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# **Working Group on IOM-UN Relations and Related Issues**

## **GCM update**

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Director General

# 1. INTRODUCTION

## Outline of Remarks

1. Debrief on the 6<sup>th</sup> thematic session and 2<sup>nd</sup> multistakeholder hearing
2. Regional Consultations update
3. Update on the 6<sup>th</sup> thematic session and the Multistakeholder Hearing
4. Debrief on the Migration Research Leaders Syndicate Workshop
5. Debrief on 7<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting of Regional Consultative Processes
6. Preparations for the Stocktaking meeting in Puerto Vallarta
7. Other updates

## 2. DEBRIEF - SIXTH THEMATIC SESSION

- *Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures, Geneva, 12-13 October 2017*
- Preceded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Multistakeholder Hearing on 11 October.
- Many innovative policy solutions discussed at thematic.
- Three successful side events co-hosted/co-organized by IOM.

## 3. REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

- Regional consultations held to date:
  - ECLAC on 30-31 August, Santiago
  - ESCWA on 26-27 September, Beirut
  - ECA on 26-27 October, Addis Ababa
    - Africa Sub-regional consultations:
      - Eastern Africa, 24-25 July, Nairobi
      - Southern Africa, 21-22 September, Lusaka
      - Western Africa, 27-28 September, Dakar
      - Central Africa, 24-25 October, Addis Ababa
      - Northern Africa, 24-25 October, Addis Ababa
- Final two regional consultations:
  - UNECE on 6 November, Geneva
  - UNESCAP on 6-8 November, Bangkok

## 4. MIGRATION RESEARCH LEADERS SYNDICATE

- Now comprises 36 members and 9 advisers.
- Workshop held on 28-29 September 2017.
- Series of 26 technical papers on policy conundrums, to be compiled into publication.
- First batch of papers already available online:

<https://www.iom.int/migration-research-leaders-syndicate>

## 5. 7TH GLOBAL MEETING OF REGIONAL, INTER-REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES

- Held on 10-11 October 2017.
- Objective: gather views and perspectives from the regional level to inform the GCM.
- Brought together 72 delegates from various processes, commissions etc.
- Report being finalized, and will be submitted to SRSG and Co-facilitators, and made available online once finalized.

## 6. STOCKTAKING

- 4-6 December, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.
- Draft agenda and logistical note have been shared. Available here: <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/stocktaking-phase>
- Delegations up to four participants, led at the Ambassadorial level.
- Briefing being held today in New York. Possibility of another next week.
- Side events are discouraged by the Co-facilitators.

## 7. IOM INPUT TO THE SG'S REPORT

- IOM input focuses on :
  - GCM structure
  - Means of implementation
  - Framework for voluntary review and follow up.
- Need for a mechanism that support collaboration by all stakeholders.
  - IOM and its council or its IDM could be the answer.
- All inputs to be available on UN GCM website.



## 8. OTHER UPDATES

- Negotiations on modalities for intergovernmental conference are continuing.
  - Morocco in December 2018 is firming up as a potential location.
- IOM provided support to 34 national multistakeholder consultations to date.
- Six regional CSO consultations already held. Pacific one to be held this week.
- IOM assisting with CSO stocktaking, immediately prior to the GCM stocktaking.

## 9. CLOSING REMARKS

- IOM continues to be at your service.
- IOM appreciates all the Member States' support.
- Looking forward to seeing you in Mexico next month.
- Thank you.