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INTER-STATE CONSULTATION MECHANISMS ON MIGRATION:

Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD)

Two **Senior Officials Meetings (SOM)** (24-27 May and 25 October); the **Sixth Ministerial Consultation** (26-29 October) and 4 **thematic workshops** (July and September) focusing on the themes of 2020-2022 ADD research agenda -- the future of work, use of technology, skill mobility partnerships, employment opportunities for women, and cooperation.

Almaty Process

Ministerial Conference (27 January) on solutions to regional challenges posed by the complex dynamics of refugee protection and migration in Central Asia. **Sixth SOM** (26 May) on Almaty Process Strategy and 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration (ARCP)

Seventh ARCP Meeting (1-2 June) focusing on the process of reviewing the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).

AU HoA Initiative (AU HoAI)

Meeting (22 February) on the "First Statistical Report on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in AU HoAI Region."

Bali Process

SOM (20 August) in preparation for a Steering Group Ministerial meeting and 2022 Bali Process Ministerial Conference. **6th meeting of the Taskforce on Planning and Preparedness** (22-24 June); **Meeting of the Technical Experts Group on Returns and Reintegration** (28 and 30 September). **Consultations with National Experts** on the "Bali Process Screening and Referral Toolkit", five **training workshops** on People Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons, and two **courses** on Combating Trafficking in Persons.

Budapest Process

SOM (2-3 December) took stock of the yearly activities and agreed on priorities for 2022. Two **webinars** on migration in the Silk Routes and environmental change, two **technical meetings** (on rights-based approach for vulnerable groups on the move; and on smuggling and trafficking networks); and **consultations** of the **Budapest Process Reference Group**.

Central American Commission of Migration Directors (OCAM)

52nd Ordinary Meeting (30 June) discussed the activities of OCAM and the launch of the online module on Counter Trafficking for border guards. **Workshop** on migration for communicators and a **program** on protection against sexual exploitation and abuse.

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

13th Summit Meeting (18-26 January) on future of human mobility and partnerships for sustainable development. **Friends of the Forum Meeting** (18 November).

Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM)

11th Annual Meeting (4-5 December) and two **Extraordinary Meetings** (4 March and 28 April) on COVID-19, Vaccine Certification and Identity Management.

Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)

SOMs (15 April, 11 June and 22-23 November). Twenty-four **working group meetings** and five **workshops**.

Khartoum Process

4-module webinar on Prevention of human trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation (31 March, 28 April, 26 May and 23 June) and two **thematic meetings** (21 September and 24-25 November) on return, reintegration and integration.

Migration Dialogue for Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Member States (MIDCOM)

Meeting Regional Integration through Migration and Trade in the Context of COVID-19 (3-4 March).

Migration Dialogue for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Region (MID-IGAD or IGAD RCP)

13th Meeting (18-19 August) on GCM regional reviews of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).

Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)

Ministerial Meeting (25-28 October) on approaches to safe, regular and orderly migration in the context of Covid-19.

Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)

30th anniversary of MIDWA

Working group meetings (18-19 and 24-25 March) on Data and the ECOWAS Migration Statistics Report, and on Environment and Climate Change.

Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC)

25th anniversary of PIDC

47th Board Meeting (24-25 June) and Regular **Annual Meeting** (29-30 June).

Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM)

6th PAFOM Forum (11-12 September) on labour migration governance for socioeconomic development and continental integration.

Prague Process

SOM (22 November) preparing for the next Ministerial Declaration and 2023-2027 Action Plan, as well as on pressing migration challenges. Seven **webinars** on return mobility, pandemic crisis, labour migration partnerships, human smuggling, demography, reporting and policies and three **thematic consultations** in preparation for Prague Process Action Plan 2023-2027. Launch of the **Prague Process E-Learning Platform** (23 September).

Quito Process

7th Principal Meeting (27 May) on solutions to refugees in the context of Covid 19 resulting in the **7th Joint Declaration of the Quito Process**.

Rabat Process

15th anniversary of Rabat Process

SOM (18 November) on progress of implementation of the Marrakesh Action Plan 2018-2020. **Steering Committee Meetings** (20 April; 29 September, 17 November). Three **technical meetings** on future scenario building, seven **webinars** on Migration and Development, local actors, asylum, legal migration and climate change.

MAIN EVENTS IN 2021 (CONTINUED)

Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)

25th anniversary of RCM

SOM (17-18 November), **Vice-Ministerial Meeting** (2-3 December). Meeting of the **Regional Consultation Group** on Migration (RCGM) and 25th Anniversary of RCM (29-30 July), Regional Conference (24-25 August). Eleven **workshops and trainings** on migration policies and governance, employment, social protection programs and reintegration; 18 **working groups meetings** on labour and irregular migration, border management, protection and smuggling migrants; two **courses** on childhood migration and human trafficking; and 8

webinars and events.

South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

20th anniversary of SACM

XIX Plenary Meeting on migration, access to rights and regional challenges in the pandemic (25-26 August). Nine **network meetings** on border management, human trafficking and illegal migrant smuggling, climate change, gender, employment and education. **Bi-regional Plenary Meeting between RCM and SACM** (9-10 September).

9TH GLOBAL MEETING OF ISCMs (GRCP 9)

10-11 November, on "International Migration Review Forum: An Opportunity for Inter-State Consultations Mechanisms on Migration to Contribute to the Global Governance of Migration". The Meeting brought together representatives of 23 ISCMs; representatives of 18 ISCMs spoke. The possible contributions of ISCMs to the IMRF were

discussed within the context of ISCM contribution to global migration governance and global policy dialogue on migration. To inform GRCP 9 and prompt ISCM interest, a survey was conducted among ISCMs on the GCM regional reviews and the IMRF.

GLOBAL INITIATIVES AND THEMATIC AREAS ADDRESSED AT VARIOUS ISCM EVENTS

Global Initiatives

Global Compact for Migration: GFMD, MID-IGAD, RCM; *incorporated through thematic area discussions in other SCMs*

Global Compact on Refugees: ARCP

2030 Agenda and SDGs: ARCP; *incorporated through thematic area discussions in other SCMs*

Thematic Areas

Asylum, IDPs, Refugees: Almaty Process, GFMD, IGC, Quito Process, Prague Process, Rabat Process

Border management: IGC, Prague Process, RCM, RIAM, SACM

Climate change: Budapest Process, MIDWA, Rabat Process

Combating human trafficking: AU HoAI, Bali Process, IGC, Khartoum Process, RIAM, RCM, SACM

Counter migrant smuggling: AU HoAI, Bali Process, Budapest Process, IGC, Prague Process, RCM, RIAM, SACM

Data: AU HOAI, IGC, MIDWA, RIAM, Rabat Process

Irregular migration: Almaty Process, IGC, Prague Process, RCM

Integration: IGC, Khartoum Process, MIDCOM, Prague Process, PAFOM, RCM, SACM

Labour migration: ADD, Almaty Process, GFMD, IGC, Khartoum Process, OCAM, PAFOM, Prague Process, RCM, SACM

Local governance: GFMD, Rabat Process, RCM

Migration and development: GFMD, PAFOM, Rabat Process, Prague

Process

Migrant health: IGC, RCM

COVID-19: GFMD, IGC, MIDCOM, MIDSA, PAFOM, Prague Process, RIAM, RCM, SACM

Migration policy and governance: all ISCMs

Migration law: AU-HoAI, Bali Process, Prague Process, RCM, Rabat Process

Gender: ADD, OCAM, RCM, SACM

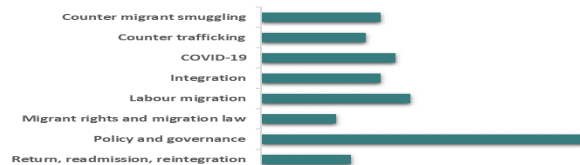
Mixed Migration Flows: Almaty Process, Quito Process, Rabat Process

Return, readmission, reintegration: Budapest Process, Bali Process, IGC, Khartoum Process, Prague Process, Rabat Process, RCM

Technology: ADD, IGC

Youth and minors: IGC, OCAM, RCM, Rabat Process

Most popular thematic areas addressed by ISCMs



2021 PUBLICATIONS



GRCP 9 Summary Report

<https://www.iom.int/inter-state-consultation-mechanisms-migration>



Social Capital and Transnational Human Smuggling: What is the Impact of Counter-Smuggling Policies? (Prague Process)

<https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/migration-observatory/publications/33-reports/293-social-capital-and-transnational-human-smuggling-what-is-the-impact-of-counter-smuggling-policies/download>



Migration Observatory Collected Publications 2019-2020 (Prague Process)

<https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/migration-observatory/publications/33-reports/301-migration-observatory-collected-publications-2019-20/download>



Briefing Paper: Urban mixed migration (Rabat Process)

<https://www.rabat-process.org/en/activities/publications/mmc-cities>



Migration drivers and decision-making of West and Central Africans on the move (Rabat Process)

<https://www.rabat-process.org/en/activities/publications/briefing-drivers>



Migration and COVID-19 in North and West Africa (Rabat Process)

<https://www.rabat-process.org/en/activities/publications/migration-covid-19-north-west-africa>



Working Document: Migration and Development Policies and Strategies. European Regional Analysis (Rabat Process)

<https://www.rabat-process.org/en/document-repository/70-studies-publications/303-working-document-m-d-policies-and-strategies/download>



Regional Study: Migratory Regularization Programmes and Processes (RCM)

https://www.rcmvs.org/sites/default/files/publicaciones/regional_study_ligero.pdf

More ISCM publications [Online Repository of ISCM Materials](#) and [Research on ISCMs](#)

ISCM events calendar <http://www.iom.int/inter-state-consultation-mechanisms-migration>