

Addressing Current Issues of Regional and Global Policy Dialogue on Migration

Tenth Meeting of Global and (Inter)Regional Consultative Processes on migration (GRCP 10)

GRCP 10 Outcome Document

1. The Tenth Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Inter-Strat Consultation Mechanisms on Migration (GRCP 10) was hosted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on the theme “Addressing Current Issues of Regional and Global Policy Dialogue on Migration” on 9 June 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland.
2. The objective was to address the engagement of Inter-Strat Consultation Mechanisms on Migration (ISCM) in important domains of migration and climate change, migration and sustainable development, migration and health, migration and South-South and Triangular Cooperation; and to deliberate on possible contributions of ISCMs to UN-led global policy dialogue forums, including the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (UNHLPF), the Second SDG Summit, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP), the second cycle of regional reviews of the Global Compact for Migration, and others.
3. Prior to the GRCP Meeting a survey was conducted among ISCMs on their inputs (comprising of messages and effective practices) to the Second SDG Summit, HLPF and COP28 as well as their plans to contribute to the second round of the reviews of the Global Compact for Migration. 14 ISCMs contributed to the survey.
4. Attended by 20 ISCMs, GRCP 10 discussions revealed a number of shared findings:
 - ↳ As important players of migration governance, ISCMs are best placed to share their effective practices and recommendations on important areas interlinked with migration and contribute to the UN forums addressing these issues. With their contributions the ISCMs can bring the regional and interregional aspect to these global-level discussions.
 - ↳ The work of ISCMs contributes – directly or indirectly – to the attainment of sustainable development goals (SDG), therefore the ISCMs are best suited, should they be interested, to contribute to the mid-term review of the 2030 Agenda at the HLPF and SDG Summit with their individual submissions including their effective practices and recommendations. The ISCMs are important platforms to discuss migration-related SDG targets and promote Inter-State cooperation and partnerships for the goals. ISCMs prioritized the importance of data on migration for informed SDG implementation; mainstreaming gender equality into development and migration policies and practices; promoting economic growth through provision of regular migration pathways and protection of migrant workers’ rights; acknowledging the positive impact of migration on development; and proper consideration of interlinkages of migration with various aspects of sustainable development including climate, energy, health, education, community development and others.
 - ↳ ISCMs are the mechanisms to address sustainable development through cooperation, and can be formats for South-South and Triangular Cooperation itself an important means for SDG 17 on partnership for sustainable development. ISCMs promote South-South regional integration and interregional linkages by providing an environment for

States to find common ground, to exchange information and experience, and develop a collaborative approach to migration management and governance, including through South-South ideas and solutions. By addressing solutions to benefit from South-South migration, ISCMs contribute to solutions promoting sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda.

- ↳ Migrant health is not always properly addressed in national policies. As forums for cross-border dialogue on migration, ISCMs are best placed to address the issue of access to health for migrants at all stages of the migration process. This was especially evident during the Covid 19 pandemic. ISCMs emphasise the need for considering migrants in national and local health policies and schemes, national response to health crisis and on reversing the coronavirus pandemic's negative impact on sustainable development also through the potential of migration. ISCMs can guide their member States on formulating recommendations on the development potential of migration in a crisis response and post-crisis transition and the importance of international cooperation on reversing the coronavirus pandemic's negative impact on sustainable development. ISCMs view the Achievement of the SDGs as a path to the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ↳ More and more ISCMs address climate change, which is one of the most imperative topics of our times, and the effective practices by ISCMs and their recommendations will be important to addressing the attention of States and COP 28 to underscore the interlinkage between migration and climate change and action to address climate change as a driver of migration. ISCMs prioritized the importance of incorporation of migration into climate action, policies and interventions; considering migration in discussions on loss and damage; including migrants and human mobility into just transition; addressing regular pathways for migrants affected by climate change. This summary document will be included in the fuller report summarizing the discussions at the GRCP 10 proceedings.
- ↳ Given that the Global Compact for Migration is anchored on the 2030 Agenda, the ISCMs often link their work toward attainment of SGDs to their efforts towards the GCM Objectives. ISCMs' involvement in the reviews of the Global Compact for migration is one way for their contribution to global policy dialogue on different aspects of migration given that the work of ISCMs contributes – whether directly or indirectly to the GCM objectives. ISCMs' contribution to the GCM reviews is a regional effort and is distinct from the States' national efforts.
- ↳ ISCMs underlined that migration has to be viewed not as a problem but as an opportunity and a solution for many challenges. SDGs and the GCM and the policy matters high on the global agenda such as climate change, South-South and Triangular Cooperation, migrant health and post-Covid recovery – all need to be addressed comprehensively, with all interlinkages considered and be translated into managed comprehensive policies with elements of migration and migrants incorporated.
- ↳ The pressing issues important for global policy dialogue discussions include also:
 - the importance of legal pathways as means of combatting irregular pathways, human trafficking and migrant smuggling,
 - the role of diaspora and migrants as contributions for development of societies; related to that Inclusion and integration; and further related to that Influencing positive image of migrants and diaspora as contributor of development;
 - the importance of collection of reliable data and exchange of data to inform policies; and

- migration and trade and its relationship to regional integration and possible ISCM contributions to dialogue at the World Trade Organization.
 - ↳ ISCMs proposed greater inter-ISCM dialogue and exchanges and, where possible, observing each other's events of common interest. IOM stands ready to facilitate such dialogue and exchanges.
5. The summary of the survey on ISCM contributions to global policy initiatives will be submitted to the United Nations as ISCMs' joint contribution to the 2023 UNHLPF, 2nd SDG Summit and COP 28.

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