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**Inter-state Consultation Mechanisms on Migration and the  
Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**

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*Seventh Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional,  
Inter-regional and Global Consultative Processes on Migration  
(GRCP 7)*

**SESSION OBJECTIVES AND  
GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

## Meeting Objective

The Seventh Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration “Inter-state Consultation Mechanisms on Migration and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” (GRCP 7) aims to:

- (i) provide a forum for Inter-state Consultation Mechanisms on Migration [ISCM, including Regional Consultative Processes on migration, Inter-regional Forums on migration and Global processes on migration] and their major regional partners to jointly reflect on their **roles** in the preparatory process leading to the adoption of a Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM);
- (ii) collect and review existing good practices (e.g. policy, legislation, project, institution, fund, etc.) and other substantive **input** (such as recommendations, innovative solutions, common principles and approaches in addressing international migration in all its dimensions) relevant in the formulation of the GCM; and
- (iii) identify priority issues and gaps and consider **partnerships** towards the development of the GCM and its implementation, follow-up and review.

## Issues to be addressed during GRCP 7

- ⇒ What role can ISCMs play in the GCM process?
- ⇒ What concrete recommendations, good practices, innovative solutions, common approaches in addressing international migration can ISCMs formulate regarding:
  - (i) principles, commitments and understandings regarding international migration in all its dimensions, which may underline a comprehensive international cooperation framework on migrants and human mobility and strengthen the global governance and coordination of international migration<sup>1</sup>?
  - (ii) actionable commitments, means of implementation and a framework for follow-up and review of implementation<sup>2</sup>?
  - (iii) each of the GCM themes and elements (as identified in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants<sup>3</sup> and the Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the GCM<sup>4</sup>)?
- ⇒ What role can/should? ISCMs play in supporting their Member States in the GCM intergovernmental negotiations?
- ⇒ What partnerships can ISCMs suggest vis-à-vis the GCM preparation, implementation and follow-up?

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<sup>1</sup> New York Declaration, Annex II, Article 2.

<sup>2</sup> GCM Modalities Resolution, Article 2.

<sup>3</sup> New York Declaration, Annex II, Article 8.

<sup>4</sup> GCM Modalities Resolution, Article 15.

## **Session Objectives and Guiding questions for Discussions.**

### **Session 1. Global Processes on Migration Inputs to the GCM**

#### **Objectives:**

- ⇒ to inform participants on global dialogues on migration inputs to the GCM, which can be relevant also at the regional level.
- ⇒ to consider possible partnerships between global dialogues and regional-level actors in the context of the GCM preparation.

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

- ⇒ What role can the global processes on migration play in the Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM)?
- ⇒ Which good practices among those proposed by the global processes on migration can be relevant at the regional level and can be replicated by RCPs / IRFs and their regional partners?
- ⇒ What partnerships can the global processes suggest vis-à-vis the GCM preparation, implementation and follow-up?

## Session 2. Inputs and Recommendations on the GCM by Region

### Objectives (breakout groups and plenary discussion):

- ⇒ to consider the positions of respectively RCPs, IRFs, and global processes on migration and their main partners (such as UN Regional Commissions and Regional Economic Organizations) on their roles in GCM preparation, implementation, follow up and review.
- ⇒ to compile good practices (e.g. policies, legislation, projects, institutions, funds, etc.), innovative solutions, common principles and approaches in addressing international migration in all its dimensions; and any other input, which can be of relevance in the GCM preparation process and can be replicated in other regions or expanded to the global level.
- ⇒ to identify potential issues and gaps, which the GCM also should address.
- ⇒ to identify suitable partnerships in the GCM preparation, implementation, follow-up and review as well as related challenges.
- ⇒ to formulate recommendations on potential ISCM / RCP roles in, and contribution to, the GCM preparation, implementation, follow-up and review, including partnerships required.
- ⇒ to select from among the good practices and other inputs to the GCM as identified during the breakout groups those concrete effective practices that can work across all regions.

### Guiding questions for Discussions:

#### *Session 2 Breakout Groups*

- ⇒ What are five recommendations or actionable commitments that your region think must be reflected in the GCM?
- ⇒ What mechanisms at the regional level would ensure coherent and effective follow-up and implementation of the GCM and what role do RCPs have in these mechanisms?

#### *Session 2 Plenary Discussion*

- ⇒ What five recommendations or actionable commitments were identified by each breakout group?
- ⇒ What mechanisms at the regional level were identified by each Region to ensure coherent and effective follow-up and implementation of the GCM and what role do RCPs have in these mechanisms?
- ⇒ What were the points of general agreement and disagreement in each of the breakout groups?
- ⇒ Which conclusions are concurrent / repeated across the breakout groups?

- ⇒ Which of the regional good practices and substantive input can work across the regions and at the global level?
- ⇒ What are the five overall recommendations arising out of GRCP 7 to be transmitted to the GCM Co-facilitators for their consideration in the GCM preparation process?

### **Session 3. Discussion on Role of RCPs and Others in GCM Follow up and Review**

#### **Objectives:**

#### **Session 3 GCM Follow up discussion**

- ⇒ to suggest possible means of implementation and a framework for follow-up and review of implementation for the GCM.
- ⇒ to discuss ISCMs' and partners' possible roles in GCM follow-up and review.

#### **Session 3. Partner engagement discussion**

- ⇒ to identify ISCM partners' recommendations to the GCM.
- ⇒ to suggest actionable commitments by ISCM partners vis-à-vis the GCM.
- ⇒ to formulate overall ISCM and partner recommendations to the GCM.
- ⇒ to discuss mechanisms of collaboration between ISCMs and partners on GCM preparation, negotiation and implementation.

#### **Guiding questions for Discussion:**

#### **Session 3 GCM Follow up discussion**

- ⇒ What possible means of implementation and what framework for GCM implementation, follow-up and review do ISCMs and their partners suggest?
- ⇒ What role can ISCMs play in GCM follow-up and review; what partnerships are required in this respect?

#### **Session 3. Partner engagement discussion**

- ⇒ What are the core recommendations to the GCM by ISCM partners (UN RC, regional IGOs, NGOs, academia, private sector institutions)?
- ⇒ What effective practices do ISCM partners (UN RC, regional IGOs, NGOs, academia, private sector institutions) put forward for broader consideration?
- ⇒ What are the overall recommendations on partner engagement towards the GCM?
- ⇒ How have partners engaged/how will partners continue to engage with ISCMs on GCM preparation, negotiation and implementation?