Extraordinary Meeting for the Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)

In preparation for the consultations of “the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)” and “the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)”

General Secretariat of the League of Arab States
Cairo, 25-26 July 2017
(Andalusia Hall)

Agenda

Day 1 : Tuesday 25 July 2017

09:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:30 Opening Session :

Facilitator: League of Arab States (LAS): Mrs. Enas El Fergany, Director, Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department (Secretariat of the Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs- ARCP)

- Ambassador Badre Eddine Allali, Assistant Secretary General, Head of Social Affairs Sector, League of Arab States
- Ambassador Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration
- Mrs. Carol Batchelor, Director, Division on international protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Ambassador Mohamed Ghoneim, Assistant Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking, Arab Republic of Egypt

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break and Group Picture

Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)

11:00-13:00 Session 1: Framing the discourse: Current burden and responsibility sharing arrangement

Objective: Update the Arab Member States on the latest displacement trends, protection challenges in the region, and brief them on CRRF developments worldwide and the process in leading up to the Global Compact on Refugees, in addition to showing good practices to be considered in the development of the CRRF, based on the four key pillars.

Chair: Mr. Haitham Jomaa, Director-General for Emigrants, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Lebanese Republic.

Rapporteurs:
- Ms. Siljia Maria Rezk, Reporting Officer - UNHCR
- Ms. Aline Mikhael, Senior External Relations Associate – UNHCR
Topics:

- **Trends in refugees movements, protection challenges and the Regional Refugee and Resilience plan (3RP) as response in the MENA region**
  - Mr. Hy Shelow, Deputy Director, Head of MENA Protection Service, UNHCR
- **Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Comprehensive Refugee Framework (CRRF)**
  - Mr. Hy Shelow, Deputy Director, Head of MENA Protection Service, UNHCR
- **The League of Arab States Efforts in the field of Migration and Refugee Affairs**
  - Ms. Lobna Essam Azzam, Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States
- **Presentations: Good Practices on CRRF:**
  - Mr. Abdullah Ahmed Hargieh, Head of the Arab Administration at the National Bureau for Assistance to Refugees and Displaced Persons, Ministry of Interior - Republic of Djibouti
  - Mr. Jassem Mohammed Hassan Attiya, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Displacement and Migration - Republic of Iraq
  - Mr. Jawad Al-Dokiouq - Director of Cooperation, Studies and Sectoral Coordination in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry in charge of Moroccans Residing Abroad and Migration Affairs - Kingdom of Morocco

**Open Discussion**

13:00-14:00  Lunch Break at Nile Ritz Carlton Hotel

14:00-16:30  **Session 2 : The key Pillars of the CRRF**

**Objective:** Reaffirm the need for continuous responsibility sharing with refugee hosting countries in the region to address the impact of conflict and displacement, and Promote cooperation with civil society in the region, including development actors, financial institutions, in addition to expanding third countries solution.

**Chair:** Ambassador Raafat Mahmoud Badran, Assistant Foreign Minister for Refugees and Expatriate Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates - State of Palestine

**Rapporteurs:**
- Ms. Siljia Maria Rezk, Reporting Officer - UNHCR
- Ms. Aline Mikhael, Senior External Relations Associate - UNHCR

**Topics:**

- **International solidarity and responsibility-sharing**
  - Mr. Hy Shelow, Deputy Director, Head of MENA Protection Service, UNHCR
  - Mr. Samir Ibrahim Al-Mubaidain, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior - Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- **Easing pressures on host countries and communities**
  - Ms. Shaden Khallaf, Senior Policy Advisor, UNHCR
  - Mr. Asaad Alam, Country Director of World Bank Group
- **Multi stakeholder approach in resourcing the CRRF: “Whole Society Approach”**
  - Ms. Eman Moankar, Regional Representative for MENA, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- **Durable Solutions: Expanding third country solutions**
  - Mr. Haruno Nokashiba, Senior Regional Resettlement Officer, UNHCR
  - Mr. Mubarak Mubarak Al Hammadi, Head of Human Rights Issues, Department of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, United Arab Emirates

*Open Discussion*

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**Day 2: Wednesday 26 July 2017**

**Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM)**

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<td><strong>Short documentary on migration</strong> (2 minutes)</td>
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**Session 1: Drivers of Migration**

**Objectives:** Assess the causes and drivers of migration and how to address them; to foster consensus on appropriate policy response to support migration as a choice.

**Chair:** Mr. Mahmoud Hassan Al Ameen, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Republic of Sudan

**Rapporteurs:**
- Ms. Mayada Serag El Din, IOM Egypt
- Ms. Nahla Afify, IOM Egypt

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Vincent Houwer, Deputy Director, Department for Operations and Emergencies, IOM
- Ms. Nina Stuurman, Regional Emergency and Post Crisis Officer, MENA, IOM

**Topics:**
- What role do economic, demographic, labour force, poverty and other such factors play in driving migration – in particular irregular migration – and how can they be addressed? What role do pull factors in destination countries play, and how can these be addressed? How can safe, regular and orderly migration be facilitated, while working to reduce unsafe, irregular and disorderly migration?
- How can we mitigate the negative consequences of human made crises through prevention, protection and assistance?
- Why is it important to link humanitarian and migration plans/strategies?
- What role is there for national risk reduction preparedness plans and national climate change adaptation strategies?

*Open Discussion*
10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:30 Session 2: Irregular Migration, Smuggling and Trafficking

Objective: Examine how to reduce the incidence of irregular migration and assist migrants in vulnerable situations.
Chair: Minister Dr. Youssef Abu Bakr Beshirgala, Minister of State for Migrants and Displaced - State of Libya

Rapporteurs:
- Ms. Mayada Serag El Din, IOM Egypt
- Ms. Nahla Afify, IOM Egypt

Speakers:
- Ms. Kristina Touzenis, Head of International Migration Law Unit, IOM
- Ms. Irina Todorova, Regional Thematic Specialist for Europe, Migrant Assistance Division, IOM

Topics:
- What does a human rights-based approach to prevent and address irregular migration consist of?
- What is needed for the establishment and implementation of legislation and policy frameworks on smuggling and trafficking?
- How can we better protect migrants in vulnerable situations, including through identification and access to referral and protection mechanisms?
- How can we promote and encourage regular channels for migration?

Open Discussion

12:30-13:45 Session 3: Migration and development of countries of origin and destination

Objective: Examine what kind of accompanying measures can be put in place to support a more positive impact of mobility and of diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits, skills development, circular movements, etc. as well as rights and work conditions of labour migrants.
Chair: Mr. Jawad Al-Dokiouq - Director of Cooperation, Studies and Sectoral Coordination in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry in charge of Moroccans Residing Abroad and Migration Affairs - Kingdom of Morocco

Rapporteurs:
- Ms. Hend Eltaweel, IOM Regional Office (MENA)
- Ms. Sherihan Habib, IOM Egypt

Speakers:
- Mr. Roberto Cancel, Regional Labour Mobility and Human Development Specialist, MENA, IOM
- Mr. Michael Newson, Regional Labour Mobility and Human Development Specialist, South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, IOM

Topics:
- How to maximize the contribution of migration as measured by the SDG indicators: including reducing remittance transfer costs, reducing the share of recruitment costs borne by migrant workers, enhancing migrant workers’ labour rights?
- How can we promote youth and student mobility and brain gain?
- What are the key elements of a diaspora policy that has a positive impact on development?
- How can we address xenophobia and discrimination towards migrant populations?

**Open Discussion**

**13:45-14:45** Lunch Break at Nile Ritz Carlton Hotel

**14:45-16:00** Session 4: Promoting good governance and international cooperation

**Objective**: Identify how to strengthen dialogue and partnerships between governments, civil society, the private sector and international organizations for safe, regular and orderly migration.

**Chair**: Mr. Nasser Mustafa Abdul Rahim Al-Nisour, Director, Legal Department, Ministry of Interior, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

**Rapporteurs**: – Ms. Hend Eltaweel, IOM Regional Office (MENA)
– Ms. Sherihan Habib, IOM Egypt

**Speakers**: – Ms. Erica Usher, Senior Policy Advisor, Global Compact on Migration, IOM
– Mr. David Martineau, Policy Officer, Multilateral Partnerships Division, IOM

**Topics**: – How to promote capacity building in migration management and support an evidence based approach in policy formulation? What can be done at the national and regional level?
– What is needed to enhance international coordination and cooperation and what role is there for bilateral and regional arrangements?
– What are good examples of multi-stakeholder, whole of government – indeed whole of society -- approaches in supporting safe, regular and orderly migration? What role for the private sector and civil society?

**Open Discussion**

**16:00-16:30** Discussion and adoption of outcome document