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INTER-STATE CONSULTATION MECHANISMS ON MIGRATION: MAIN EVENTS IN 2020

5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean

8th Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development, 1-2 March, Rabat, Morocco, addressed shared responsibility and partnership on migration and concluded with the adoption of a Consensual Declaration, focusing cooperation, migration and development, legal migration, migrant integration and irregular migration.

Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD)

GFMD-ADD Regional Consultations, 6, 9 and 13 July, virtual, focused on technology, labour migration, partnerships towards the future of human mobility, and cooperation for the realization of migration-related SDG targets in the ADD Region.

Almaty Process

Technical Experts' Meeting, 9 December, virtual, featured a discussion on life strategies and mobility of youth in Central Asia.

Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration (ARCP)

6th ARCP Meeting, 13 July, virtual, discussed COVID-19 and migrants and refugees, as well as the GCM. **SOM**, 15-16 June, Cairo, Egypt, focused on GCM regional review, as well as the GFMD annual theme.

AU HoA Initiative (AU HoAI)

2nd Virtual Technical Meeting, 1 October, focused on data collection, irregular migration and associated protection risks. **National Stakeholder Workshop**, 23-24 January, Bishoftu, Ethiopia, and a **Technical Workshop**, June 4, virtual, focused on irregular migration.

Bali Process

15th Ad-Hoc Group SOM, 20-21 October, virtual, considered the interests and forward objectives of Bali Process members, looking at the impact of COVID-19 on member governments. **GFMD-Bali Process Consultations**, 15 and 29 June, and 1 July, addressed technology, migrant protection and irregular migration in Bali Process Region.

Budapest Process

SOM, 2 December, virtual, focused on partnerships, COVID-19 and the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum. A **virtual group discussion of the South East European Region Working Group**, November 13, chaired by Macedonia, discussed border management cooperation. **Thematic meetings** addressed sustainable return and reintegration in the Silk Routes Region (3-4 March, Budapest) and on labour migration (November 3). Two **webinars** discussed COVID-19 and migration, and a third — migration narratives.

Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC)

Webinars, 16 January, 13 February, and 22 May, focused on the Canadian Asylum Program, on free movement of persons in the Caribbean and on border management in the context of COVID-19.

Central American Commission of Migration Directors (OCAM)

30th anniversary of OCAM

50th Meeting, 30 June, virtual, addressed COVID-19, in relation to gender-based violence, migration and health and border management. **25th Special Meeting of OCAM**, 18 March, virtual, and an **extraordinary meeting**, 16 October, both discussed Covid-19 and irregular migration.

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

12th GFMD Summit Meeting, 20-24 January, Quito, Ecuador, on "Sustainable approaches to human mobility: Upholding rights, strengthening state agency, and advancing development through partnerships and collective action", featured roundtable discussions, a civil society day, a business mechanism programme, a youth forum and the mayoral forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development. Two **webinars**, 28 April, and 30 April, addressed COVID-19. Held **regional consultations** with 3 ISCMs (Abu Dhabi Dialogue, Bali Process and RCM) as well as with the African Union and OECD.

Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM)

Annual conference, 18 December, virtual, focused on challenges and lessons learned on migration governance in the context of COVID-19. On 21 April, virtual, RIAM hosted an **extraordinary session** on migration governance during COVID-19.

Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)

SOM, 10 December, 30 November and 29 October, virtual, discussed return and reintegration, labour migration and asylum and irregular movements during COVID-19. **11 Working Group meetings** and three **workshops**, mostly virtual, addressed the IGC thematic priorities.

Khartoum Process

SOM, 5 March, The Hague, Netherlands, discussed governance matters and agreed on a way forward for the finalization of the Joint Valetta Action Plan update. Two **Steering Committee Meetings** discussed governance issues. Two **webinars** addressed COVID-19.

Migration Dialogue for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Region (MID-IGAD)

Ministerial Meeting, 26 February, Khartoum, Sudan, endorsed the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons in the IGAD Region.

Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)

The **4th annual Ministerial meeting** on ECOWAS regional migration cooperation to strengthen inter-state conversation on migration related issues was held under the auspice of MIDWA on 24 July. Meeting of the **Border management working group**, 7-10 December, Lomé, Togo, to review the ECOWAS Regional Guidelines on border reopening.

Prague Process

SOM, 16 November, virtual, took stock of the Lithuanian Chairmanship and discussed the new work plan with a focus on COVID-19 and the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum. Nine **webinars** and two **workshops** addressed COVID-19's impact on labour migration, as well as the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum. **3rd International Conference on Comprehensive Border Management** provided a forum for exchange among border guards, police and customs agencies.

Quito Process

Sixth International Technical Meeting on Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region, 23-24 September, virtual, confirmed the Group of Friends of the Quito Process. **Ministerial and High-level Representative Meeting**, 19 October, virtual, welcomed Peru as the new Chair. Two **meetings of the Friends of the Quito Process**, two **thematic sessions**, on regional migration management and on migration data. A series of six **webinars** on various thematic areas.

MAIN EVENTS IN 2020 (CONTINUED)

Rabat Process

Two **Rabat Process Steering Committee meetings**, 18 February, Brussels, Belgium, 28 October, virtual, discussed ongoing governance matters. **Webinar**, 16 September, presented the "Assessment of Anti-Trafficking Gaps, Needs and Transferable Practices in the Member States of ECOWAS and Mauritania".

Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)

25th **Regional Conference on Migration**, 1-4 December, virtual, included reports on RCM's activities and discussions on migration and

COVID-19. Six **webinar circles** and three **virtual workshops** addressed different thematic priorities. **GFMD-RCM Consultations**, 4, 11 and 18 June, and 3 July, virtual, addressed labour migration, migrant protection, irregular migration and the public narrative on migration.

South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

20th anniversary of SACM

14th Intersessional meeting, 17 September, virtual, focused on migrants' rights in the COVID-19 pandemic.

HIGH-LEVEL WEBINAR FOR ISCMs

A High-level webinar on the potential role of ISCMs in the GCM regional reviews was organized by IOM on 24 September in a morning and afternoon online sessions to ensure participation of ISCMs from different time zones. It aimed to inform ISCM Chairs and Heads of ISCM Secretariats about possible formats of ISCM contribution to 2020 GCM regional reviews, and discuss planned contributions by interested ISCMs. 22 ISCMs participated. 10 IS-

CMs had a speaking role or contributed to the discussion from the floor. Potential formats of ISCM engagement in Reviews, Timeline of GCM reviews, regional reviews for ISCM relevance and the Indicative Outline to report on GCM review events were discussed. Discussions showed that some ISCMs were considering planned events or written submissions on different aspects of regional migration governance that will input into the process of regional reviews.

GLOBAL INITIATIVES AND THEMATIC AREAS ADDRESSED AT VARIOUS ISCM EVENTS

Global Initiatives

Global Compact on Migration: Bali Process, Colombo Process, ARCP, GFMD
Global Compact on Refugees: Bali Process
2030 agenda and SDGs: ADD, Colombo Process

Thematic Areas

Asylum, IDPs, Refugees: Almaty Process, ARCP, Budapest Process, CMC, IGC, RCM
Border management: CMC, Khartoum Process, MIDWA, OCAM, PIDC, Prague Process
Combatting human trafficking: AU HoAI, Bali Process, Budapest Process, COMMIT, PIDC, Rabat Process
Counter migrant smuggling: AU HoAI, Bali Process, Budapest Process, COMMIT, PIDC, RCM
Data: AU HoAI, PIDC, Quito Process
Irregular migration: 5+5 Migration Dialogue, AU HoAI, Bali Process, Budapest Process, COMMIT, IGC, OCAM, PIDC, RCM
Integration: 5+5 Migration Dialogue, IGC, Khartoum Process
Labour migration: ADD, Budapest Process, Colombo Process, IGC, Prague Process, RCM
Migration and development: 5+5 Migration Dialogue, GFMD
Migrant health: Budapest Process, IGC, Quito Process, RCM
COVID-19: Budapest Process, CMC, GFMD, IGC, Khartoum Process,

OCAM, Prague Process, RCM, RIAM, SACM

Migration policy and governance: Bali Process, Quito Process, Prague Process, RCM, RIAM

Migration law: Budapest Process, Prague Process,

Gender: OCAM, Quito Process, RCM

Mixed Migration Flows: GFMD, Khartoum Process

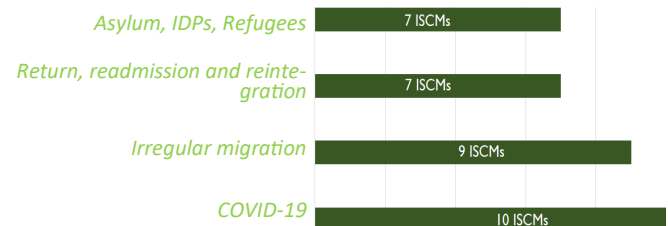
Return, readmission, reintegration: Bali Process, Budapest Process,

IGC, Khartoum Process, Prague Process, Quito Process, Rabat Process

Technology: IGC, RIAM

Youth and minors: IGC, OCAM, RCM

Most popular thematic areas addressed by ISCMs



2020 PUBLICATIONS



Summary Report of the High-level webinar on ISCMs and the GCM regional reviews

<https://www.iom.int/fr/high-level-webinars-iscms-and-gcm-regional-review-2020>



Protecting migrants at sea: a practical guide to fulfilling international obligations (Bali Process)

https://www.baliprocess.net/UserFiles/BaliProcess/File/Protecting%20Migrants%20at%20Sea_6Aug2020%20-.pdf



Attitudes to migration: Budapest Process post-webinar debrief (Budapest Process)

https://www.budapestprocess.org/index.php?option=com_attachments&task=download&id=413



Free Movement of Persons in the Caribbean: Economic and Security Dimensions (CMC)

https://caribbeanmigration.org/sites/default/files/repository/free_movement_in_the_caribbean_final_2.pdf



Building better return and reintegration programs (Prague Process)

<https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/migration-observatory/publications/document?id=276>



Making the EU's Migration and Development Policies More Coherent (Prague Process)

<https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/migration-observatory/publications/task=document.download&id=206>



Collection of Diaspora Engagement Practices (Rabat Process)

<https://www.rabat-process.org/en/activities/publications/publication-collection-diaspora-engagement-practices>



Implementing the Marrakesh Action Plan: a new report on progress and prospects (Rabat Process)

<https://www.rabat-process.org/en/activities/publications/implementing-the-marrakesh-action-plan-a-new-report-on-progress-and-prospects>

More ISCM publications [Online Repository of ISCM Materials](#) and [Research on ISCMs](#)

Forthcoming ISCM events

<http://www.iom.int/inter-state-consultation-mechanisms-migration>