

XV South American Conference on Migration September 8th, 9th & 10th 2015 Santiago, Chile

Background

- The SCM began, with the technical cooperation of the IOM, in Lima, specifically with the "South American Encounter about Migrations, Integration and Development" taken place in 1999.
- The SCM is the superior instance for political decision making in the South American process, oriented to generate and coordinate initiatives and programs directed to promote and develop policies about international migration.

Conferences

- I SCM, Buenos Aires, Argentina (2000)
- II SCM, Santiago, Chile (2001)
- III SCM, Quito, Ecuador (2002)
- IV SCM, Montevideo, Uruguay (2003)
- V SCM, La Paz, Bolivia (2004)
- VI SCM, Asunción, Paraguay (2006)
- VII SCM, Caracas, Venezuela (2007)
- VIII SCM, Montevideo, Uruguay (2008)
- IX SCM, Quito, Ecuador (2009)
- X SCM, Cochabamba, Bolivia (2010)
- XI SCM, Brasilia, Brazil (2011)
- XII SCM, Santiago de Chile (2012)
- XIII SCM, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia (2013)
- XIV SCM, Lima, Perú (2014).
- XV SCM, Santiago de Chile (2015).

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- According to the work plan created by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Consular Policy Division), with the conduction of Chile as the Pro-Tempore Chairmanship, the Technical Secretariat of the IMO (TS-IMO), the participation of official delegations from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela, the XV South American Conference on Migration took place in Santiago, Chile, from the 8th to the 10th of September 2015.

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Additional Participants:

- Delegations from Honduras, Haiti, Spain and Costa Rica.
- Mexico, which currently exercises the Pro-Tempore Chairmanship of the Regional Conference on Migration (SCM).
- Presence of the technical secretary of the same process.

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- International Organization for Migration (IOM) headed by General Director Ambassador Willian Lacy Swing and the Director for South America, Mr. Diego Beltrand.
- High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); High Comissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR); International Labor Organization (ILO); Andean Community of Nations (CAN); among others.

Thematic Core Ideas

- Access to Justice.
- Migration and City.
- Free Mobility.
- Migration, Environment and Climate Change.
- Update the Mandates on Migration.

Access to Justice.

- United Nations organs and multilateral cooperation programms are just a few of the international instances that promote the access to justice of migrant and foreign people, so it becomes necessary to include this topic in the agenda of the Conference through the South American Human Development Plan for Migration..
- Among work proposals:
- Socialize the goop practices of the southamerican countries in the matter of access to justice of migrants.
- Propose the development of a regional roadmap for the 2015-2016 work on access to justice for migrants.
- Assessing the outlook for "legal requirements" of migrants in the region.
- Analyze the strengths and weakness of institutional and administrative regulations on the subject.
- Identify specific national gaps in access to justice.

Migration and City.

- Internal and international migration has had a significant impact on the political, economic, social and cultural configuration of the main cities around the world and all those cities that today show important patterns of quantitative and qualitative development. Contemporary migration flows continue to exert a relevant influence in each of these dimension.
- Some work proposals:
- Discuss the extent of migration in cities and the role of local governments in migration policy and management.
- Schedule a meeting of mayors of countries in South America to discuss issues of migration management and social integration of migrants, depending on the availability of resources to fund the event.
- Encourage the institutionalization of migration management in local government.
- Hold seminars, lectures and conversations with the support of IOM migration policy and management at the local level.

Free Mobility.

- Agreement of residence MERCOSUR and south american citizenship as vehicles for the mobility of people in the region.
- > PRESENTACIÓN Y PROPUESTA PARAGUAY.

- Santiago Declaration (2001):
- Facilitate local border traffic.
- Improve coordination and transfer information between the immigration authorities of different countries.

Migration, Environment and Climate Change.

The relationship between migration and the environment is occupying an increasingly prominent place in the discussions and debates that arise in the concert of nations, taking in the main concepts of "environmental migrants" and "climate refugees" those who do not hold any legal status internationally.

Work Proposals:

- Discuss the causes and effects of human displacement from environmental factors and climate change.
- Promote a regional strategy for South-South cooperation against environmental emergencies and human displacement.
- Ask TS-IOM for a regional cooperation scheme on environmental emergencies and human displacement to be applicable from 2016.

Update the Mandates on Migration.

- The current composition of the mandates of the CSM comprises two documents signed in 2010: the Declaration of Principles and Guidelines Strategic Migration and the South American Human Development Plan for Migration.
- Both documents developed in 2010 make up the current Mandate of the CSM. It is proposed to update the framework of the XV CSM considering new information, trends and emerging and worked topics on various regional and multilateral forums, with reference to the Declaration of Buenos Aires of the CSM (2013), the II DAN UN (2013), the Montevideo Consensus ECLAC (2013), the Declaration of Brasilia UNHCR (2014), and the guidelines established in the post 2015 agenda promoted by the UN.

Proposals:

- Implement and coordinate an agenda for updating the Declaration of Principles and Strategic Guidelines of the CSM and the South American Human Development Plan for Migration.
- Organizing seminars, lectures and talks on migration in South America from various topics of interest.

Santiago Declaration

The SCM approved the XV South American Conference on Migration's Santiago Declaration, where the countries express important agreements that determine the roadmap for the work inside the SCM as well as with the direction and technical assistance bodies. The guiding concept of this Conference was:

"With Justice and Equality towards a migration governance"

XV CSM Accomplishments

- Complete treatment of the subjects agreed with members of the SACM and forth in the Agenda of the XV SACM.
- High number of participants. The SACM was attended by 80 people.
- A Declaration was approved from the comprehensive view of migration, of the migrant as a subject of rights and responsibilities of the States in respect of human rights with a transversal approach.

Contributions to the 2015 UN High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

- Access to justice for migrants and their families. Not only the right to due process, but also effective access to social justice.
- Institutionalization of migration governance in the field of local government, in harmony with national policies.
- Initiatives in the field of consular management (Assistance of citizens abroad, returnees, regulation of migrants, among others).

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- Design of programs and initiatives with a gender focus, which display the status of women, children and adolescent migrants.
- South-South cooperation towards strengthening government institutions.
- Participation of civil society organizations in the immigration debate within countries.

Thank You