



**Migration and the Sustainable Development Goals: the Role of  
Inter-state Consultation Mechanisms on Migration and of  
Regional Economic Organizations**

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*Sixth Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional  
Consultative Processes on Migration*

**SESSION OBJECTIVES AND  
GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

## **Issues to be addressed during the Sixth Global RCP Meeting**

- ⇒ What new opportunities have been created for inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration (ISCMs) thanks to integrating migration in the 2030 Agenda?
- ⇒ What are the ISCMs already doing to achieve the migration-related sustainable development goal (SDG) targets?
- ⇒ What are the gaps to be addressed? What can ISCMs do to (further) support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda?
- ⇒ What is needed in order to support the ISCMs' active involvement in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda?
- ⇒ What are the UN Regional Economic Commissions (UN RECs) doing to achieve the migration-related targets?
- ⇒ What are the regional economic organizations doing to achieve the migration-related SDG targets?
- ⇒ Are there any existing partnerships between ISCMs and regional economic organizations and / or UN RECs?
- ⇒ What are the areas where ISCMs can partner with UN RECs to support the implementation of the migration-related SDG targets?
- ⇒ What are the areas where ISCMs can partner with regional economic organizations to support the implementation of the migration-related SDG targets?
- ⇒ What steps are needed for such partnerships?

## **Session Objectives**

### **Session 1**

- ⇒ to set the scene for the discussions of the Sixth Global RCP Meeting;
- ⇒ to inform participants on the integration of migration in the SDGs;
- ⇒ to highlight the importance of partnerships for realization of the SDGs.

### **Session 2**

- ⇒ To gain better understanding about the roles and current involvement of ISCMs in activities towards implementation and review of the migration-related SDG targets, especially at the regional level.
- ⇒ To highlight the differences of such roles and involvement for ISCMs formally associated with regional economic organizations, and stand-alone ISCMs, as well as the role of the Secretariats.

- ⇒ To identify the gaps and needs vis-à-vis the ISCM roles and involvement in SDG implementation.
- ⇒ To contemplate on mechanisms to ensure ISCMs' involvement in the follow up and review of the implementation of the SDGs.

### **Session 3**

- ⇒ To inform participants of the roles of the Regional Economic Organizations and the UN RECs in activities towards implementation of the migration-related SDG targets.
- ⇒ to discuss the potential areas for cooperation between inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration and UN RECs and / or regional economic organizations towards implementation of the migration-related SDG targets.
- ⇒ To recommend next steps towards realization of such partnerships.

### **Guiding questions for Discussions.**

#### **Session 1.**

- ⇒ How can inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration contribute to the implementation of the migration-related SDG targets at the national and regional levels?
- ⇒ How can partnerships on SDG migration aspects be strengthened and what role can ISCMs play in multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development?

#### **Session 2.**

- ⇒ What role ISCMs can play in realizing the migration-related SDG targets?
- ⇒ Have the ISCMs revisited their respective programmes / strategies to reflect the SDGs?
- ⇒ How can ISCMs contribute to the implementation of the migration-related SDG targets at the national and regional levels?
- ⇒ What are the challenges faced in this process?
- ⇒ What are the gaps and the needs?
- ⇒ What are the different opportunities for action by Regional Consultative Processes on migration (RCPs) formally associated with regional economic organizations and RCPs that are stand-alone processes?

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