

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON MIGRATION, ASYLUM AND REFUGEES

Established in 1985, the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC) is a state-led, multidisciplinary and interregional consultative process. It fosters informal information exchange, policy debate, and cooperation among Participating States on key matters across the migration continuum.

The IGC carries out a range of activities including: senior official and expert meetings; policy and programme information collation and dissemination; data collection and trend analysis; and preparation of reports, comparative documents and thematic compilations on areas of interest as requested by Participating States.

The IGC's work is largely organised around six broad portfolios, each led by a working group which meets twice yearly:

- **Admission, Control and Enforcement** (ACE) covers the enforcement continuum, including cross-cutting topics like identity management, compliance, and security.
- **Asylum and Refugees** focuses on the range of asylum, refugee and international protection matters, from case processing and refugee status determination to strategic policy issues.
- **Country of Origin Information** (COI) covers all policy and practical aspects of COI, including for asylum, protection, resettlement, enforcement and immigration.
- **Immigration** covers legal pathways, from workers to students to family migration, as well as cross-cutting issues such as the immigration-integration nexus.
- **Integration** focuses on policy and practice in settlement and integration, including economic and social inclusion, civic participation and citizenship.
- **Technology** is cross-cutting and supports other IGC portfolios by covering all technologies being employed in the areas of regular and irregular migration.

The IGC also undertakes multidisciplinary activities based on the priorities of Participating States. This includes exploration of emerging themes or country-specific issues through in-person or virtual workshops, expert networks, and site visits.

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