

International Organization for Migration (IOM)
International Partnerships Division (IPD)
Assessment of Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration

Summary of Findings per ISCM

As part of an assessment of inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration (ISCMs), a survey was conducted in 2019. Carried out by IOM among ISCMs, their Member States and relevant inter-governmental organizations, the survey aimed to assess ISCMs' continued relevance and contribution to migration governance at all levels (national, regional and international) and the synergies among ISCMs and with other actors. The findings of this survey were presented at the global gathering of ISCMs in 2019 and were used to develop recommendations to enhance ISCMs' engagement in migration governance.

46 States and 22 ISCMs and 3 inter-governmental organizations provided answers to the questionnaires. The results are to be found in the 2019 assessment report: *Advancing a common understanding of migration governance among regions*, which provides an overview on ISCMs' organization, engagements, their continued relevance and synergies with relevant actors in the area of migration management. In addition to the report, the information below is meant to outline each individual ISCM's thematic priorities, structure, impact and relevance.

Name of the Inter-state consultation mechanism (ISCM): **African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) – European Union (EU) Dialogue on Migration**

1. Evolution of programing and thematic focus

No information was provided on programing and thematic focus.

2. Contribution to migration governance at national, (inter)regional and global levels (with examples)

Regional level: While the ACP-EU Migration Dialogue is a global, African, Caribbean and Pacific framework, it does have regional components and thus, contributes to migration governance at a regional level. These components are developed in accordance with requests from respective member States. Moreover, experiences from the ACP-EU Migration Dialogue technical meetings have had a positive impact on the policy dialogue on migration at the regional level.

Global level: ACP-EU technical meetings allow Member States to contribute to policy dialogues on migration at the global level, such as the Global Compact on Migration or the ACP proposals for a successor agreement to the past 2020 Cotonou partnership. The ACP-EU Migration Action was able to provide lessons learnt for both agreements.

3. Salient ISCM structures

The ACP-EU Migration Dialogue is a trans-regional organization. It is jointly monitored at a Steering Committee level, by the ACP Secretariat and the European Commission. Information on this ISCM can be found in newsletters, its [website](#) and in regional peer-to-peer reviews. Funding for this migration dialogue is provided entirely by external donors. However, this does not have an impact on the ACP-EU Migration Dialogue's agenda, work or thematic areas which are

independent from the donor. The ACP-EU Migration Dialogue's secretariat is implemented by IOM.

The ACP-EU migration dialogue is considering a sustainability plan, including member-fees and self-funding mechanisms. In order to achieve this, collaboration with State and non-State actors at national, regional and multilateral levels should be enhanced.

4. Partnership models by the ISCM

Only the ACP-EU Migration Dialogue's collaboration with IOM is mentioned as an effective partnership model in the questionnaire. The questionnaire reveals, that in order to enhance the ACP-EU Migration Dialogue's role in migration governance, such synergies must also include other development related UN agencies, national governments and regional and continental secretariats, such as the African Union.

5. Added value of Membership in the given ISCM for States and Organizations (with examples)

The ACP Secretariat understands that member States value their membership in the ACP-EU Migration Dialogue. This is visible in active demand appeals for assistance, as well as public acknowledgement of the benefits of the ACP-EU Migration Action Program.