

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): ***Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC)***

**1. Evolution of programing and thematic focus**

CMC, launched in 2019, is the only platform for discourse on migration-specific issues in the Caribbean region. Since CMC was launched, it has focused on counter-trafficking, labour migration, integrated border management, Diaspora, Emergencies and post-crisis, migration, environment and climate change and refugee protection. In the future, CMC aims to enhance its engagement in the areas of research, diaspora engagement agencies, emergency preparedness and response and adaptation to climate change.

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

**National level:** CMC has supported capacity building in its Member States by organizing several workshops on migration related topics for government officials.

**Regional level:** Recognizing the need for cooperation on the exchange of information to prevent and respond to human trafficking, CMC established a Caribbean-wide counter-trafficking network in 2018. Experts and government officials share information on current actions, best practices, and gaps and challenges encountered in their work, and seek to identify priorities at the regional level.

### **3. Salient ISCM structures**

CMC consists of working groups; a secretariat is currently not established. There is no formal Membership Structure, but the 16 independent States have participated at least once in CMC events. To store and disseminate knowledge, CMC uses the webpage [caribbeanmigration.org](http://caribbeanmigration.org) which was developed by IOM. Currently, CMC is dependent on one primary donor, with occasional support from other agencies or project. This is not very sustainable, and CMC aims at diversification of donors to increase its sustainability. Meanwhile, CMC does not consider a sustainability plan. Travel costs of CMC delegates attending CMC events are covered by IOM (through donors) and UNHCR.

### **4. Partnership models by the ISCM**

On a regional level, CMC cooperates with CARICOM, OECS, ECLAC and the University of the West Indies. Representatives from CARICOM and OECS frequently attend and participate in CMC meetings. Their participation provides validation to the process. ECLAC often provides speakers and expertise. The University of the West Indies frequently provides experts as attendees at CMC meetings and webinars. CMC has no formal engagement with other ISCMs. CMC further cooperates with IOM and UNHCR. IOM provides financial and personnel support for meetings, communication to and among states, countries and territories, and online platform management, with additional support from UNHCR. CMC aims to further coordinate with regional agencies (particularly those under CARICOM), and establish partnerships with regional organizations (CDEMA, IMPACS, CCCCC, ECLAC).

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

States and Organizations participating in CMC benefit from Face-to-Face meetings, multi-agency engagement, technical advice and guidance.