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**Questionnaire on Opportunities and Challenges**

Dear RCP Representative / Secretariat,

In preparation for the upcoming Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (RCPs) in October 2011, to be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Botswana with the support of IOM, we are undertaking a survey of activities and developments within the principal RCPs since the previous meeting in Bangkok in 2009.

This questionnaire seeks to identify opportunities and challenges faced in enhancing cooperation on migration, as well as delineate initiatives undertaken since the 2009 meeting in Bangkok. Also of particular interest is information on what activities you may be undertaking in your respective governments and RCPs in preparation for the UN High Level Dialogue that is scheduled for the autumn of 2013.

The opening session of the meeting will draw upon the inputs provided by you through this questionnaire to facilitate information exchange and discussion. While recognizing the informal and individual nature of the various RCPs, the 2011 meeting represents a platform for discussion of common concerns and priorities.

Your responses to the following questions are critical to guiding the meeting's discussions. Some of them will be familiar to you as they have been used to inform deliberations of the previous global meeting of RCPs. Nevertheless, updated

information, as well as responses to the new questions, will help to identify progress on some of these recurrent themes and to provide insights with regard to the new areas the meeting will look into.

1. Several participants at the 2009 Bangkok meeting identified challenges related to internal coordination mechanisms and **ensuring that the right people are present** at RCP meetings. How is coordination undertaken between designated RCP participants and state ministries to encourage streamlined discussion? Have any new coordination mechanisms been put in place with a view to improving on this aspect?
2. What do you consider to be the greatest challenge(s) and opportunities (real and potential) for your RCP from a substantive and/or operational point of view?
3. To what extent is your RCP achieving the goals it has set? Is there concrete follow-up after meetings and, if so, what kinds of actions are taken based on recommendations adopted?
4. Some RCPs have noted the difficulty of addressing sensitive migration issues and situations in a multilateral setting, while issues such as counter-trafficking tend to have broad based support. What is the experience of your RCP in dealing with issues of sensitivity to its Member States? What tools are used to mediate these issues?
5. Migration is increasingly prominent on the agendas of regional economic and political organizations such as the EU, AU, ASEAN and MERCOSUR for example. Should the work of RCPs link up directly with the work of these more formal economic and political bodies? What would be the potential benefits and disadvantages of such an association for your RCP?
6. To what extent is there an interchange of ideas and information between your RCP and any other one(s)? Does the RCP/do the RCPs to which your country belongs participate in any inter-regional fora dealing with migration issues? If so which ones?
  - What has been the nature and outcome of these interactions and what do you see as the value added?
7. Increasingly, there is interest among states and other actors to look at the possibilities for synergies and complementarities in international fora dealing with cooperation on migration and development, with the aim of supporting dialogue on mutual areas of interest. In this regard:

- Do preparatory discussions take place within your RCP to prepare for GFMD conferences with a view to putting forward a common position on a theme of concern to your RCP?
  - What other topics of interest to your RCP intersect with themes highlighted in fora such as the GFMD, the United Nations High Level Dialogue (HLD) or other inter-regional fora? Do you see such alignment as desirable and why?
8. The 65<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly in its Resolution 65/170 (<http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/65/initiatives/A-RES-65-170.pdf>) invites Member States 'through appropriate regional consultative processes and, as appropriate, other major initiatives in the field of international migration, including on international migration and development, to contribute to the High-level Dialogue. In this regard:
- What discussions are taking place within your RCPs or in other national, bilateral or regional consultative fora that you would like to bring to the attention of the Third Global Meeting of RCPs, whose key outcomes will be fed into the HLD preparatory process?
9. Does your RCP engage civil society organizations in its deliberations? If so, what are the modalities of this engagement? What do you perceive as the challenges and the benefits that can/do accrue from it?
10. Does the profile information in the attached RCP Overview Chart accurately reflect the organization and functioning of your RCP? If not, please update this to reflect the current reality.

**Thank you for taking the time to answer the above questions and for returning the completed document to [rcp2011@iom.int](mailto:rcp2011@iom.int) by 23 September 2011.**