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ISEM 2023 Highlights

MAIN MEETINGS BY INTER-STATE CONSULTATION MECHANISMS ON MIGRATION

In 2023, 21 ISEMs held a total of 170 meetings, including 23 at the senior level (with 9 of them at the Ministerial level) and 9 Troika or Steering Group Meetings. 81% of the meetings (138 meetings) were at the technical, expert level. 2 meetings were organized for all ISEMs. 112 meetings (66%) were organized in person, 54 meetings were held online and 4 meetings in a hybrid format.

Almaty Process

10th Anniversary of the Almaty Process

Two Senior Officials' Meetings, SOM (28 March and 12 October), of which the latter included a GCM talk on capitalising on human mobility for the advancement of regional cooperation and the development of societies.

Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)

The 9th ARCP Meeting (29-30 May) focused on SDGs, refugee affairs and the GCR and adopted the ARCP Statement on the Second Global Refugee Forum (GRF) and ARCP Communiqué on World Refugee Day.

Bali Process

SOM (8-9 February) and the 8th Ministerial Conference (10 February) endorsed the updated 2023 Adelaide Strategy for Cooperation with 8 priority areas of cooperation. The Government and Business Forum (9-10 February) discussed a joint response to ending modern slavery.

Budapest Process

30th Anniversary of the Budapest Process

SOM (5 December) prepared the draft 2025-2030 Call for Action and draft Declaration of the 7th Ministerial Meeting planned for 2024. Thematic meetings on return and reintegration (31 May) and integrated border management (4-5 October).

Colombo Process

20th Anniversary of the Colombo Process

Thematic Area Working Group Meetings on Pre-Departure Orientation and Empowerment (15-16 March and 17 August).

Central American Commission of Migration Directors (OCAM)

The 56th Ordinary Meeting (29 June) and 57th Ordinary Meeting (12 December), at which it was agreed to establish a platform to share information on transnational organized crime and human trafficking.

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

The Second Preparatory Meeting (18-19 April), the 3rd Friends of the Forum Meeting and Roundtable Consultations (24-25 October). Thematic workshops on climate change (29 March and 28 June), migration and development (27 June) and diaspora (23 October). Submitted to the UN the GFMD Focused Input to the 2023 Thematic Review of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM)

The 13th RIAM Annual Congress (3-4 August) on strengthening international cooperation addressed policies, data and counter trafficking and adopted the Buenos Aires Declaration.

Khartoum Process

The 9th SOM (16 March) addressed the future of migration, drivers of migration, data and partnerships for migration. Thematic meetings on climate change (3-4 May; 4-5 October), internally displaced persons (4-5 July), and whole-of-government approach (14-15 November).

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

15th Anniversary of the IGAD-RCP

The 14th Regional Consultative Dialogue (22-23 February) on durable solutions to forced displacement, refugee affairs, GRF, migration poli-

cies, data and partnerships, including with MDBs and private sector, adopted recommendations and outcome document. Meeting on human mobility in the context of disasters and climate change (29-30 August).

Migration Dialogue for COMESA Member States (MIDCOM)

10th Anniversary of the MIDCOM

Ministerial Meeting (18 August) addressed the implementation of regional free movement protocols - the revised strategy for the implementation of COMESA Protocol on Gradual Relaxation and Eventual Elimination of Visa, and the Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons, Labour, Services, Right of Establishment and Residence.

Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)

Ministerial Meeting on Promoting Regional Integration through Making Migration Safe, Regular, and Orderly in the Southern African Region (3-6 October) adopted 40 recommendations for evidence-based migration governance in the SADC region and explored ways to cascade the SADC Regional Migration Policy Framework to accelerate the achievement of GCM objectives.

Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC)

The 25th PIDC Regular Annual Meeting (20-22 June) on Labour Mobility and Migration to Stimulate Economic Growth prioritized the need for centralized database systems on coordinated labour mobility compliance efforts; strengthening of the PIDC's Intelligence Network; and realizing the responsibilities of national immigration agencies in regional mobility frameworks on climate mobility and labour mobility.

Pan-African Forum on Migration (PAFOM)

The 8th Pan-African Forum on Migration (31 October – 2 November) addressed bolstering free movement and trade nexus in African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA); optimizing benefits of migration and labour migration for development and adopted Communiqué.

Prague Process

SOM (27-28 April) launched the fourth phase of the Prague Process cooperation and endorsed the way forward for the partial implementation of the 2023-2027 Prague Process Action Plan. International Border Management Conference (6-7 December). Identity Week Europe 2023 Conference and Workshop on Latest Trends in Border Management and Security (13-1 June); two workshops, panel discussion and webinars on wide array of issues including return and reintegration, migration futures, migration trends and digitalization.

Quito Process

5th Anniversary of the Quito Process

International Conference of Solidarity (16-17 March) adopted the Joint Declaration of the Member States of the Quito Process to the International Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants, and Their Host Countries and Communities. Plenary Chapter of Santiago (22-24 November); 11 thematic workshops and 5 meetings on various issues (inclusion, education, youth, gender, health, etc.).

Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa (RMFM)

The 4th Ministerial Meeting (16-17 March) on Labour Mobility, Migration Governance and Regional Integration in East and Horn of Africa adopted Progress Declaration. 17 thematic working group meetings on various topics (13-15 March and 2-5 October).

Rabat Process

Workshop on Voluntary return and reintegration (25-26 April). Thematic meetings on Humanized border management (22-23 June), Separation of families and missing persons in the context of migration (20-21 September), and Migration, Youth and Development (19-20 October).

MAIN MEETINGS BY ISCMs (CONTINUED)

Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)

Vice-Ministerial Meeting (6-7 December) addressed Migration as the regional challenge of the 21st Century and adopted Declaration. The First **Regional Forum of Champion Countries** in the Americas (27-28 September) adopted Joint Communiqué. The 5th **Congress on Women in Migration Context** (6-7 July) adopted an **Extraordinary Declaration**, 8 meetings and forums; and 8 workshops and webinar on various topics.

South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

The 21st **SACM Conference** (5-6 December) on articulating the continental dialogue for comprehensive assistance to migration in the Americas adopted the **Lima Declaration**. 17th **Intersessional Meeting** (6 December). **Meetings** on the South American plan for the human development of migration (PSDHM). Over 20 **thematic meetings** and **workshops** on a wide array of issues such as climate change, gender, border management, youth; labour migration and other topics.

Joint RCM and SACM Meetings: Plenary Meeting (24-25 August).

TENTH GLOBAL MEETING OF ISCM CHAIRS AND SECRETARIATS (GRCP 10)

The **GRCP 10** "Addressing Current Issues of Regional and Global Policy Dialogue on Migration" (9 June, Geneva) brought together the Chairs and the Heads of Secretariat of 20 ISCMs to address pressing cross-regional issues like climate change, health, post-Covid recovery, sustainable development, and South-South and triangular cooperation. This coordination meeting advised on joint ISCM inputs to global policy fora like the Second SDG Summit, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP).

Relevant ISCM effective practices and recommendations on sustainable

development and climate change compiled prior to the GRCP Meeting through a **survey** were agreed at the GRCP Meeting [GRCP 10 **Outcome document**].

Based on these recommendations, IOM, as the Coordinator of the Global Meeting of ISCMs prepared a **joint ISCM submissions** to the SDG Summit and to COP28. These first-ever collective ISCM submissions to the SDG Summit and COP 28 allowed ISCMs to make formal contributions to global policy dialogue on major domains relevant for governance of migration.

ONLINE CONSULTATION AMONG HEADS OF ISCM SECRETARIAT

The Consultation on the theme "Secretariats as Administrative and Intellectual Backbones of Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration" (19 September) brought together representatives of 20 ISCMs

to discuss Secretariats' roles in managing the ISCMs' knowledge and ensuring the smooth operation of ISCM structures amidst recurring changes of ISCM focal points and ISCM Chairing countries.

ISCMs AND GLOBAL INITIATIVES AND THEMATIC AREAS ADDRESSED AT ISCM EVENTS

Global Initiatives

Global Compact for Migration: Abu Dhabi Dialogue, Almaty Process, Bali Process, GFMD, MIDSA, PAFOM, RCM [7 ISCMs]; incorporated in thematic area discussions in other ISCMs, addressed through the survey (feedback from 14 ISCMs)

2030 Agenda and SDGs: ARCP, GFMD [2 ISCMs]; incorporated in thematic area discussions in other ISCMs, addressed at the GRCP 10 and through the survey (14 ISCMs)

Global Compact on Refugees and GRF: ARCP, IGAD-RCP [2 ISCMs].

COP/UNFCCC: Khartoum Process; SACM [2 ISCMs].

Collective ISCM submissions on Global Initiatives

- ISCMs collective submission to the 2nd SDG Summit
- Joint ISCM communication to COP 28 Presidency and the UNFCCC

Thematic Areas

Anti-discrimination and migration narratives: GFMD, Quito Process [2 ISCMs]

Asylum and Refugees: ARCP, Almaty Process, IGC, Prague Process, Rabat Process, Quito Process [6 ISCMs]

Border management: Bali Process, IGC, MIDCOM, MIDSA, PIDC, Prague Process, Rabat Process, RCM, RIAM, SACM [10 ISCMs]

Counter-trafficking: AU-HoAI, Almaty Process, Bali Process, Budapest Process, Khartoum Process, OCAM, Quito Process, RIAM, SACM [9 ISCMs]

Countering migrant smuggling: AU-HoAI, Bali Process, Khartoum Process, OCAM, Rabat Process, RCM, RIAM, SACM [8 ISCMs]

Data: Bali Process, IGAD-RCP, IGC, Khartoum Process, MIDSA, OCAM, Prague Process, RCM, RIAM [9 ISCMs]

Diaspora: GFMD, MIDSA, RMFM, RCM [4 ISCMs]

Education: Quito Process, RCM [2 ISCMs]

Emergency and preparedness: IGAD-RCP, RCM, SACM [3 ISCMs]

Environment, and climate change: IGC, GFMD, Khartoum Process, MIDSA, MIDWA, PAFOM, Rabat Process, SACM [8 ISCMs], addressed at the GRCP 10 (20 ISCMs) and through the survey (14 ISCMs)

Financing for migration, cooperation with MDBs and private sector:

Bali Process, IGAD-RCP [2 ISCMs]

Gender and migration: Bali Process, IGC, RCM, RMFM, SACM [5 ISCMs]

Health (including Covid): Bali Process, IGC, Quito Process, PIDC, RCM [5 ISCMs]

Inclusion and integration (including cities and local governments):

GFMD, IGC, Prague Process, Quito Process, RIAM, SACM [6 ISCMs]

Internally Displaced Persons: IGC, IGAD-RCP, Khartoum Process [3 ISCMs]

Irregular migration: Almaty Process, Bali Process, Budapest Process, IGC, Khartoum Process, Rabat Process, Prague Process, RCM, SACM [9 ISCMs]

Labour migration: ADD, Almaty Process, Bali Process, Budapest Process, Colombo Process, GFMD, IGC, Khartoum Process, MIDCOM, MIDSA, PIDC, Prague Process, Rabat Process, RCM, RMFM, SACM [16 ISCMs]

Migrant protection: Bali Process, IGC, Khartoum Process, MIDSA, Prague Process, Rabat Process, RIAM, Quito Process, RCM [9 ISCMs]

Migrants' rights and migration law: Budapest Process, Khartoum Process, RCM, RMFM [4 ISCMs]

Migration Futures: Khartoum Process, Prague Process [2 ISCMs]

Migration policy and governance: all ISCMs [21 ISCMs]

Partnership and cooperation on migration: all ISCMs [21 ISCMs]

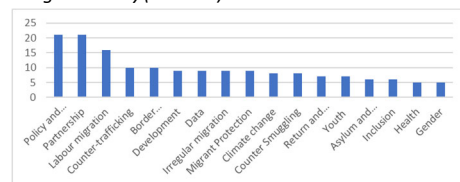
Regional integration: MIDCOM, PAFOM [2 ISCMs]

Return and reintegration: Almaty Process, Bali Process, Budapest Process, IGC, MIDWA, RCM, RMFM [7 ISCMs]

Sustainable development: Almaty Process, ARCP, GFMD, IGAD-RCP, MIDSA, Quito Process, PIDC, Prague Process, Rabat Process [9 ISCMs], addressed at the GRCP 10 (20 ISCMs) and through the survey (14 ISCMs)

Trade and migration: MIDCOM, PAFOM [2 ISCMs]

Youth and migration: Bali Process, IGC, GFMD, RCM, RMFM, SACM, Quito Process [7 ISCMs]



SELECTED 2023 PUBLICATIONS



GRCP 10 Summary Report

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



Toolkit for Inclusive Civil Registration (Bali Process)

<https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/assets.baliprocess.net/app/uploads/2023/11/15143743/Bali-Process-Toolkit-for-Inclusive-Civil-Registration.pdf>



Skills Partnerships for the Silk Routes (Budapest Process)

https://www.budapestprocess.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/BP-Skills-Partnerships_WEB.pdf



The Future of International Migration (Prague Process)

<https://www.pragueprocess.eu/en/resources/repository/61-publications/385-the-future-of-international-migration-what-we-know-about-the-drivers-that-shape-long-term-migration-trends-and-require-policy-responses/download>

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

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