
PLEDGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM) IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM (IMRF)

IOM is committed to working with all partners in implementing the UN system common pledges to support governments and stakeholders in advancing the 23 objectives of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in line with its guiding principles and a 360-degree vision of international migration.

IOM re-commits itself as Network Coordinator and will strive to ensure a whole of UN system approach to GCM support, working closely with the RC system and with the inclusion of stakeholders, and in doing so will help ensure that the GCM/migration is integrated into other UN frameworks at country, regional, and global levels.

In line with the priority areas of the second Secretary General report on GCM implementation and IOM's Strategic Vision, IOM will also work on the following:

1. Enabling human mobility within resilient pandemic preparedness and response

IOM will work to support governments in enabling human mobility within their resilient pandemic preparedness and response. IOM commits to leverage its programmes and mechanisms to facilitate information sharing on the impact of restrictions on human mobility. IOM will continue to strengthen collaboration with partners to ensure that global and national pandemic preparedness and response plans include health and protection services for migrants, as well as promote cross-border harmonization and interoperability of technology for data collection and sharing. IOM will support enhanced inter-agency coordination on cross-border mobility and pandemic preparedness including the possibility of creating a dedicated forum. IOM commits to provide capacity building support to Member States and partners for health and integrated border management including development, implementation and monitoring of needed tools, and the digitization of mobility management mechanisms.

2. Prevent further loss of life of migrants and support families left behind

IOM will work to prevent further loss of life of migrants and support families left behind by supporting governments' capacity to uphold their legal obligations to conduct search and rescue operations, and safe disembarkation procedures in line with international law. IOM will support the capacity of governments to combat transnational criminal networks of smuggling and trafficking. IOM will collect data on global estimates of migrants affected by humanitarian crisis and support relevant stakeholders to include migrants in emergency preparedness, response and recovery plans by building on the Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict and Natural Disasters. IOM commits to document deaths and disappearances during migration and support States' capacity to collect robust, internationally comparable data on migrant deaths and disappearances. IOM will continue to advocate for safe and regular migration pathways with the aim of preventing migrant deaths or migrants going missing, including supporting the strengthening and replication of good practices among States where possible.

3. Address migration and displacement in the context of disasters, the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation

IOM will address migration and displacement in the context of disasters, the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation by implementing the IOM Institutional Strategy on Migration, Environment and Climate Change 2021 – 2030. IOM will promote policy coherence and inclusive partnerships to mainstream the inclusion of migration and displacement considerations in climate change, environment, disaster and other relevant agendas. IOM will support States and other actors to develop rights-based migration policies and practices that integrate issues of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters. IOM will strengthen the production, analysis and dissemination of relevant data and knowledge, and operationalize responses to migration and displacement in the context of environmental degradation, climate change and disasters across the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus (HDPN).

4. Achieve legal identity for all

IOM will support States to advance legal identity for all, as a core enabler of sustainable development and safe and regular migration. Through the implementation of its Institutional Strategy on Legal Identity, IOM will support States' efforts to strengthen non-discriminatory access to legal identity and adequate documentation for all migrants. IOM will identify opportunities for future programming and areas of collaboration with the UN Legal Identity Agenda Taskforce (UNLIA) and will work with partners to develop initiatives to improve civil registration and vital statistics systems, strengthen the infrastructure to register births and other life events for migrants, and the issuance of identity and travel documents, as well as making these services readily available in countries of transit and destination.

5. Strengthen migrants' and diaspora empowerment and contributions for development

IOM commits to strengthening migrants and diaspora empowerment and contributions for development. Building on IOM's Institutional Strategy on Migration and Sustainable Development, IOM will continue to support governments, cities, civil society, private sector and other partners to integrate migration into national and subnational development policy planning and programming, and support the leading role that local actors play in providing innovative and agile responses. IOM will work to strengthen effective connection between GCM implementation and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals using the SDG indicator framework to guide implementation and review efforts, including to support the incorporation of GCM progress, challenges and gaps in voluntary national reviews for the 2030 Agenda. In collaboration with a wide range of partners, in particular international financial institutions (IFIs) and multilateral banks (MDBs), IOM will lead in acting on the outcomes of the Global Diaspora Summit 2022 to create conditions to mobilize migrant and diaspora capitals – cultural, economic, social and human, and improve the conditions for economic and financial empowerment and inclusion.

6. Scale up support to Member States to conduct Migration Governance Indicator (MGI) assessments

IOM will support States in strengthening migration governance structures in line with GCM objectives through implementing the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) program which supports governments at different levels to take stock of the comprehensiveness of their migration policies, as well as policy gaps and areas that could be strengthened. IOM aims to roll out the MGI program in two thirds of UN Member States and more than 100 local authorities by the next IMRF (2026).