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Participants of the Fifth Global RCP Meeting in Cairo

# RCP Highlights 2015

## MAJOR RCP MEETINGS IN 2015

### The Fifth Global Meeting of RCP Chairs and Secretariats

Held on 21-22 October 2015 in Cairo, it brought together 86 delegates to discuss the contribution of RCPs in implementing and reviewing the migration-related targets of the recently adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This event marked ten years of Global RCP Meetings with a special Global RCP event to be organized in 2016 to coincide with IOM's 65th anniversary.

### The 30th Anniversary of the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)

The jubilee year's theme is *Strengthening Public Confidence in Migration Policy and Practice*. In 2015 IGC organized a full round (28 April-1 May), mini round (14-16 December) and numerous thematic meetings.

### The 20th Anniversary of the Puebla Process

The XX Regional Conference on Migration on 8-11 November 2015 discussed migrant rights, integration, return and reintegration of migrants.

### The 15th Anniversary of the Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)

MIDSA convened a Ministerial Meeting on 7-9 July 2015 to address protection of vulnerable migrants, especially unaccompanied migrant children in mixed migration flows. The *SADC Regional Action Plan on Irregular and Mixed Migration* was endorsed.

### The 15th Anniversary of the South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

The XV Conference on 8-10 September adopted the Santiago Decla-

ration *With Justice and Equality towards Migration Governance*.

### Ministerial level meeting of the Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)

Held on 9 October 2015, it adopted useful recommendations toward tackling irregular migration from West Africa and promoting development and regular migration opportunities in the region.

### Senior Officials' Meetings in 2015

Were organized by Almaty Process (22 September), Bali Process (5-6 May), Budapest Process (14-15 December), Colombo Process (4-5 November), Khartoum Process (24 November), Prague Process (6-7 July) and Rabat Process (2 December).

### Thematic areas addressed at various RCP events

**Asylum:** IGC and Rabat Process

**AVRR:** Bali Process and IGC

**Combating human trafficking:** Bali Process, Budapest Process and Rabat Process

**Integration:** Puebla Process

**Irregular migration:** Almaty Process, Bali Process, Budapest Process, MIDWA and Prague Process

**Labour migration:** Almaty Process and Colombo Process

**Migrant rights:** Puebla Process, SACM

**Migration and development:** Budapest Process

**Migration crisis:** Almaty Process

**Role of RCPs in migration-related SDGs:** Colombo Process

**Unaccompanied migrant children:** MIDSA, Puebla Process

## NEW INTER-STATE CONSULTATION PROCESSES ON MIGRATION

### Arab Regional Consultative Process

Established in April 2015, the ARCP was launched in October 2015, during the 5th Global RCP Meeting, becoming the 19th RCP in the world. The ARCP has 22 member states and addresses migration challenges in the Arab Region.

### Migration Dialogue for Central African States (MIDCAS)

The Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) adopted MIDCAS in May 2015. MIDCAS' first meeting is under planning.

### The Accra Forum

An Intra-Regional Consultation towards Facilitating Free Movement

of Persons in Africa was established in September 2015 and was endorsed to be an event that will be held annually.

### Regions interested in establishing migration policy dialogues

The Governments of the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Haiti and Jamaica have expressed interest in establishing a regional inter-state consultation mechanism on migration in the **Caribbean Region**.

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) is exploring modalities of initiating a migration policy dialogue in the **SAARC Region** building on the Kathmandu Declaration adopted at the 18th SAARC Summit of 26-27 November 2014.

## NEW PROJECTS WITH RCP INVOLVEMENT

### Africa

With funding from the U.S. Government the *VI Phase* of the IOM Project, **Addressing Irregular Migration Flows in Southern Africa**, supports the Member States of the **Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa** in managing migration in a humane and orderly manner, with a specific focus on upholding the rights of vulnerable migrants, such as unaccompanied migrant children, asylum seekers, undocumented labour migrants, and victims of human trafficking.

The EU Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (**Khartoum Process**) is directly supported under the **EU Support to Africa-EU Migration and Mobility Dialogue** programme and will focus in the first phase on combatting human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

### Asia

Through the **Strengthening Labour Migration Governance through Regional Cooperation in Colombo Process Countries** Project funded by the Swiss Government, IOM is providing technical expertise to the **Colombo Process** countries in five thematic areas (skills and qualification recognition, ethical recruitment, pre-departure orientation, reducing costs of remittances transfer, and Technical Support Unit).

### Australia and Oceania

**Phase 3** of the IOM-implemented **Bali Process Project Voluntary Return Support and Reintegration Assistance For Bali Process Member States** assists the voluntary, safe and dignified return of irregular migrants to their respective countries of origin.

### Mediterranean

The **MTM Dialogue** is implementing the **Mediterranean City-to-City Migration** Project, which facilitates dialogue on migration governance between cities in the Northern and Southern Mediterranean.

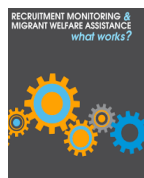
### Middle East

The **Abu Dhabi Dialogue** initiated the **pilot project on Skill Development, Certification, Upgrading and Recognition** for migrant workers from India, Pakistan, Philippines and Sri Lanka involved in the construction industry, hospitality, catering and electrical sectors in the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait.

### The Americas

The IOM project, **Building the Foundations for a Sustainable Regional Consultative Process on Migration for the Caribbean Region**, contributes to the regional dialogue and cooperation on migration policy issues among the Caribbean countries through various regional events and activities addressing the migration challenges in the region.

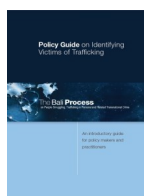
## RCP PUBLICATIONS IN 2015



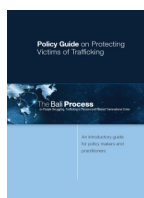
**Recruitment Monitoring and Migrant Welfare Assistance: What Works (Colombo Process)**  
[https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/migrated\\_files/What-We-Do/docs/Recruitment-Monitoring-Book.pdf](https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/migrated_files/What-We-Do/docs/Recruitment-Monitoring-Book.pdf)



**Addressing Irregular Migration through Effective Information Campaigns Handbook (Bali Process)**  
<http://www.baliprocess.net/regional-support-office/handbook-on-creating-effective-information-campaigns>



**Policy Guide on Identifying Victims of Trafficking (Bali Process)**  
<http://www.baliprocess.net/files/Policy%20Guide%20on%20Identifying%20Victims%20of%20Trafficking.pdf>



**Policy Guide on Protecting Victims of Trafficking (Bali Process)**  
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**A Survey on Migration Policies in West Africa**  
[https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/survey\\_west\\_africa\\_en.pdf](https://publications.iom.int/system/files/pdf/survey_west_africa_en.pdf)



**Irregular Migration between West Africa, North Africa and the Mediterranean**  
<http://rodakar.iom.int/oimsenegal/sites/default/files/Altai%20Consulting-Free%20Movement%20and%20Migration%20in%20West%20Africa-Final%20Report....pdf>



**Mapping Migration and Development in Six Regional Migration Dialogues**  
[http://www.icmpd.org/fileadmin/ICMPD-Website/ICMPD\\_General/Publications/2015/Mapping\\_Migration\\_Development\\_in\\_Dialogues\\_ICMPD\\_2015.pdf](http://www.icmpd.org/fileadmin/ICMPD-Website/ICMPD_General/Publications/2015/Mapping_Migration_Development_in_Dialogues_ICMPD_2015.pdf)



**Analysis of the impact of the political situation in Ukraine on the migration situation in the Salzburg Forum countries (Prague Process)**  
<https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/documents/category/7-other?download=91:analysis-of-the-impact-of-the-political-situation-in-ukraine-on-the-migration-situation-in-the-salzburg-forum-countries-en>

## Calendar of RCP events

The calendar of RCP events for the coming months is available at <https://www.iom.int/regional-consultative-processes>