



Global Compact for Safe, Orderly Regular Migration (GCM): From Process to Substance

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MIGRATION – A MAJOR GLOBAL ISSUE

- 244 million international migrants, but just 3.3% of world population
- 150 million migrant workers
- Growing xenophobia & discrimination
- Inclusion of migration in recent multilateral agreements
 - 2030 SDGs
 - Addis Ababa Action Agenda
 - Sendai Disaster Risk Reduction Framework
 - Paris Climate Change Agreement
 - New Urban Agenda
- Need comprehensive, long-term vision for human mobility



Heads of State and Government committed to:

- (a) protect** safety, dignity, rights of all migrants, regardless of migratory status;
- (b) support** countries rescuing, receiving & hosting large numbers of refugees & migrants;
- (c) integrate** migrants – needs/capacities & those of receiving communities – in humanitarian & development planning;
- (d) combat** xenophobia, racism & discrimination;
- (e) develop** state-led process, non-binding principles & voluntary guidelines on treatment of vulnerable migrants; and
- (f) strengthen** global governance of migration, including by bringing IOM into the UN & development of a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.



THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION

- Framed by 2030 SDGs: MSs committed to cooperate internationally to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration;
- Principles, commitments & understandings on international migration in all its dimensions;
- Contribute to global governance and enhance coordination on international migration;
- Framework for comprehensive international cooperation on migrants & human mobility;
- All aspects of international migration – humanitarian, developmental, human rights-related & other aspects;
- Guided by the 2030 SDGs & Addis Ababa Action Agenda & informed by the Declaration of 2013 HLD on International Migration & Development

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



A MOMENTOUS DECISION

Global Compact promises that migration, will, at last, be guided by a set of **common principles and approaches**.

- Recognize States' sovereign right to decide who may enter their territories, consistent with international law.
- The GCM is to foster more robust collaboration on migration.



CLEAR, TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE PROCESS

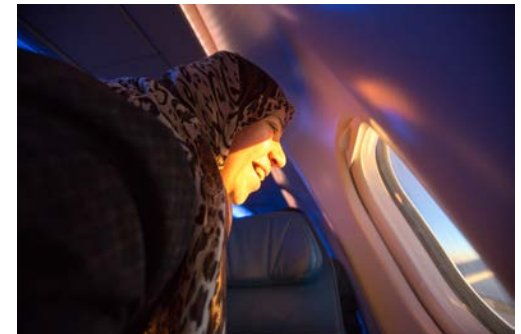
- Clear, transparent, inclusive process - views, expertise and priorities of:
 - MSs – all regions
 - UN, regional and sub-regional bodies
 - Broader migration community:
 - civil society, migrants & diaspora organizations
 - academia
 - private sector & unions
 - international financial institutions
 - Regional Consultative Processes on Migration and inter-regional fora.



**A world in which migrants move by choice, not desperate necessity;
rights of migrants protected throughout;
migration well-governed to be a positive force for all.**

Three major objectives:

1. **Facilitating** safe, orderly & regular migration – the migration we wish to have;
2. **Reducing** incidence & impact of forced & irregular migration – the migration we do not wish to have; and
3. **Responding** to the mobility impacts of natural and human-made disasters – the migration that occurs whether we want it or not.



IOM's VISION

**Place migrants – their rights, needs & capacities – at the heart of our efforts;
Address relationship of migration to development, humanitarian, climate change &
peace & security agendas;
Truly comprehensive approach.**

The **Migration Governance Framework (MiGOF)** outlines a comprehensive approach to well-managed migration, it would:

1. Adhere to international standards & fulfil migrants' rights
2. Be evidence-based & “whole-of-government”
3. Foster strong partnerships



IOM proposes:

- Open, inclusive regional & thematic consultations -- 2017
- Draw on global & regional fora, incl. GFMD, RCPs, RECs, IOM's International Dialogue on Migration, etc.
- Views, expertise, perspectives & good practices of all relevant partners



POSSIBLE CLUSTERING OF ISSUES

1. **Protect migrants' rights** – especially migrants in situations of vulnerability, exploitation or abuse
2. **Facilitate labour migration/mobility** -- all skills levels, incl. for education & family reunification
3. **Reduce incidence & impact of irregular migration** – incl. trafficking & smuggling of migrants; facilitate return & reintegration
4. **Contribute to socio-economic development**
5. **Integration & social inclusion**, incl. countering xenophobia
6. **Address migration crises** -- conflict, natural disasters & climate change
7. **Foster governance & cooperation** -- local, national, regional & global

JOINT EFFORTS

- **Draw on existing norms** – protection of rights & governance of migration.
- **GCM: actionable and practical.**
 - ensure safety, dignity & human rights of all migrants;
 - govern migration effectively & humanely; and
 - realize development potential of migrants for home and host societies.
- Success depends on working together.

