

“No longer is human mobility seen as just background context for development, or worse merely seen as a consequence of lack of development. Rather, with the SDGs, migration is an issue to act upon to enhance sustainable development and IOM is an important actor both for advising on prioritization and implementation on the ground.” W.L. Swing at IOM Council Nov. 2015

On 27 September 2015, the UN General Assembly agreed on an ambitious global agenda on sustainable development for the next 15 years (herein after Agenda 2030) comprising 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Eradicating extreme poverty and inequality and promoting environmental sustainability are the key pillars of the new agenda. It includes important references to migration and as a result makes migration part of mainstream global development policy for the first time.

IOM has therefore decided to dedicate the 2016 iteration of its principal forum for policy dialogue, the International Dialogue on Migration (IDM), to stimulating in-depth discussions on implementation, follow-up and review of the migration-related SDG targets. Two separate IDM workshop sessions will be convened, bringing together high-level government representatives, local and regional authorities, International Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations including regional consultative processes (RCPs) on migration, the private sector and civil society organizations to review and validate approaches to achieving and monitoring the migration-related SDG targets. With a view to bringing together expertise from diplomatic and other communities in Geneva and New York respectively, one workshop will be held in each location.

The first workshop will be held in New York on 29 February and 1 March 2016. This workshop will discuss appropriate tools and mechanisms that will help Member States to measure progress on relevant migration-related SDG targets. This workshop could also look at options for “thematic review” of migration related SDG targets. Holding the first IDM in New York will enable interaction with the diplomatic community engaged in issues related to the 2030 Agenda and its follow-up and review as well as migration and development practitioners like academics, statisticians, CSOs and other stakeholders.

The second workshop will take place in October 2016 in Geneva by which time the results of a number of initiatives on monitoring migration related SDG target will have yielded some initial results that could be reviewed by the Geneva community more closely engaged in migration policy issues. It could also offer an opportunity for Member States to showcase their own best-practice approaches to achieving migration-related SDG targets. Moreover, this workshop could assess some of the main gaps in institutional capacity regarding follow-up and review of migration related SDG targets-

This will be followed by a one day Global Regional Consultative Process (GRCP) meeting that will explore ways to enhance inter-regional cooperation as well as showcase best-practices towards achieving migration-related SDG targets at the regional level.

Partnerships – The IDM meetings will feature results from IOM’s partnerships with the Economist Intelligence Unit on measuring migration policy and Gallup World polls on gauging well-being of migrants. It will also feature a collaboration with UN Desa Population Division regarding methods to survey migration policy with the support of governments. IOM will consult closely with the Member States and relevant processes including with the current and incoming GFMD.

New York IDM work-shop	Geneva IDM work-shop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the evidence for migration in development • Methods for monitoring migration related targets in SDGs • Shape of a thematic review on migration in the SDGs • Role for IOs in achieving of migration-related SDGs targets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrants voices; migrant entrepreneurs, cultural/media personality • Preliminary review of first results of monitoring migration in the SDGs • Best practices in countries making progress on the migration related SDGs • Capacity building for countries measuring/reporting on progress

Outcomes

The results of IDM 2016 and the GRCP will be consolidated in a publication representing IOM's and its partners first contribution to the review of migration aspects in the Agenda 2030, in relation to measuring progress through global indicators, thematic review for the High-level Political Forum, as well as best practices relation direct action on realizing migration related targets in the SDGs. The outcome of the IDM 2016 and the GRCP will constitute an input to the December 2016 GFMD Summit in Dhaka.