ISCM 2019 Highlights

INTER-STATE CONSULTATION MECHANISMS ON MIGRATION:

MAIN EVENTS IN 2019

Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD)
The future of work and interregional cooperation on migration were the focus of the **High-level Symposium** and **Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)** on 29-30 April, Dubai, UAE, as well as of the **5th Ministerial Consultations** on 16-17 October.

ACP-EU Migration Dialogue (ACP-EU MD)
Regional Thematic Meetings, 19-21 February, Accra, Ghana, 12-14 March, Georgetown, Guyana, and 3-5 April, Port Vila, Vanuatu, addressed respectively remittances, countering human trafficking and migrant smuggling, and visas.

Almaty Process
Expert Group Meetings, 12-13 February, 14-15 May, 26-28 August and 9-10 December, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, discussed Almaty Process strategy, workplan and sustainability.

Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration (ARCP)
5th ARCP Meeting, 15-16 April, Cairo, Egypt, discussed the Global compacts for migration and on refugees, and the 2030 Agenda; and endorsed ARCP Position Paper on GFMD Themes.

AU HoA Initiative (AU HoAI)
SOM and **Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Law Enforcement**, 28-30 October, Nairobi, Kenya, reviewed the Working Group's progress and AU HoAI visibility.

Bali Process
14th Ad-Hoc Group SOM, 22-23 July, Da Nang, Viet Nam, reviewed the progress of initiatives on countering irregular migration and human trafficking.

Budapest Process
6th Ministerial, 19-20 February, Istanbul, Turkey, adopted the Istanbul Commitments and Call for Action for 2019-2024. The **Joint Meeting of Budapest Process Working Groups**, 9-10 October, Skopje, Macedonia, and **SOM**, 4-5 December, Istanbul, Turkey, developed the Call for Action implementation plan.

Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC)
Preparatory Meeting for a Regional Approach to Migration and International Protection, 5-6 December, Kingston, Jamaica, discussed formalization of the structure and objectives of the CMC.

Central American Commission of Migration Directors (OCAM)
20th Anniversary of OCAM
48th Meeting, 5-6 June, Guatemala, discussed migration flows in the region and the creation of an early warning system for improved assistance to vulnerable migrants in humanitarian settings.

Colombo Process
Consultations on Engagement in Global Frameworks related to Migration, 22-23 May, Bangkok, Thailand, addressed implementation, follow-up and review of the Global compact for migration and 2030 Agenda.

Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management (EaP Panel)
Panel Meeting, 13-14 June, Minsk, Belarus, addressed cooperation for efficient integrated border management.

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)
Roundtable Consultations, 21 February, 28 May and 11 September, Geneva, Switzerland, focused on sustainable approaches to human mobility. **Consultations on the Global compact for migration**, 4 April, Geneva, explored GFMD engagement in the International Migration Review Forum.

Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM)
9th Congress, 20-22 November, Cucuta, Colombia, showcased effective practices in managing large migration flows, explored technological solutions and addressed ways to enhance the policy dialogue among RIAM Member States.

Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)
Full Round, 8-10 May, Madrid, Spain, addressed positive contribution of migration, migrants' inclusion and social cohesion. **SOM**, 9-10 December, Geneva Switzerland, focused on applying innovation to the migration management continuum.

Khartoum Process
SOM, 7 March, Asmara, Eritrea, discussed 2019 work plan, launched the preparations for the update of the Joint Valletta Action Plan and multiannual planning process to ensure the Khartoum Process sustainability.

Migration Dialogue for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Region (MID-IGAD)
5th Biannual Meeting of Experts in Charge of Education for Refugees, Returnees and Host Communities, 4 July, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, assessed the progress of implementation of the 2018 Djibouti Declaration and the Addis Ababa Call for Action. **12th Meeting**, 7-8 October, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on "A Regional Exchange on Experiences in Supporting Resilience and Durable Solutions to Internal Displacement in the IGAD Region" took stock of lessons learnt , operational practices and partnerships and identified needs and challenges in achieving durable solutions to internal displacement in the region.

Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)
SOM, 25-28 June, Windhoek, Namibia, addressed regional priorities for migration governance and sustainable development, such as migration health, migration data and sustainable assisted voluntary return and reintegration, as well as a proposed SADC Regional Migration Policy Framework.

Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)
3rd Annual Meeting of Regional Thematic Working Groups, 20-22 August, Lomé, Togo, discussed achievements in border management, migration data, labour migration, mixed migration, migration and development and return and reintegration. The draft ECOWAS Regional Migration Policy was presented.

Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC)
22nd Annual Conference, 4-5 June, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, addressed immigration intelligence, labour mobility, improved data and information sharing in the region, and combatting identity fraud, transnational crime, migrant smuggling and human trafficking.

Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM)
5th Forum, 17-19 September, Cairo, Egypt, discussed strengthening migration data and research for evidence-based policy development and implementation towards effective migration governance in Africa, adopted PAFOM Terms of reference and established a continental Working Group on Migration Statistics.

Prague Process
10th Anniversary of the Prague Process
SOM, 10-11 June, Bucharest, Romania, took stock on 10 years experience and discussed plans for the future, including expanded portfolio in labour migration and enhanced partnerships.

Rabat Process
SOM, 12-13 February, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, launched the implementation of the Marrakech Action Plan 2018-2020 and discussed a roadmap for Joint Valletta Action Plan follow-up.

Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)
24th Vice-Ministerial Meeting, 13-14 November, Guatemala, on "Relaunch of the Regional Conference on Migration as a Consultative Process in Light of the Current Migration Dynamics", approved the RCM Charter and 2019-2022 Strategic Plan focusing on protection, labour migration, irregular migration and border management.

South American Conference on Migration (SACM)
Workshop Gender and Migration, 10-11 September, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, addressed mainstreaming of gender in global and regional migration policies.

8th Global Meeting of ISCMs (GRCP 8)
5 April 2019, Geneva, Switzerland, on "Advancing a common understanding of migration governance across regions," GRCP 8 revisited ISCMs' contributions to migration governance at all levels, achievements, effective practices, structures and partnership models. It discussed the preliminary findings of the ISCM Assessment and formulation of the GRCP 8 key outcomes to be included in the ISCM Assessment Report.

Global Initiatives and Thematic Areas Addressed at Various ISCM Events

Global Initiatives
Global Compact for Migration: ARCP, Bali Process, Colombo Process, GFMD, MIDSA
Global Compact on Refugees: ARCP, Bali Process
2030 Agenda and SDGs: ARCP, Colombo Process, MIDSA, RCM

Thematic Areas
Asylum , IDPs, refugees: ARCP, CMC, IGC, MID-IGAD, Prague Process, RCM
Biometrics: IGC
Border management: ACP-EU MD, AU HOAI, EaP Panel, IGC, MID-WA, PIDC, Prague Process, Rabat Process
Combatting human trafficking: ACP-EU Migration Dialogue, AU HoAI, Bali Process, CMC, IGC, Khartoum Process, PIDC
Counter migrant smuggling: CMC, PIDC, RCM, Prague Process, Rabat Process
Data: MID-IGAD, MIDSA, MIDWA, PAFOM, PIDC
Diaspora: CMC, Rabat Process
Education: IGC, MID-IGAD
Gender: OCAM, RCM, SACM

Integration: IGC , Prague Process
Irregular migration: Bali Process, Budapest Process, Khartoum Process, OCAM, Prague Process, Rabat Process
Labour migration: ADD, CMC, Colombo Process, GFMD, Khartoum Process, MIDSA, MIDWA, PIDC, Prague Process, Rabat Process, RCM
Migrant health: IGC, MIDSA, RCM
Migration and development: ARCP, CMC, GFMD, Khartoum Process, MIDSA, MIDWA, Prague Process, Rabat Process, RCM, RIAM
Migration crisis, disaster preparedness, environment, climate change: Bali Process, CMC, MID-IGAD, RCM
Migration policy and governance: ACP-EU MD, Almaty Process, Khartoum Process, MIDSA, MIDWA, OCAM, PAFOM, RIAM, RCM, SACM
Mixed migration flows: MIDWA, OCAM
Remittances: ACP-EU MD, Colombo Process, GFMD, Rabat Process
Return, readmission, reintegration: Bali Process, IGC, Khartoum Process, MID-IGAD, MIDSA, MIDWA, OCAM, Prague Process, Rabat Process, RCM
Technology: IGC, RIAM
Youth and minors: IGC, OCAM, RCM

2019 Publications

Advancing a common understanding of migration governance across regions. ISCM Assessment Report
https://www.iom.int/inter-state-consultation-mechanisms-migration

Advancing a common understanding of migration governance across regions. GRCP 8 Summary Report
https://www.iom.int/inter-state-consultation-mechanisms-migration

ACP-EU Migration Action Regional Perspectives (*ACP-EU Migration Dialogue*)
https://acpeumigrationaction.iom.int/sites/default/files/Publications/rtr_en.pdf

Final Report of the Regional Consultation towards a Framework for Regional Cooperation on Human Mobility in the Context of Disasters and the Adverse Effects of Climate Change in the Caribbean (*Caribbean Migration Consultations*)
https://caribbeanmigration.org/sites/default/files/report-climate_change_and_human_mobility_f_0.pdf

Characteristics of the Process for Gathering and Using Administrative Records on Migration in Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean (*Caribbean Migration Consultations*)
https://caribbeanmigration.org/sites/default/files/repository/rpcc-final_eng-dig_0.pdf

Summary Report of the Consultation on the Colombo Process Engagement in the Global Frameworks related to Migration (*Colombo Process*)
http://www.colomboprocess.org/documents/summary-report-cpconsultation-on-global-frameworks-may2019-pdf_12-05-2019-10-08-45.pdf

Migration Observatory: Collected Publications 2018-2019 (*Prague Process*)
https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/migration-observatory/publications?task=document.download &id=190

How to be a Good Trainer. Strategies and Hints for Innovative and Impactful Training with a focus on Human Rights and Migration Education (*Prague Process*)
https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/migration-observatory/publications?task=document.download&id=97

What is Trafficking in Human Beings? Trainer's Manual (*Prague Process*)
https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/migration-observatory/publications?task=document.download&id=192

Social Immobility versus - Social Mobility . The Root Causes of International Emigration (*Rabat Process*)
https://www.rabat-process.org/index.php?option=com_attachments&task=download&id=1

Forthcoming events

The calendar of ISCM events is available at http://www.iom.int/inter-state-consultation-mechanisms-migration