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ISCM: 2016 Highlights

MAIN 2016 MEETINGS OF INTER-STATE CONSULTATION MECHANISMS ON MIGRATION (ISCM: RCPS, IRFs AND GLOBAL PROCESSES ON MIGRATION)

Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD)

Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM), 11-12 May 2016, Dubai, focused on labor recruitment and labor mobility; agreed on Sri Lanka as the 2017 Chair.

Almaty Process

Third SOM, 19 - 20 September 2016, Astana, focused on mixed migration flows in Central Asia. **High Level Regional Roundtable**, 26 February 2016, Astana, addressed social and economic impact of migration in Central Asia.

Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration (ARCP)

Second ARCP Meeting, 24-25 May 2016, Cairo, adopted the ARCP Programming Document and 2016-2017 work plan. **ARCP Extraordinary Meeting**, 2-3 August 2016, Cairo, issued a declaration reflecting the Arab position on the themes of the UN Summit for refugees and migrants of 19 September 2016.

Bali Process

Sixth Regional Ministerial Conference, 23 March 2016, Bali, adopted the landmark Bali Process Declaration, reiterating commitment to strengthen regional cooperation and combat the shared challenges of irregular migration, migrant smuggling and human trafficking. The Ministers of the 46 Member States also agreed to develop a consultation mechanism to facilitate timely discussion of any emerging, urgent irregular migration issues.

Budapest Process

24th SOM, 15 December 2016, Antalya, discussed operational, thematic and structural priorities and identified a five-year proposal for the 2017 - 2021 cooperation framework.

Colombo Process

Fourth SOM and Fifth Ministerial Meeting, 24-25 August 2016, Colombo, recommended four additional thematic areas (operationalization of the migration-related sustainable development goals (SDG), promotion of equality for women migrant workers, migrant workers' health and consular support for migrant workers).

Sixth Global Meeting of RCP Chairs and Secretariats (GRCP)

"Migration and the SDGs", 13 October 2016, Geneva, considered how ISCMs and Regional Economic Organizations can assist, or work together on attaining the migration-related SDG targets.

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

Ninth GFMD Summit "Migration that works for Sustainable Development for All: Towards a Transformative Migration Agenda", 10 - 12 December 2016, Dhaka, focused on three pillars: economics, sociology and governance of migration and development.

Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)

Full Round, 18-20 May 2016, Ghent, and **Mini-Full Round**, 13-14 December 2016, Geneva, on the 2016 Chair's theme - management of borders in light of contemporary migration challenges and management of asylum seekers and migrant flows.

International Dialogue on Migration (IDM)

1st IDM workshop "Follow-up and Review of Migration in the SDGs", 29 February - 1 March 2016, New York, reviewed the appropriate tools and mechanisms available to help Member States measure progress on relevant migration-related SDG targets. **2nd IDM workshop** "Assessing progress in the implementation process of migration related SDGs", 11 - 12 October 2016, Geneva, reviewed the results of a number of initiatives on monitoring migration-related SDG targets and gathered best practices from countries progress in achieving the migration-related SDG targets.

Khartoum Process

SOM, 16 December 2016, Addis Ababa, took stock of the progress made since the Valetta Summit on the implementation of concrete actions and endorsed a 2017 programme of activities.

Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)

SOM, 16-18 August 2016, Gaborone, adopted recommendations on linking protection with border management and labour migration and recommended implementation of the MICIC Guidelines and their inclusion in regional and national action plans.

Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)

MIDWA Ministerial Meeting, 25 August 2016, Abidjan, addressed the impact of free movement and the challenges of migration. Ministers recommended establishing seven thematic working groups, a Steering Committee, Permanent Secretariat and National Secretariats in Member States.

Pan-African Forum

2nd Pan-African Forum, 4-6 May 2016, Lusaka, co-hosted by COMESA, the Government of Zambia and IOM, focused on fostering regional integration for facilitating trade and human mobility through enhanced border management.

Prague Process

Two **SOMs**, 15-16 June in Cracow, and 19 September 2016, Bratislava, held in preparation to the Ministerial Conference. **Third Ministerial Conference**, 20 September 2016, adopted the results of the Prague Process Targeted Initiative, endorsed the ministerial document and the 2017 - 2021 Prague Process programme.

Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)

Vice-Ministerial Meeting "Migration, A Shared Responsibility", 17-18 November 2016, San Pedro Sula, adopted the Compilation of RCM Current Practices and Procedures and approved recommendations, common indicators and regional guidelines on unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents.

South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

XI inter-sessional meeting, 23-24 August 2016, Montevideo, focused on migration governance, migration and integration, and the South American Plan for the Human Development of Migration. **XVI Conference** "Towards the Free Movement of Intra-regional Migrants in South America", November 3-4, 2016, Asuncion, adopted the Asuncion Declaration on human rights of migrants, migration and the South American integration, strengthening of migration management, and international projection of the South American Region.

GLOBAL INITIATIVES AND THEMATIC AREAS ADDRESSED AT VARIOUS ISCM EVENTS

Global Initiatives

2030 Agenda and SDGs: Almaty Process, Abu Dhabi Dialogue, ARCP, Bali Process, Budapest Process, Colombo Process, IDM, MIDSA, MIDWA, Pan-African Forum, Prague Process, as well as the Global RCP Meeting

Global Compact on Migration (GCM): ARCP, Bali Process, Budapest Process, GFMD, IDM, IGC, RCM, SACM, as well as the Global RCP Meeting

MICIC Initiative: Colombo Process, MIDWA, MIDSA, RCM

Thematic Areas

Asylum: Almaty Process, ARCP, IGC,

Border Management: Bali Process, CMC, IGC, Pan-African Forum, Rabat Process

Combating Human Trafficking: Bali Process, IGC

Counter Migrant Smuggling: Bali Process, IGC, Khartoum Process

Data: CMC, IGC, Prague Process

Health: RCM

Integration: Almaty Process, Budapest Process, IGC

Irregular Migration: Almaty Process, ARCP, IGC

Labour Migration: ADD, Colombo Process, IGC

Migrant Rights: RCM

Migration Policy and Governance: Almaty Process, ARCP, IGC, IGAD RCP, Pan-African Forum, RCM, Rabat Process

Migration, Environment and Climate Change: RCM

Remittances: ACP-EU Dialogue on Migration, Colombo Process

Return, Readmission, Reintegration: Budapest Process, IGC, Khartoum Process, Rabat Process

Unaccompanied Migrant Children: RCM

NEW PROJECTS INVOLVING ISCMS

Almaty Process

Phase 3 of the IOM-implemented *Addressing Mixed Migration Flows through Capacity Building in Central Asia* funded by the U.S. Government facilitates policy dialogue and policy-making on migration governance and migration management in Almaty Process Member States in Central Asia and contributes to the attainment of SDGs 5, 8.7, 10.7, 11.5, 16.2 and 17.18.

MIDCOM

Project *Building Capacity and Raising Awareness among COMESA Member States on the Free Movement Protocol*, financed by the IOM International Development Fund, increases awareness among COMESA Member states and expedites signature and ratification of the COMESA Free Movement Protocol.

MIDSA

Phase VII of the IOM Project *Addressing Irregular Migration Flows in Southern Africa*, funded by the U.S. Government, supports MIDSA in managing migration in a humane and orderly manner, with a specific focus on upholding the rights of vulnerable migrants (unaccompanied migrant children, asylum seekers, undocumented labour migrants, victims of human trafficking, etc.).

Pan-African Forum

The IOM-funded *Second Intra-Regional Forum on Migration in Africa. Fostering Regional Integration: Facilitating Trade and Human Mobility through Enhanced Border Management* Project contributes to effective migration governance and supports the free movement of persons in Africa in accordance with the African Union Assembly Declaration on Migration (Assembly/AU/Decl.6 (XXV)).

NEWLY-ESTABLISHED ISCMS

Caribbean Migration Consultation (CMC)

The Governments of the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Haiti and Jamaica pursued the establishment of Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC). A preparatory meeting on 18-19 January 2016,

in Belize, identified as areas of focus data, policy consultations, refugees and vulnerable migrants. The First Technical Workshop on 5-8 December 2016, in Port-of-Spain addressed refugee protection and border management, the development of Standard Operating Procedures, RCP Strategy and information exchange.

2016 PUBLICATIONS



Forced Migration in the Arab Region: an Overview of the Crisis, Response of Member States and the Efforts of the League of Arab States (ARCP)

<http://www.lasportal.org/ar/sectors/dep/PublishingImages/Lists/Versions/aemigrant/download=229:prague-process-handbook-on-enhancing-international-student-mobility.pdf>



Asylum Procedures Report on Policies and Practices in IGC Participating States (IGC)

<https://publications.iom.int/books/asylum-procedures-report-policies-and-practices-igc-participating-states-2015>



Prague Process Handbook on Enhancing International Student Mobility (Prague Process)

<https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/documents/category/39-lang-en-handbooks-lang-lang-ru-lang?download=229:prague-process-handbook-on-enhancing-international-student-mobility>



Quality in Asylum Decision-Making Using Jurisprudence and Multidisciplinary Knowledge for Training Purposes (Prague Process)

<https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/documents/category/39-lang-en-handbooks-lang-lang-ru-lang?download=230:prague-process-guidelines-quality-in-asylum-decision-making>



A Decade of Dialogue on Migration and Development (Rabat Process)

https://processus-de-rabat.org/images/RabatProcess/Documents/10-years-Rabat-Process-anniversary-publication-2015_web.pdf



Conferencia Suramericana sobre Migraciones (SACM)

<http://www.argentina.iom.int/ro/sites/default/files/publicaciones/Libro%20CSM%202016%202.pdf>

Forthcoming events

The calendar of ISCM events is available at <http://www.iom.int/inter-state-consultation-mechanisms-migration>