



International Organization for Migration (IOM)

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**Advancing a common understanding of migration governance
across regions**

***Eighth Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Consultative
Processes on Migration (GRCP 8)***

**SESSION OBJECTIVES AND
GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

Meeting Objective

The Eighth Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Consultative Processes on Migration “Advancing a common understanding of migration governance across regions” (GRCP 8) aims to provide a forum for Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration [ISCMs, including regional consultative processes on migration, interregional forums on migration and global processes on migration] to:

- (i) jointly consider ISCM’s contributions to migration governance at all levels, their achievements, effective practices, structures and partnership models; and
- (ii) identify a way forward in the evolving migration governance architecture.

Issues to be addressed during GRCP 8

- ⇒ Continued relevance of ISCMs in an evolving migration governance architecture.
- ⇒ ISCM impact on migration governance and measuring that impact.
- ⇒ Strengthening ISCM sustainability.
- ⇒ Fostering synergies and partnerships among ISCMs and with other actors.

Session Objectives and Guiding questions for Discussions.

Session 1. Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration: Achievements and Lessons Learnt

Objectives:

- ⇒ to inform participants on the ongoing IOM Assessment of inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration and initial findings from the survey responses.
- ⇒ to consider points raised in the discussion paper.

Guiding questions for Discussion

- ⇒ What are the main achievements and contributions of ISCMs to migration governance?
- ⇒ What are some lessons learnt?

Session 2. ISCMs' Contribution to Migration Governance at National, Regional and Global Levels

Objectives:

- ⇒ to highlight effective practices of ISCMs' contribution to migration governance at national, regional and global levels.
- ⇒ to formulate recommendations on how ISCMs can have an impact on migration governance at various levels and how to measure that impact.

Guiding questions for Discussions:

- ⇒ How an ISCM can contribute to or shape:
 - national migration governance and / or policies of its Member State(s) without jeopardizing the State sovereignty? Are there existing effective practices that can be applied across the regions?
 - regional migration governance and / or policies? Are there existing effective practices and what partnerships are required for such contribution?
 - a global policy on migration or global migration governance and what are the avenues for such contribution?
- ⇒ How ISCMs' contribution or impact on migration governance or policies can be measured and recognized?

Working Lunch: Synergies and Partnerships

And

Session 4. Synergies and Partnerships: Plenary Presentations and Discussion

Objectives (*Working Lunch and Session 4*)

- ⇒ to suggest possible means of increased synergies among the ISCMs.
- ⇒ to discuss what partnerships are needed to enhance ISCMs' role in migration governance.

Guiding questions for Discussion:

Working Lunch: Synergies and Partnerships

- ⇒ What are (up to five) recommendations on increasing synergies among the ISCMs?
- ⇒ What type of partnerships are needed to enhance ISCMs' role in migration governance and with which type of actors?

Session 4. Synergies and Partnerships: Plenary Presentations and Discussion

- ⇒ What five recommendations on increasing synergies among the ISCMs were identified by each Region?
- ⇒ Which of the recommendations can work across the regions?
- ⇒ What type of partnerships towards enhanced ISCM role in migration governance were identified by each Region?
- ⇒ What is needed for an ISCM to establish or enhance partnerships with various actors (UN Regional Commissions, regional economic and political organizations, intergovernmental organizations, private sector, academia, civil society, etc.)?

Session 3. Structures and Sustainability

Objectives:

- ⇒ to highlight effective practices of ISCM structures (chairmanship, steering committees, secretariats, formal association with a legal entity / organization, national focal points, working and expert groups, resource centers, CSO or business sector groups, etc.).
- ⇒ to identify structures and resources needed to increase ISCMs' sustainability.

Guiding questions for Discussion:

- ⇒ What have proved to be effective and sustainable ISCM structures?
- ⇒ What commitments and resources are required for such structures?
- ⇒ What is needed to increase ISCMs' sustainability and ultimately increase their role in migration governance?