

“Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration and the Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”

High-level webinar for ISCM Chairs and Secretariats in preparation to the GCM Regional Reviews

Closing remarks

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank the speakers and participants for their excellent contributions and rich debate and thank the Chairs and the Heads of Secretariats of the inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration for their important feedback to webinar discussions.

This webinar looked at possible contribution by inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration to the 2020 regional reviews of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

It once again highlighted the significance of the ISCMs’ review of the progress of the implementation of the relevant objectives and principles of the global compact for migration at the regional level.

The discussions showed that:

- ⇒ As important stakeholders in migration governance, inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration are invited by the General Assembly to contribute into the global compact reviews at the regional level.
- ⇒ Each region will have its preferred setup for the reviews of the global compact for migration. The global compact reviews process comprises of various meetings and written submissions by all relevant stakeholders.
- ⇒ While GCM implementation rests with States themselves, inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration can contribute to the UN Member States’ efforts by providing consolidated and nascent expert platforms for exchange of practices, information and knowledge on the global compact for migration.
- ⇒ Inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration can feed into the GCM regional reviews directly as an ISCM. They can submit their written inputs, which can follow the Indicative outline for reviews by regional actors. The review of GCM objectives or

principles can also take place at other dedicated meetings by the given inter-State consultation mechanism on migration.

- ⇒ Inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration can also contribute to the reviews indirectly through their Member States, who can voice the ISCMs' positions at different review fora.
- ⇒ Inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration can forge joint inputs together with other ISCMs covering the same region.
- ⇒ Inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration covering more than one region may consider contributing to the regional reviews in these respective regions. These contributions are expected in the format of:
 - dedicated events on GCM;
 - participation in GCM review events;
 - capacity building for their Member States;
 - regional, interregional or intra-regional cooperation on GCM objectives of their focus;
 - reinforcing information awareness on GCM, migration policies and issues relevant for the GCM;
 - providing a platform to exchange best practices on the GCM.
 - Influencing ISCMs' Member States' migration policies;
 - Synergies with other ISCMs in the same region;
 - Cooperation with other stakeholders, intergovernmental and non-governmental.
- ⇒ Inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration prioritized contributing to global governance of migration; fostering synergies with partners; promoting the link between migration and development; enhancing human rights especially of vulnerable migrants, including children; work on various areas of migration governance such as border management, migrant integration; protection; repatriation.
- ⇒ Among the main challenges faced by the inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration in GCM regional reviews were:
 - ✿ Insufficient resources and differences in constituencies of ISCMs;
 - ✿ Emerging migration issues (climate change; migration health and COVID 19 pandemic); as well as

- ✿ combatting irregular migration and organized transnational crime (human trafficking and migrant smuggling).
- ⇒ These challenges can be addressed in the following manner: achieving harmonization of policies; use of online tools; use of tools to measure ISCMs' work; exchanges with other ISCMs, and cooperation and partnerships with all relevant actors.
- ⇒ COVID 19 pandemic is also a global challenge, however ISCMs have found new ways to approach processes due to COVID 19, which can help coordination on other issues, too. Thus, ISCM web portals (like in case of RCM and CMC) can offer forums for discussion of the GCM.

I congratulate all RCPs, IRFs and global processes on migration for pioneering migration governance at regional and cross-regional levels and contributing an overall vision for human mobility, thanks to which the global compact for migration is possible.

There is a continued need for the ISCMs' engagement with the implementation and regional and global level reviews of the global compact for migration.

I would like to reconfirm IOM's readiness to provide a continued support to all inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration, including technical advice, capacity building, research, building synergies and networking.

I thank all participants and have the honor to officially close the webinar.