC Immigration Working Group - Latest Trends in Skilled Migration	The aim of this meeting is to reflect on some of the recent changes and future directions of selective skilled migration across IGC States. Meeting participants are encouraged to share both successful experiences as well as challenges, through frank and informal discussion.	11/21 – 11/22/2017	Geneva, Switzerland	Kathy Nuebel Kovarik, Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy
International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ)	The IARLJ holds a yearly conference attended by refugee law judges from around the world. The IARLJ seeks to foster recognition that protection from persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion is an individual right established under international law, and that the determination of refugee status and its cessation should be subject to the rule of law. This year, Asylum will present on Adjudication of Sensitive Claims, specifically sexual orientation and domestic violence.	11/29 - 12/1/2017	Athens, Greece	Jennifer Higgins, Associate Director, RAIO / Dimple Dhabalia, Senior Advisor, RAIO
U.S.-Cuba Migration Talks	The talks discuss the evaluation and implementation of the Migration Accords, updates on Cuban Migration Policy, trends in maritime and overland Cuban Migration, and the issue of returning removable aliens to Cuba. Attendance: solely U.S. and Cuban officials.	12/4/2017	Washington, DC (State Dept.)	TBD. International Operations Deputy Chief usually attends the migration talks and either the RAIO Associate Director, the USCIS Director or Deputy Director attends as the principal.
IGC Country of Origin Information Working Group	The meeting will be an occasion to continue several discussions in the working group, and to focus in particular on the theme of burnout and strategies for staff wellbeing, which is a key prerequisite in order to maintain productivity and morale.	12/5 – 12/6/2017	Geneva, Switzerland	LeRoy Potts (or designee), Chief, Research Unit, RAIO
IGC Bangladesh Workshop (COI Working Group)	In November 2016, attached to the Country of Origin Information Working Group meeting, IGC organized a COI workshop on China. This semester, also following the COI Working group meeting, we will address the situation in Bangladesh.	12/7/2017	Geneva, Switzerland	LeRoy Potts (or designee), Chief, Research Unit, RAIO
IGC Mini-Full Round 2017	In addition to the working groups the IGC convenes twice per year, it also coordinates two high level meetings focusing on issues related to a particular theme that is set by the chair (this year it is Norway). The Mini Full Round is one of two high level meetings and generally takes place every December in Geneva. The theme is expected to focus on processing cases in times of crises.	12/14 – 12/15/2017	Geneva, Switzerland	Jennifer Higgins, Associate Director, RAIO / Shannon Roberts, Senior Advisor, RAIO