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**International Dialogue on Migration 2018**  
**Inclusive and innovative partnerships for effective global governance of migration**

**Concept note**

Partnership and cooperation are cornerstones of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and essential for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Goal 17 calls for the revitalization and enhancement of the global partnership for sustainable development in all areas, including migration. The central importance of partnerships on migration at all levels was a key takeaway from the stocktaking meeting, held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in December 2017, for the development of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. The need to strengthen international cooperation was also one of the key messages of the International Dialogue on Migration (IDM) 2017. During the IDM 2017, the Director General of IOM pointed out that international cooperation should involve and consider all relevant actors: national and local governments; multiple ministries; civil society; the private sector, migrant and diaspora organizations; academia; the media; and others. It also needs to recognize the obligations of all actors and the commitments required from all of them in the field of international migration.

There are several overarching topics to be considered when promoting inclusive partnerships, as outlined in annex II, paragraph 8, of resolution 71/1 and as emerged from the thematic consultations on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration:

- 1) Promotion and protection of human rights of all migrants (rights to life, health, education, non-discrimination, freedom from slavery and forced labour);
- 2) Concrete measures to identify vulnerable migrants in need of specialized protection and case management services;
- 3) Migrant contribution to sustainable development (engaging diasporas for development, remittances);
- 4) Shared responsibilities and opportunities (enabling civil society contributions);

- 5) Cooperation on data collection and analysis;
- 6) Migration governance.

Inter-State cooperation between countries of origin, transit and destination is at the heart of achieving safe, orderly and regular migration. The development and implementation of comprehensive approaches to migration also require cooperation to be multidisciplinary: the migration and development communities need to work together and include other related policy areas, including human rights, humanitarian issues, education, health, employment, security, and the environment. Furthermore, the involvement of non-State actors is essential – first and foremost migrants themselves, including diaspora groups and transnational networks, but also local and international non-governmental organizations, employers and recruiters, the business and finance sectors, academia and local communities. Such broad-based inclusive partnerships should be established at the local, national, bilateral, regional and global levels. Developing and operationalizing such collaboration models is a challenge, particularly as the migration discourse has grown more divisive in recent years.

Existing platforms for collaboration have further promoted discussions on and contributed to the development of multi-stakeholder cooperation in a variety of areas, such as migration and development, migration and climate change, children, youth, trafficking and smuggling, migration governance, and health. These platforms include inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration – whether global, like the International Dialogue on Migration and the Global Forum on Migration and Development, or regional, such as interregional and regional consultative processes on migration – and the Global Migration Group (GMG). The ongoing process for the development of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration is serving as a catalyst and provides an excellent framework for constructive, fact-based and inclusive discussions on migration.

IOM recognizes the paramount importance of cooperation and has been working in close partnership with all relevant stakeholders, including fellow UN agencies in all these areas. As a result, many cooperation frameworks and tools have been developed jointly with UN Agencies and other partners. These tools are made available, by IOM and partner agencies for the development and adoption of a global compact, and subsequently for the implementation and follow-up stages.

In 2018, the IDM will continue to support the global compact development process by devoting two workshops to the topic of inclusive and innovative partnerships for effective global governance of migration. These workshops will highlight different partnership models that exist in the migration field and showcase their value by presenting some of the migration management tools developed through cooperation among different actors. The discussions will explore existing partnership mechanisms and evaluate both achievements and challenges encountered. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange good practices and experiences on successful and inclusive partnerships at local, national, regional and international levels, and consider what can be done to replicate and scale up such partnerships elsewhere.