



Migrant children learn about safe migration through interactive games at a Migrant Learning Centre in Ranong, Thailand. | © IOM 2017

Guided by [IOM's Strategic Vision and the Regional Strategy for Asia and Pacific](#), the Regional Policy and Liaison Unit (RPLU) portfolio is informed by and feed into the strategies, policies, programmes and activities of IOM Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP), IOM country offices (COs) in Asia and the Pacific and relevant departments in IOM Headquarters (HQ). RPLU also builds synergies and collaborates with initiatives, programmes and projects developed and implemented by other IOM Regional Offices across the globe which accelerates cross-regional engagement; support regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, leads regional implementation, follow up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) vis-à-vis role of the Regional Coordinator and the UN Network on Migration – at country, regional and global levels – and to cultivate engagement with GCM Champion countries and Member States; partners in the UN system; inter-state consultative mechanisms including Regional Consultative Processes and sub-regional bodies as well engage with multi-stakeholders including but not limited to civil society, academia, think-tanks, media and others. As part of UN Development System Reform (UNDS) the unit support IOM as the co-lead of the UN Issue-Based-Coalition (IBC) on Human Mobility and Urbanization (HMU) and engages with the Regional Collaborative Platforms (RCP), including Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration (ISCM), and the UN Development Coordination Office (DCO) in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSCDFs) and Common Country Analysis (CCAs).

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- Address the drivers of displacement and provide solutions for those displaced.
- Significantly scale up support to governments in enhancing migration management and governance.
- Strengthen IOM support for migration dialogues and collaborative actions in the region.
- Enhance knowledge and the evidence-base for effective migration policy, programme support and innovation in the region.

In summary, the following are strategic areas of work under the RPLU in Asia and the Pacific.

-  Implementation, follow up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
-  Support implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
-  Co-chair the Issue-Based Coalition on Human Mobility and Urbanization
-  Engage with Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)- including but not limited to other Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs) and Inter-State Coordination Mechanisms such as Colombo Process, Bali Process, Abu-Dhabi Dialogue, Pacific Island Forums.
-  Guide migration policy and strategy at national and regional level including IOM national and sub-regional strategy development and review.
-  Mainstream Migration into UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and Common Country Analysis (CCA)
-  Capacity building support to areas relevant to global frameworks and policy and strategy on migration.

## GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) is the first intergovernmentally-adopted framework prepared under the auspices of the United Nations to cover all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner.

The GCM defines 23 objectives covering all aspects of migration (“360-degree” approach) and is based on a set of ten cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles. It is anchored in the core purposes and principles of the United Nations, as covered by its Charter, international human rights law, international labour law and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

> Learn more: [GCM Infosheet](#)

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| <br>GCM<br>OBJECTIVES                       | <br><b>1</b> DATA                      | <br><b>2</b> MINIMIZE DRIVERS                    | <br><b>3</b> INFORMATION PROVISION               | <br><b>4</b> LEGAL IDENTITY AND DOCUMENTATION | <br><b>5</b> REGULAR PATHWAYS                    | <br><b>6</b> RECRUITMENT AND DECENT WORK | <br><b>7</b> REDUCE VULNERABILITIES     |
| <br><b>8</b> SAVE LIVES                     | <br><b>9</b> COUNTER SMUGGLING         | <br><b>10</b> ERADICATE TRAFFICKING              | <br><b>11</b> MANAGE BORDERS                     | <br><b>12</b> SCREENING AND REFERRAL          | <br><b>13</b> ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION          | <br><b>14</b> CONSULAR PROTECTION        | <br><b>15</b> ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES  |
| <br><b>16</b> INCLUSION AND SOCIAL COHESION | <br><b>17</b> ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION | <br><b>18</b> SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION | <br><b>19</b> MIGRANT AND DIASPORA CONTRIBUTIONS | <br><b>20</b> REMITTANCES                     | <br><b>21</b> DIGNIFIED RETURN AND REINTEGRATION | <br><b>22</b> SOCIAL PROTECTION          | <br><b>23</b> INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION |



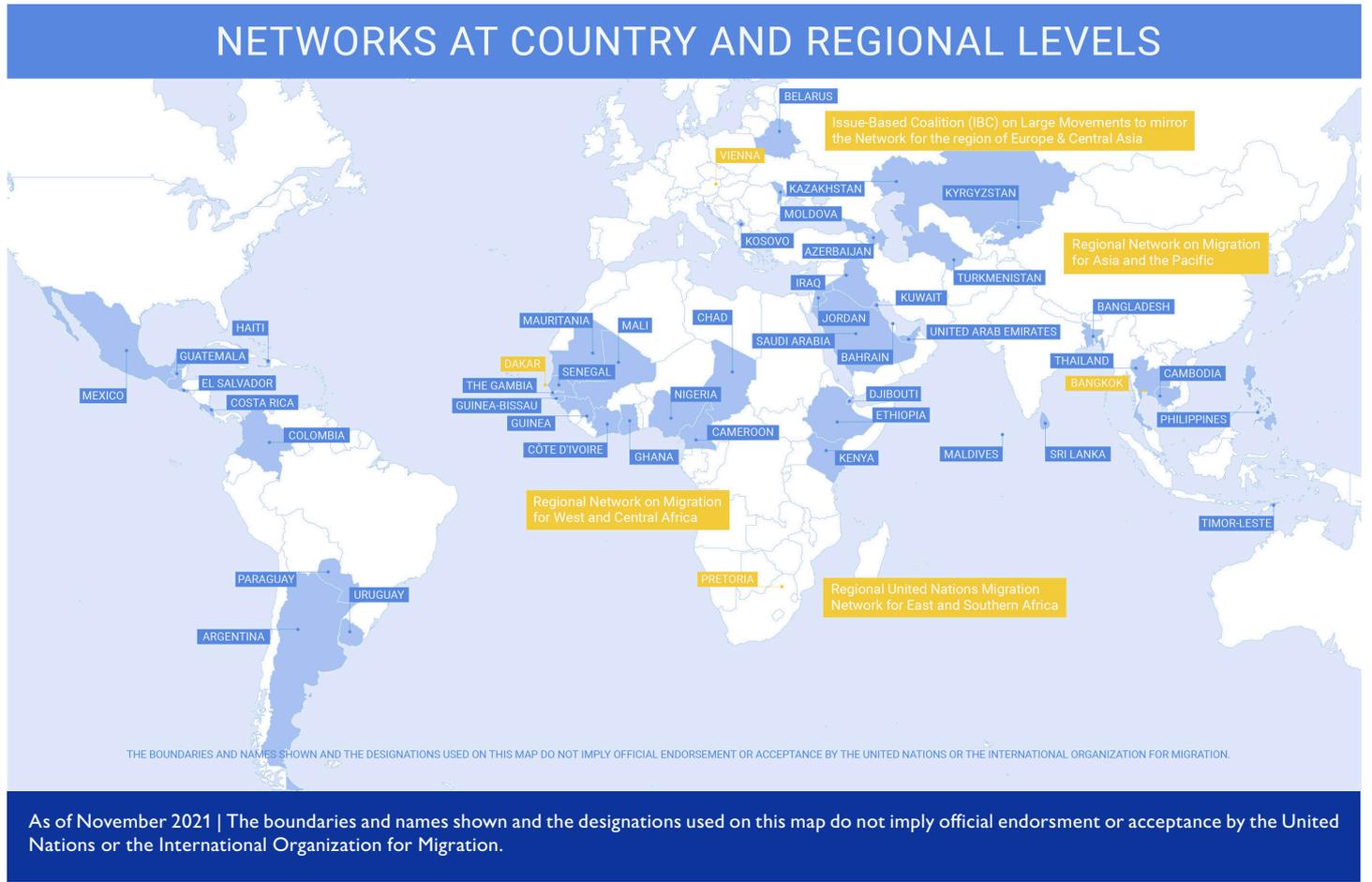
# REGIONAL NETWORK FOR MIGRATION IN ASIA AND PACIFIC

The United Nations system is committed to supporting the implementation, follow-up, review and support of the United Nations Network on Migration. In light of this, the United Nations established a Network on Migration (Network) to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to the Member States. It places emphasis on issues where a common United Nations system approach would add value.

To this end, the IMRF has been created, which serves as the primary global platform to share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the GCM, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. The Asia-Pacific review will feed into the first IMRF in 2022, informing regional trends, challenges, successful practices and emerging issues in the region.

IOM, the UN Agency for Migration, serves as the Coordinator and secretariat of the Network.

> Learn more: [Asia and the Pacific Network Website](#)



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: MIGRATION IN FOCUS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) recognise migration as a core development consideration as it can impact the achievement of theSDGs. Considering various mobile populations as a key target, migration is explicitly integrated into the global development agenda for the firsttime. Target 10.7 is a central reference to migration, as it states that ‘facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility ofpeople, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies’. This vision is also shared by the GCM.Furthermore, migration is directly relevant to other SDG targets, including 4B, 5.2, 8.5, 8.7, 8.8, 10.C, 16.2 and 17.18

> Learn more: [IOM Institutional Strategy on Migration and Sustainable Development](#)



# ISSUE-BASED COALITION ON HUMAN MOBILITY AND URBANIZATION (IBC HMU)

IBCs aim to foster policy and operational collaboration among UN entities in response to cross-cutting challenges in a given region. The IBC HMU aims to harmonize the work of different regional UN entities in the area of human mobility and urbanization, recognized as two mega-trends in the Asia-Pacific region. The IBC on Human Mobility and Urbanization is co-chaired by IOM and UN-Habitat. It was established to realize synergies and complementarities in the work of different regional UN entities in the area of human mobility and urbanization. It seeks to address the increased demand for resources and widening inequalities taking place between cities, and within cities, spurred by increased mobility, high density and growing urban populations.

> Learn more: [IBC Infosheet](#)

## OBJECTIVES OF IBC HMU

- Support the UNCTs and UNRCs on human mobility and urbanization by providing policy and/or normative guidance, and technical support.
- Strengthen the evidence base on internal mobility and migrants in cities, especially the urban poor, for more effective and integrated policies and assistance for such vulnerable groups, in line with the 'leave no one behind' principle.
- Promote partnership at the regional level with associations of local governments on the front line of addressing human mobility and urbanization. This IBC will seek to work in partnership with regional bodies (e.g. SAARC and ASEAN) and other stakeholders including the private sector where appropriate and with added value.
- Address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on human mobility and urbanization through regional collaborative initiatives.
- As part of the UN system efforts to support countries, localities and communities in COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, this IBC will focus on and integrate COVID-19 work in the context of human mobility and urbanization in the course of 2020-21.



IOM Chief of Mission George Gigauro spends time with some of the local children on the Carteret islands. | © IOM 2016

## KEY TOOLS AND RESOURCES

- IOM Website: [International Organization for Migration](#)
- Asia and the Pacific Network Website: [Asia and the Pacific | United Nations Network on Migration](#)
- Migration Network Hub: [Migration Network Hub | United Nations Network on Migration](#)
- Global Compact for Migration: [Global Compact for Migration](#)
- Sustainable Development Goals: [The 17 Goals | Sustainable Development](#)
- Issue-based Coalitions in the Asia-Pacific Region: [Issue-based Coalitions in the Asia-Pacific Region](#)