



**Sustainable Development at the National and  
Regional Levels  
Role of the Arab Regional Consultative  
Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)**



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# The Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

- Arab Member States participate in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) on their implementation of the 2030 Agenda during the High Level Political Forums (HLPF) since 2016.
- In 2019 the HLPF will focus on “**Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality**”.
  - **Goal 10** (Reduce inequality within and among countries) is one of the goals covered by the HLPF this year.
  - Algeria, Iraq, Kuwait, Mauritania and Oman will participate in the 2019 VNRs.

# The Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

- 14 Arab Member States participated in the VNRs since 2016

Country	year
Algeria	2019
Bahrain	2018
Egypt	2016- 2018
Iraq	2019
Jordan	2017- 2020
Kuwait	2019
Lebanon	2018
Libya	2020
Mauritania	2019
Oman	2019
Qatar	2017-2018
Saudi Arabia	2018
Sudan	2018
U.A.E.	2018

# The GCM and the SDGs

## Target 10.7

Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people

## Targets

4.B - 5.2 - 8.7 - 10.C - 16.2 - 17.18 - 1.5 - 11.5 - 13.1.3

**Global Compact on Safe,  
Orderly and Regular  
Migration (GCM)**

# The GCR and the SDGs

Leaving No One Behind (paragraph 4)

Those whose needs are reflected in the Agenda include ..... refugees and internally displaced persons and migrants (paragraph 23)

**Global  
Compact on  
Refugees  
(GCR)**

## **GCR elements that are particularly important for achieving the SDGs:**

1. Setting out concrete measures to share the responsibility and ease the pressure on hosting countries;
2. Bringing humanitarian and development action closer together;
3. Providing ways to create jobs and livelihoods;
4. Recognizing that refugees and host communities themselves must be at the center of decision-making on refugee issues;
5. Urging the international community to take broader initiatives to prevent conflict and build sustained peace.

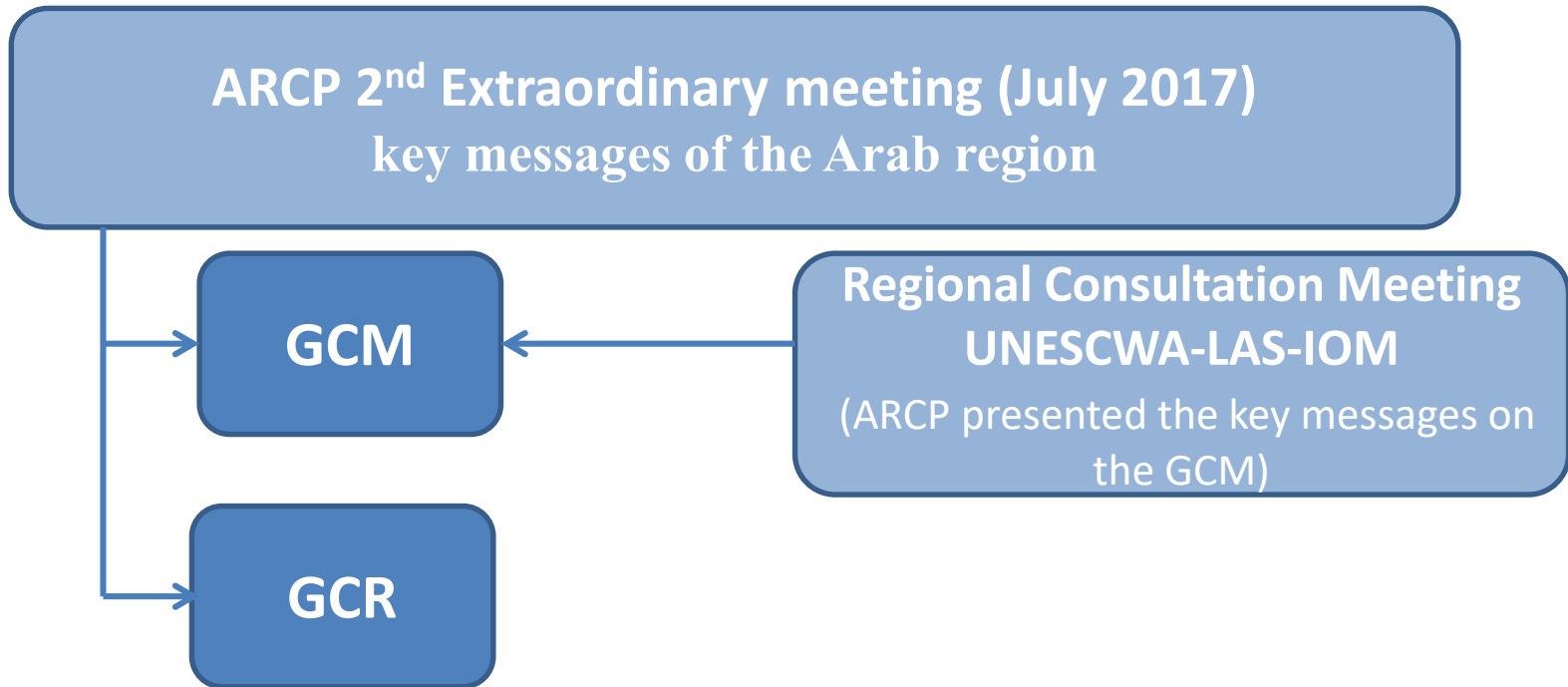
# The Role of the ARCP in the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees

ARCP 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary meeting (August 2016)  
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# The Role of the ARCP in the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees



# The ARCP Key Messages on the GCM relating to SDGs

- Acknowledging that migration is the other face of development through the implementation of the 2030 SDGs, which will largely impact migration, since poverty and unemployment are considered among the main drivers of migration.
- The necessity of incorporating migration in development policies at the national, regional, and international levels, in consistence with the 2030 SDGs and the national development plans.
- The importance of taking into consideration the gender disparities in all aspects of migration management to achieve equality for women, in consistence with the 5th goal of the 2030 SDGs.
- Affirming that social cohesion can be achieved through encouraging policies that lead to the safeguarding of cultural diversity and integration and work on the engagement for all, in pursuance with the 2030 SDGs, and the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.



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- Encouraging joint planning between humanitarian and development actors to promote long-term development assistance in support of the economy and national development plans.
- Creating suitable conditions for the voluntary return of refugees to their countries with safety and dignity, which requires funding for reconstruction and development in countries of origin, encouraging the investment in these countries and the rehabilitation of refugees to contribute to the reconstruction projects of their home-countries.
- Assisting countries of origin to integrate the special needs of returning refugees into the national development planning, so as to ensure that their displacement is not renewed when the situation stabilizes.

# The ARCP strategy and the SDGs

The ARCP was keen to formulate a comprehensive and integrated Arab strategy, in an effort to maximize the benefits of migration and minimize its hazards, strengthen the position of Arab states in negotiating migration issues regionally and globally, and open new horizons for cooperation and partnership between sending, transit and receiving countries.

In this framework, the ARCP has endorsed its Programming Document during its second meeting in May 2016. **The migration related SDG targets are reflected in the ARCP's Programming Document and its biennial work plans.**

# The ARCP's role in realizing the migration-related SDG targets



# SDGs in ARCP's Work Plans

**Permanent topic on the agenda  
of the ARCP annual regular  
meetings**  
(May2016/May2017/May2018/April2019)

**Updated  
Information  
Notes**

**Capacity  
Building  
Workshops**

**Thank You..**

