

Side-event on Regional Dimensions in the Implementation, Follow Up and Review of the Global Compact for Migration

Marrakesh, 09 December 2018, Palmeraie Golf Palace

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

Overview

This side-event is intended to provide a forum for multi-stakeholder reflection on regional cooperation to support Member States in the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and the respective roles therein of relevant regional actors, with particular consideration given to State-led informal dedicated dialogue for a on migration at regional, interregional and global levels¹. The event builds on the side-event on “Mobilizing RCPs to Support the Implementation of the Global Compact Commitments,” held on 3 September 2018 on the margins of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) meeting in Geneva. It also builds on the Seventh Global RCP Meeting (GRCP 7) convened by IOM, which brought together all inter-State dedicated dialogue for a on migration to identify best practices and partnership models and formulate joint recommendations on the GCM entitled “GRCP 7 Highlights².”

In anticipation of this side-event, IOM is conducting a review of the contributions that inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration can make to supporting Member State implementation of the GCM: its findings will be outlined at the side-event by IOM Director General Antonio Vitorino.

Accompanying this Concept Note is a Discussion Paper, intended to provoke discussion on some of the key issues of relevance when considering the regional dimension in the implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM.

The Discussion Paper incorporates inputs from IOM, civil society and the private sector, as well as Member States. It outlines the role that inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration have played to date in the development of regional governance of migration; and refers to “recommendations made in the GRCP 7

¹ In this text “State-led migration dialogues” is used interchangeably with “inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration” (ISCMS) – including the “regional consultative processes on migration” (RCPs), “interregional for on migration” (IRFs) and “global processes on migration”.

² GRCP 7 Highlights were taken into account in the GCM stocktaking phase. The document is available at https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/our_work/ICP/RCP/2017/keydocs/GRCP%207%20Highlights%20Document%2010%20October%202017%20FINAL.pdf.

Highlights document, as well as the outcomes of the GFMD side-event. It concludes with a number of recommendations for discussion during the Marrakesh event, to be fed into the intergovernmental development of the modalities for the International Migration Review Forum.

Side-Event Format

i) Panel Discussion

The event will take place from 1300 – 1500, Atlas Room 1, Palmeraie Golf Palace, Marrakesh, with the following set-up proposed:

- Welcome Address by Nasser Al Hamli, Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation, UAE, as sponsor of the event
- Address and presentation of findings from the review of the role of regional and other inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration in the GCM by Antonio Vitorino, Director General, IOM (TBC)
- Inputs by five inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration, alongside representation from civil society and the private sector
- Open discussion from the floor

ii) Guiding Questions:

- How can regional and other inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration support the implementation, follow-up and review of the global compact at the regional level?
- How can regional and other inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration support capacity building on the GCM for their Member States?
- How can collaboration among various regional entities be facilitated for the GCM regional progress review and follow-up and what regional partnerships are needed?
- What are the good examples of inclusion of the private sector and civil society?