



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AT THE 113<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR MIGRATION COUNCIL MEETING, GENERAL DEBATE AT CICG- GENEVA ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

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**The Chairperson of the Council**

**The Director-General of IOM**

**Distinguished Delegates**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Chair,**

Kenya aligns itself to the statement delivered by the Republic of Nigeria on behalf of the African Group and wishes to reiterate its commitment to multilateral cooperation within the IOM fraternity for sustainable migration governance.

Kenya commends the Director General for the comprehensive report that articulated IOM engagements in the preceding year and the staff for their commitment despite working under very challenging circumstances presented by the ever-evolving emerging crisis.

Kenya recognizes that no country can address migration single-handedly. There is need to strengthen existing partnership efforts while forging creative and innovative cooperative mechanisms that will guide our engagements on migration into the future. The Global Compact on Migration (GCM) offers such a mechanism. Therefore, its implementation, monitoring and review is of utmost importance while

thinking about and creating alternatives.

**Chair,** IOM has partnered with us in many ways including various humanitarian support services rendered to our migrants during and after the pandemic and in the fight against prolonged drought in our country.

Through partnership with IOM, Kenya has achieved tremendous strides in migration governance. The IOM has continued to support inter-agency working mechanisms on Kenya migration thematic areas such as labour migration and governance, the National Coordination Mechanism on migration (NCM), migration data technical working groups, cooperation mechanisms on border management among others. As the Secretariat to UN Network I Kenya, IOM has been at the centre of forging GCM implementation cooperation among Kenyan stakeholders.

**Chair,** ensuring safe migration is predicated upon strong institutional and personnel capacity, equipped with the right information, technology, knowledge, and aptitudes on migration. IOM continues to play crucial part in strengthening capacity of various actors in migration governance. This, we take note of and wish to appreciate the impact of this capacity building initiatives to our migration governance ecosystem.

**Chair, Kenya** aspires to create the right public perceptions, attitudes and reality on migration. This we will continue to do through implementation of relevant migration programming and consolidation of the benefits of the County Outreach Program. This program aims to spread the right migration messaging and information to the County and community levels to create more understanding and knowledge on migration reality, perceptions and attitudes in Kenya. To achieve a change in migration attitudes, we will rely on whole of society and whole of government cooperation.

In conclusion, Kenya will continuously strive to strengthen its migration governance ecosystem to achieve a safe, orderly and humane mobility. We will continue to create win-win migration solutions that benefit all. We will also continue to strengthen and

extend our migration partnerships with/to other like-minded partners, increase our financial commitment to migration programming in the country and support the IOM and UN Network on migration whenever called upon.

**Thank you!**