

IOM IS WORKING TO MOBILIZE MEMBER STATES AND ENGAGE DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE THAT ALL VOICES ARE HEARD IN SETTING THE GLOBAL MIGRATION AGENDA FOR YEARS TO COME, AND IS PROVIDING ITS TECHNICAL AND POLICY EXPERTISE TO SUPPORT THE GCM PROCESS, AS CALLED FOR IN THE MODALITIES RESOLUTION.

For more information on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) please visit <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact> or IOM's GCM webpage <https://www.iom.int/global-compact-migration>

IOM VISION:

IOM has prepared a paper offering its vision, at a high level, of core objectives for the Global Compact for Migration and priority elements to consider in order to achieve those goals.

https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/our_work/ODG/GCM/IOM-vision-on-the-global-compact-on-migration-13April2017.pdf

IOM THEMATIC PAPERS

With a view toward generating ideas and recommendations that could be taken forward in the GCM, IOM's thematic experts prepared papers on many of the 24 themes set forth in Annex II of the New York Declaration, for consideration in the GCM, available on IOM's website: <https://www.iom.int/iom-thematic-papers>

NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

IOM has instructed its field offices world-wide to support and assist in the organization of diverse multi-stakeholder consultations, convened by Member States and others, as per the modalities resolution. To date, over 70 governments have indicated their intention to hold national consultations. IOM has strongly encouraged a whole of government and whole of society approach to these consultations.

CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

To facilitate CSO involvement, and provide support to the Office of the SRSG, PGA and the co-facilitators, IOM has brought on Colin Rajah, 2016 Chair of the GFMD Civil Society Days. To preserve his independence and the independent character of the CSO discussions, Colin serves as a consultant, and not IOM staff. Colin is co-organizing seven regional civil society consultations with regional civil society networks, likely to take place through November 2017, and in cooperation with ICMC, he will organize a civil society stocktaking meeting immediately before the Guadalajara stocktaking meeting in December 2017.

UN REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS (RECs)

IOM field offices are providing policy and technical expertise to the UN RECs regional consultations that are called for in the GCM modalities resolution.

REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES (RCPs)

IOM is working worldwide with the regional consultative processes on migration (RCPs) to help those that are interested develop inputs to the GCM. Many RCPs have had or are planning dedicated discussions on the GCM. IOM's annual Global RCP (GRCP) meeting, in Geneva on 10-11 October 2017, will be dedicated to the GCM. Participants will include the chairs and secretariats of more than 20 RCPs and inter-regional fora on migration worldwide; representatives from the UN RECs; the GFMD co-chairs; the SRSG; and the GCM Co-facilitators.

INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION

IOM devoted both of its 2017 International Dialogues on Migration, its primary policy dialogue forum for Member and Observer States and partner intergovernmental and non-governmental entities, to the GCM.

The April IDM on strengthening international cooperation and governance of migration, and the July IDM on migrants in vulnerable situations were attended by more than 400 participants from all regions and perspectives, the reports will be submitted to the Office of the SRSG and the co-facilitators as input to the GCM preparatory process

IOM COUNCIL

IOM will hold a dedicated session on the GCM at the annual IOM Council, 28 November – 1 December 2017, which is the primary governing body of IOM.

MIGRANTS IN CITIES (UN HABITAT)

To facilitate local governments' contributions to the GCM and review the implementation of the migration-related commitments contained in the New Urban Agenda, IOM, UN-Habitat and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) are partnering with the Belgian Government and city of Mechelen, Belgium to host a Global Conference on Cities and Migrants (16-17 November 2017).

The outcomes of the conference will be provided to the SRSG and co-facilitators.

For additional information on the New Urban Agenda see: <http://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/>

MIGRATION LEADERS RESEARCH SYNDICATE

IOM has invited the world's leading migration researchers from diverse geographic and thematic backgrounds to share their expertise and knowledge in support of the GCM.

Syndicate members were asked to provide their 'top three reads' for policy makers and will participate in a Workshop focused on "policy conundrums," in Geneva 28-29 September 2017 based on papers commissioned from them. The SRSG and co-facilitators have been invited to participate in this innovative forum.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.iom.int/migration-research-leaders-syndicate>

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH

IOM is conducting communications outreach, throughout the GCM process, aimed at bringing to life thematic issues; raising awareness of the human dimension of migration; and changing the narrative on migration to a positive one.

IOM's communications strategy is closely linked with key partners such as OSRSG and the UN Together Initiative, a campaign that promotes respect, safety and dignity for refugees and migrants. An outcome of the New York Declaration, its aim is to counter xenophobia and discrimination.

IOM's "I am a migrant" campaign, in partnership with the Together Initiative, has conducted film screenings, interviews for social media with migrants, the SRSG, Member States, and experts. IOM is producing a podcast series called "Together" that tells the stories of migrant and refugee integration around the world, the first episode of which is here:

<https://soundcloud.com/howdowefixit/together5thcut/s-9yK3d>

SUPPORT PROVIDED TO OFFICE OF THE SRSG

In addition to the efforts summarized above, IOM provides ongoing support to the OSRSG since that office was established in March 2017, with the secondment of two experienced IOM staff members to the SRSG's team.

The GCM Workplan was jointly prepared in March 2017 with the SRSG's Office: updated regularly, it is available at

http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/work_plan_gcm_0.pdf.

IOM drafts talking points for the SRSG; provides substantive background to OSRSG staff on a wide range of migration issues; and keeps track of sub-regional and national consultations.

IOM thematic experts, in addition to members of the IOM GCM team, have provided extensive drafting support for the interagency issue briefs called for in the modalities resolution, both as part of the GMG and then later working directly with the SRSG to finalize following GMG inputs.

The SRSG's Office is consulting with IOM on preparation of the Secretary General's Report on the Compact.

NEXT STEPS

Following the conclusion of Phase I – consultative phase -- of the GCM preparations, Phase II – the stocktaking phase – will run from December to the beginning of February 2018. It will be comprised of a stocktaking meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico, taking stock of all inputs received in Phase I, as well as a report of the Secretary General, providing the consolidated inputs and recommendations of the UN system. The report is being prepared by the SRSG in close consultation with IOM. Phase III – the negotiations phase – will begin in early February 2018 by the presentation of a zero draft of the GCM by the co-facilitators. Intergovernmental negotiations are planned in NY through June 2018, with a view to adoption of a consensus Global Compact at an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018, the modalities of which will be determined by MS in autumn 2017.

