

Fifth Global RCP Meeting: 2015

Host: League of Arab States

Date, Venue: 21-22 October 2015, Cairo, Egypt

Theme: *"Exploring Contemporary Migration Challenges: Reflecting on the Outcomes of the 2013 High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development."*

Attendees: 15 ISCMs (5 IRFs, 9 RCPs, 1 global process), 1 UN RC, 7 IGOs.

Outcomes: Discussions focused on the role of the RCPs in Protecting the Human Rights of all Migrants; Addressing Forced Migration, Mixed Migration Flows, Protection at Sea, and Migrants Caught in Countries in Crisis; Addressing Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Migration; and Strengthening Public Confidence in Migration Policy and Practice. One of the recommendations of the meeting was that RCPs have a greater role to play in the attainment of migration-related sustainable development goal (SDG) targets.

Sixth Global RCP Meeting: 2016

Host: IOM (on the occasion of 65th Anniversary)

Date, Venue: 13 October 2016, Geneva, Switzerland

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

Attendees: 21 ISCMs (6 IRFs, 13 RCPs and 2 global processes), 5 regional economic organizations and 2 UN RCs

Outcomes: The proceedings focused on migration in the 2030 Agenda; the roles of RCPs, IRFs, Regional Economic Organizations and UN RCs in contributing to the attainment of the 2030 Agenda's sustainable development goals; and potential areas for cooperation and partnerships at the regional level towards attainment of the SDGs.



Seventh Global RCP Meeting: 2017

Host: IOM

Date, Venue: 10 –11 October 2017, Geneva, Switzerland.

Theme: *"Inter-state Consultation Mechanisms on Migration (ISCM) and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration."*

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Attendees: 22 ISCMs (7 IRFs, 13 RCPs and 2 global processes), 5 regional economic organizations and 5 UN RCs

Outcome: GRCP 7 resulted in promulgation of *GRCP 7 Highlights* – joint actionable commitments arising from recommendations by ISCMs and partners to the global compact for migration.



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GLOBAL REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS MEETINGS (GRCP)

CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES ON MIGRATION

Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (RCPs) have emerged in many regions of the world from the mid- 1980s onwards, as state-led, ongoing, information-sharing and policy dialogue fora to address specific migration issues within specific regions and contexts. Over time, RCPs have expanded in number and diversified geographically and in focus. They are an increasingly important element in the formulation of international migration policy and practice.

With the rapid proliferation and thematic expansion of these consultative mechanisms, the term 'inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration' has come to complement the generic RCP term to denote a broader grouping, inclusive of regional, inter-regional or global level consultations (besides Regional Consultative Processes on migration or RCPs, also the Inter-Regional Forums on migration or IRFs, and Global Processes on migration, respectively) for states committed to promoting dialogue on migration.

RCPs and IRFs are dedicated to cooperatively considering specific migration issues; they may be officially associated with formal institutions or be informal and non-binding.

Global processes on migration may focus on overall migration governance at the global level, or be theme specific and look at the interlinkages between migration and other areas. They are usually facilitated by an intergovernmental organization.



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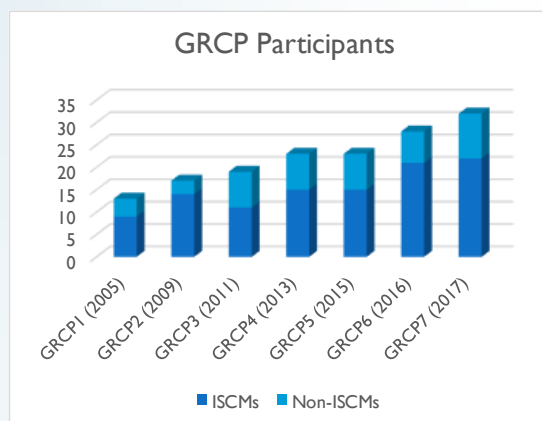
Due to the complex and evolving nature of RCPs and ISCMs and their relevance to migration governance, since 2005 IOM has been convening regular global meeting among existing RCPs (GRCP) with the aim to:

- ◆ Encourage synergies and share information, experiences and good practices on a range of migration topics.
- ◆ Strengthen collaboration among regional and intra-regional consultative processes and their Secretariats, and enhance their interaction with global processes on migration, thereby contributing to policy dialogue on migration at the global level .
- ◆ Contribute to improved policy coherence at the national and regional levels and promote convergence in migration policy in different regions.

GRCP in fact are meetings of principal ISCM, not only the RCP. The name GRCP dates back to 2005 when the general RCP term was mostly used and the term IRF was not yet in use. GRCP were initiated before the launch of other major global dialogues on migration (such as GFMD and UN HLD on International migration and development). Since their establishment these processes were gradually included at GRCP Meetings.

Each GRCP builds on the outcomes of the previous one. The first two GRCP reviewed cooperation needs among ISCM; the scope of discussions in the GRCP has expanded reflecting the changing migration dynamics and their increased complexity.

Over years, participation of ISCM to GRCP also has increased and extended to include important regional level partners, such as UN Regional Commissions (UN RC) and other regional organizations.



First Global RCP Meeting: 2005

Host: IOM and the former Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM)

Date, Venue: 14 - 15 April 2005, Geneva, Switzerland

Attendees: 9 ISCMs (4 IRFs, 5 RCPs) and 4 IGOs.

Outcome: Participants agreed on the value of interactions between RCPs and emphasized the importance of holding GRCPs while favouring a flexible rather than institutionalized approach.

Second Global RCP Meeting: 2009

Host: Royal Thai Government.

Date, Venue: 4 - 5 June 2009, Bangkok, Thailand

Attendees: 14 ISCMs (6 IRFs, 7 RCPs, 1 global process) and 3 IGOs

Outcome: In follow-up to one of the key recommendations of the meeting, IOM launched a comprehensive section dedicated to ISCMs on its website. This space acts as a platform for ISCMs to share and access information on one another's activities and work-plans, thereby facilitating synergies across regions. A second recommendation of this meeting was that GRCPs be held on a biennial basis.

Third Global RCP Meeting: 2011

Host: Government of Botswana

Date, Venue: 25-26 October 2011, Gaborone, Botswana

Theme: *Enhancing Cooperation on Migration through Dialogue and Capacity Building.*

Attendees: 11 ISCMs (4 IRFs, 6 RCPs, 1 global process) and 8 IGOs.

Outcome: Participants suggested concrete tools for capacity-enhancement and exchanged views on the interaction of RCPs and IRFs with complementary mechanisms for international cooperation on migration at regional level, as well as the relationship with the GFMD and expectations for the 2013 HLD. Participants also discussed the potential of RCPs / IRFs to contribute to evidence-based policymaking on contemporary migration challenges.

Fourth Global RCP Meeting: 2013

Host: Government of Peru

Date, Venue: 22—23 May 2013, Lima, Peru

Theme: *Defining the Place of RCPs in a Changing International Migration Landscape.*

Attendees: 15 ISCMs (5 IRFs, 9 RCPs, 1 global process), 1 UN RC and 7 IGOs.

Outcome: The meeting facilitated the sharing of experiences and the exchange of views on the value and benefits of cooperation and dialogue on migration, especially with respect to how global migration challenges could be addressed at the regional level. The Fourth GRCP resulted in specific recommendations for the UN Secretary General and the UN General Assembly consideration in the context of the 2013 HLD thus further contributing to the inclusion of migration in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

