Summary of Survey on

Contributions of Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration (ISCM)

to Global Policy Initiatives

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has conducted a survey on the inputs by Inter-State Consultation mechanisms on migration (ISCMs) to major policy dialogue forums relevant for migration management, in particular the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (UNHLPF) in July 2023; the 2nd SDG Summit in September 2023; the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP28) in November-December 2023; and the next cycle of the regional review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in 2024.

This exercise was done by the IOM in its capacity as the Coordinator of the Global Meeting of ISCMs (GRCP) in order to convey the feedback received from the ISCMs to the United Nations and UN Member States as well as to inform the discussions of the 10th Global ISCM Meeting in June 2023 on "Addressing Current Issues of Regional and Global Policy Dialogue on Migration." During April and May 2023, twenty-four ISCMs from around the world were requested to complete the questionaries on Contributions of ISCMs to Global Policy Initiatives. 60% of these 24 mechanisms have sent their inputs and shared their practices and knowledge.

This exercise was another opportunity for the ISCMs to contribute with their regional and cross-regional views and voices to the global policy dialogue and global governance of migration and its interlinkages with other policy areas.

This document summarizes the feedback received from the following ISCMs: Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP), Budapest Process, Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM), International Technical Meeting on Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region (Quito Process), Migration Dialogue for the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Member States (MIDCOM), Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA), Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA), Ministerial Consultation on Overseas Employment and Contractual Labour for Countries of Origin and Destination in Asia (Abu Dhabi Dialogue), Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States – European Union Dialogue on Migration and Development (OACPS-EU MD), Prague Process, Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa (RMFM), Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), and South American Conference on Migration (SACM).

The survey revealed that while ISCMs contribute to all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the goals prioritized by them are: SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth); SDG 10 (reduced inequality); SDG 17 (partnerships for Goals) and SDG 5 (gender equality). Since the GCM is anchored on the 2030 Agenda, the ISCMs often link their work toward attainment of SGDs to their efforts towards the GCM Objectives and they consider the following GCM Objectives as the most important to make progress on over the next decade: Objective 23 (international cooperation and partnerships for migration); Objective 2 (minimize the adverse drivers); Objective 1 (accurate and disaggregated data); Objective 3 (accurate and timely information at all stages of migration) and Objective 5 (pathways for regular migration).

ISCMs proposed messages to the attention of the SDG Summit/HLPF and COP 28 and shared their effective practices relevant for sustainable development, climate change and GCM objectives.
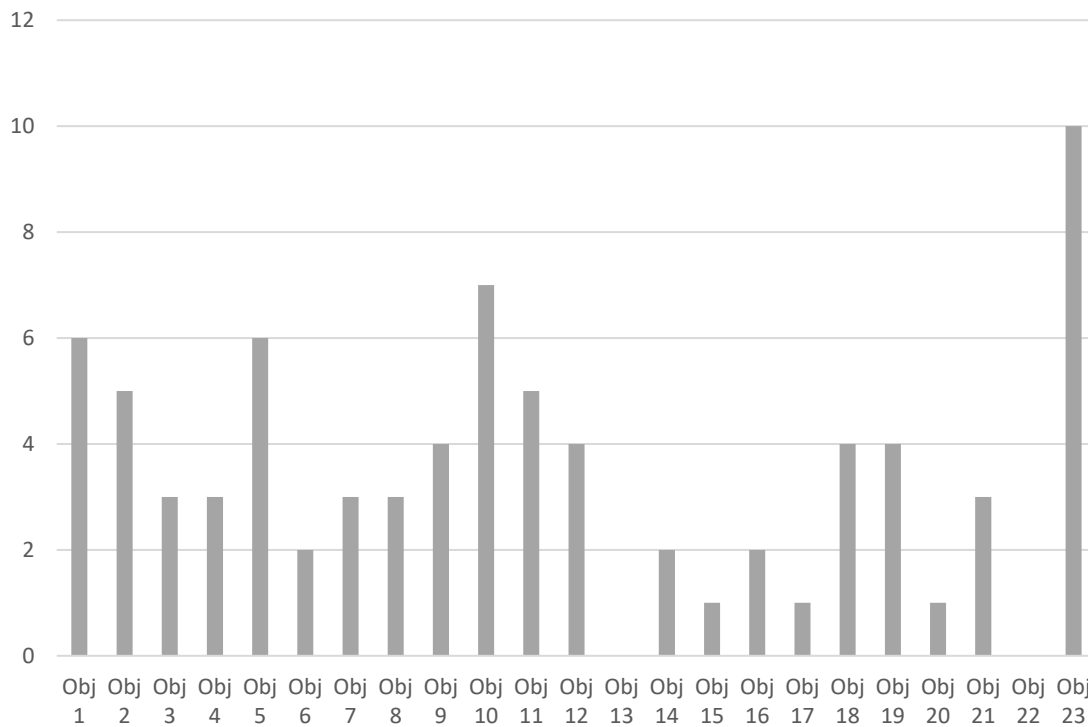
Annex: Analysis of the survey results, including effective practices by ISCMs

Regional Reviews of the Global Compact for Migration

ISCMs have played an important and growing role in the reviews for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). The next cycle of the GCM Regional Reviews is planned for 2024. In this sense, the survey sought potential contributions from the ISCMs in these reviews.

Currently, and following ISCMs' responses to the survey, we can identify the Objective 23 (Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration) as the most mentioned in terms of contributions through the work done by ISCMs to the GCM (by 76% of the respondent ISCMs). The Objective 10 (Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration), Objective 1 (Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies), Objective 5 (Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration), Objective 2 (Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin) and Objective 11 (Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner) also have a significant number of mentions as issues addressed by the ISCMs.
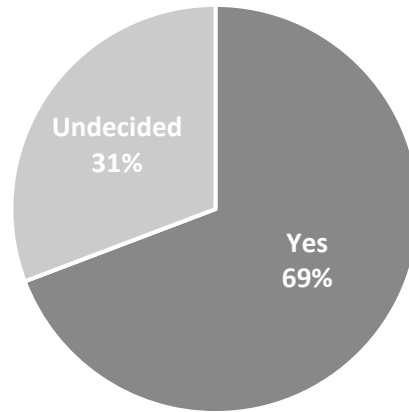

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Of the ISCMs that shared information through the survey, 69% plan to engage in the 2024 cycle of the GCM regional review. The remaining 31% mentioned that they have not yet decided. It is
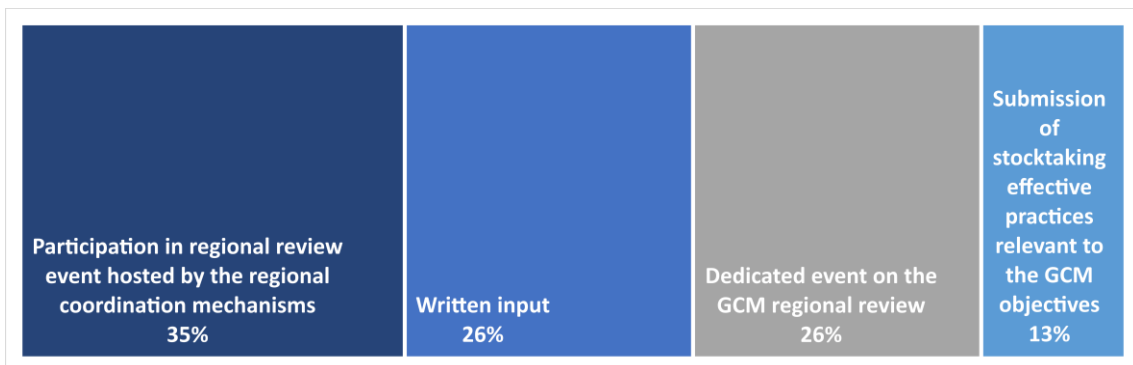
important to note that there none of the surveyed ISCMs responded that they do not plan to participate.

Graph 3

ISCMs were asked to indicate the format and kind of contributions they plan for the next cycle of the GCM reviews. The format preferred by ISCMs is regional review events hosted by the regional coordination mechanisms (more than 35% of the responses) in which the ISCMs have planned to contribute for the GCM cycle of regional review. Other forms of participation by the ISCMs are written inputs (26% of the responses) and dedicated ISCM events on the GCM regional review (26% of the responses).
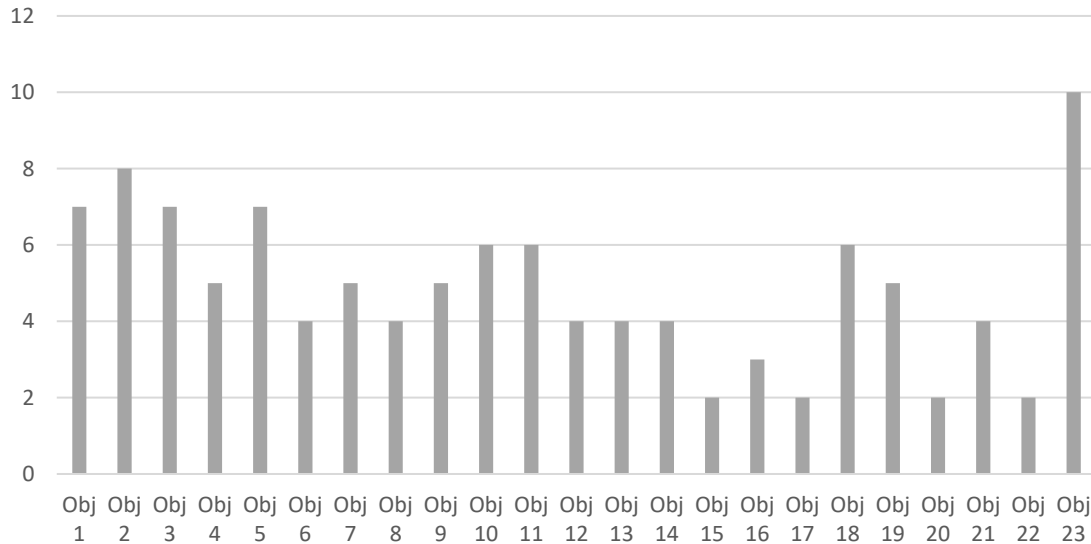

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Finally, ISCMs have prioritized those GCM Objectives that they consider most important to make progress on over the next decade. In this regard, the responses echo the ISCM current actions on GCM. Objective 23 (international cooperation and partnerships for migration) was again the most cited objective (by 77% of surveyed ISCMs). Other objectives such as Objective 2 (Minimize the adverse drivers) cited by 62% of surveyed ISCMs, Objective 1 (accurate and disaggregated data), Objective 3 (accurate and timely information at all stages of migration) and Objective 5

(pathways for regular migration) [the latter 3 objectives each cited by 54% of surveyed ISCMs) were also prioritized by ISCMs for the next decade.

Graph 4

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The following practices are some examples of **effective actions (since 2021) carried out by the ISCMs in relation to the achievements relevant to the GCM regional review**.

Abu Dhabi Dialogue

All of the current thematic programmes under discussion by the Abu Dhabi Dialogue have relevance to key objectives of the GCM.

Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)

The GCM is part of all the ARCP biennial workplans and it is a permanent topic on the agenda of its regular meetings. The ARCP Member States adopted a statement during its 8th Meeting, held on 10 March 2022, which was submitted to the first IMRF as a contribution from the ARCP.

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

The GFMD Working Group on Sustainable Development and International Migration (SD&IM) is an outcome of a progressive reflection of participating Member States that the GFMD should play an active role in the implementation, follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the implementation of the GCM. The Working Group was mandated to support the implementation, review and follow-up of international commitments

agreed by GFMD participating Member States, including the migration-specific and migration-related goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda and the GCM objectives, as well as to review, assess, and further develop the recommendations and findings laid out in the report on the GFMD Ten Year Review (2018), in order to continue to reform and improve the GFMD going forward. The WG allows for a coordinated response to both workstreams, on the SDGs and the GCM.

Migration Dialogue for the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Member States (MIDCOM)

- Developed and launched the Zambia Migration Policy (December 2022).
- Rolling out of the consolidated electronic Permit/Visa and border Management systems.

Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)

- Informal consultations on irregular migration across the southern route in the second half of 2023.

Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)

MIDWA has conducted a consultative process in October 2021 on the implementation of the GCM for the IMRF. The consultations included four roundtables and policy debate and plenary sessions and then the declaration of outcomes and progress. Member States proposed a set of priorities and recommendations at policy and practical level for the implementation of the GCM in the Region, follow up on those recommendations is underway.

Quito Process

- Member States of the Quito Process have modified their national immigration legislations – for example the Temporary Protection Status (Colombia), or the Plan for the Normalization of Venezuelans in Irregular Migratory Status (Dominican Republic).

Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)

- Workshop: "The Regional Conference on Migration and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration: II Preparation Workshop for the 2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)", held in Mexico in March 31-April 2022.
- [Extraordinary Declaration](#) of the RCM before the International Migration Review Forum, 1 April 2022.

Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM)

The RIAM organized in September 2022 under the chairmanship of Ecuador and Peru a Seminar on "Instruments and Policies for Migration Regularization and Integration in the Region". There, the Member States presented on the different issues related to regularization and integration, with the aim of highlighting experiences on migratory management through the instruments

and policies of regularization and integration in the region for the search for joint actions. This activity can contribute to the GCM, due to its relationship with objectives 5, 16, 20 and 22.

The RIAM organized in 2023, under the Argentina chairmanship, a workshop between RIAM member States and the European Union (EU) to share information about the new union travel regulations, which supports GCM objectives 3, 4, 5, 11, among others.

Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa (RMFM)

- Establishment of Regional Secretariat on Migration (Involving Chair of RMFM, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the East (African Community (EAC) and IOM) toward better inter-State collaboration.

- Setting up of National and Regional Advisory Committee on migration.

- Signing of bilateral labour migration agreements between RMFM member States and destination countries.

- Strengthening consular services through assigning Labour Attachés and coordinating Diaspora Networks to harness the capacities of the Diaspora and to better serve our nationals in destination countries.

- Drafting national migration policy and/or diaspora policy and reviewing existing migration and diaspora policies.

- Advancement in migration data management system and introduction of demand-driven skills development programs.

- Establishment of gender-sensitive systems and institutional frameworks for better integrating returning migrants.

South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

SACM organized during the Chile chairmanship different relevant activities regarding the regional review of the GCM:

- Virtual webinar on access to justice for migrants, with the objective of renewing the commitment of the Member Countries of the SACM to the subject, move towards the development of practical mechanisms that contribute to ensuring the right to justice for migrants in the Member Countries and share national and international experiences regarding facilities for access to justice for migrants. Aligned with objectives GCM 15 and 16.

- Virtual webinar "Gathering of information and statistics for regional migration cooperation and governance", sought to install the theme in the SACM, move towards the development of a regional instance for the exchange of data in the space of the SACM and the strengthening of the Observatory South American on Migrations (OSUMI) and share national and international experiences regarding migration data generation strategies. In line with GCM objective 1.

- The SACM face-to-face workshop "Empowerment of transnational communities of migrants and South American diasporas as agents of sustainable development" represented regional training to strengthen institutional capacities and facilitate regional cooperation in this area of work. Alignment with GCM objective 19.