Collective messages of
Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration (ISCM)
to the 2024-2025 regional reviews of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM)

The link between **migration** and **development** must underpin migration governance and migration must be viewed as benefiting both countries of origin and destination. Migration initiatives must be mainstreamed into national and regional development policies.

Irregular migration can be combatted through **development**, addressing the **root causes** and promoting **regular pathways**.

ISCMs call for promoting regularization experiences, **regular pathways**, **integration** and **international protection** mechanisms, including **social protection**.

Considering human **rights** and respecting the human **dignity of migrants** in general and **migrant workers** in policy development is essential for achieving **social cohesion** and enhancing the **contributions of migrants** as well as overall **reducing of the vulnerabilities**. **Protection** of migrants must be strengthened and tools for addressing **racial discrimination** and combating **xenophobia** must be in place. Migrants' access to **basic services**, including **health** and **education** services, must be ensured in national legislation. Alternatives to consular protection must be planned in scenarios of absence of consulates.

Flexibility, **adaptability** and **resilience to natural disasters** must be promoted and access to basic services for those displaced due to climate change must be facilitated. Rights-based and people-centred movement in the context of **climate change** must be ensured, including staying in place, planned relocation, migration and displacement through a proactive, inclusive and collaborative regional approach that reflects common interests in a culturally appropriate manner, while respective national sovereignty and diversity. Transits, safe-conducts and early warnings must be planned.
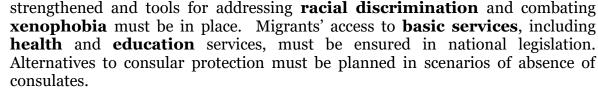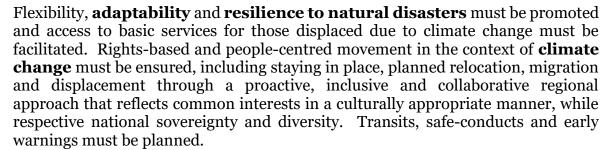
Saving migrants' lives must continue being a priority. Assistance, protection, prevention, investigation and prosecution of the crimes of **human trafficking** and **migrant smuggling** must be prioritized, the capacity of **border management** to **prevent irregular entry** while **respecting the international human rights law** must be strengthened and options for **voluntary, dignified and safe return** must be ensured.
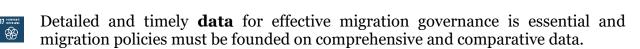
Detailed and timely **data** for effective migration governance is essential and migration policies must be founded on comprehensive and comparative data.

Given the transnational nature of migration, achieving the GCM objectives in one region is contingent on the neighbouring regions, too. GCM implementation and review must be **member-driven** and **collaborative** with all States, partners and stakeholders, underpinned by values of regional cooperation, innovation and respect for diversity and heritage. Strengthening **cooperation** between countries of origin and destination is essential to achieve a balance in migration policies. ISCMs call to unite for effective solidary for the implementation of the GCM.