



## Criteria for multi-level and multi-stakeholder consultations

### Consultation criteria:

Horizontally inclusive: Involve different ministries at all levels of government, paying special attention to those government stakeholders who may not typically be included in decision-making impacting migrants and their families.

Vertically inclusive: Involve stakeholders involved in implementing national and local plans and relevant cross-government strategies, including civil society organizations, migrant groups and other non-governmental actors.

Held in a safe and enabling environment.

Flexible: Most consultations should take place in person with groups of stakeholders, but when needed, governments should allow for consultations with individual stakeholders and, where in-person consultation is not possible, States should collect inputs through interviews or written statements.

Focus on migrants' needs and rights.

Consider the country's specific migration governance challenges and successes, including how these may differ throughout the country.

Aim to identify the specific GCM objectives that respond to migrants' needs and rights and the country's migration governance needs.

Aim to chart how GCM guiding principles will be implemented.

Assess the government's capacity and resources at all levels of governance.

Include representatives from the relevant statistical agency so that critical data, monitoring and evaluation topics can be considered.



TOOL 3

## Needs assessment discussion guide

### Guiding Questions

#### **BROAD THEMATIC QUESTIONS**

What migration-related areas\* present the most challenges?



What migration-related areas present the most opportunities?



What are the most pressing areas related to migrants' rights and needs? Which are at risk to be left behind?



Which GCM objectives seem to respond to the challenges, opportunities and needs identified above?



How can the GCM guiding principles be followed in response to the challenges, opportunities and needs identified above?



*\*Examples of migration-related areas: migrants' access to services, rights-based border governance practices, ending immigration detention, addressing the needs of migrant women, children and youth, decent work for migrants.*

## GCM OBJECTIVE-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Why is this GCM objective important?



How is this GCM objective applicable to local/national migration governance issues?



How would implementing this GCM objective help fulfil migrants' needs and rights?



What migration governance sub-issues for local/national attention fall under this objective?



How might migration issues related to this GCM objective change in the next five years? In the next ten years?



How have migration issues related to this GCM objective changed during the COVID-19 pandemic? What have you learned about how to address the impacts of future potential global pandemics or other major disruptions to migration?



What would be the main challenges in implementing this GCM objective?



How do the GCM's guiding principles relate to this objective?  
How can the guiding principles inform the approach to implementing this objective given the national context?



What resources would be needed to achieve this GCM objective?



**How does this GCM objective link to relevant local and national action plans, including development plans and COVID-19 response plans?**



### WRAP-UP QUESTIONS

Are there any other migration governance issues or issues related to migrants' rights and needs that should be addressed that are not reflected in the chosen objectives?



If so, how could these issues be included?



**Are there migration governance issues particular to COVID-19 that are not clearly articulated in the GCM objectives?**



*One example might be the difficulty of balancing mobility restrictions needed for public health reasons with ensuring that States still fulfil their protection and human rights responsibilities with regards to migrants (in particular those in vulnerable situations, such as irregular migrants in the time of a global pandemic).*



## Needs Assessment Principles

### APPLICABILITY

Identify GCM objectives that are of particular relevance to the national and sub-national contexts, taking into account the country's migration governance situation, as well as the rights and needs of migrants. Carefully think through how each GCM objective could be implemented in line with the GCM's guiding principles.

### LINKAGES

Wherever possible, explicitly link GCM objectives to relevant plans, strategies and mechanisms, such as CCAs, UNSDCFs, the 2030 Agenda and the work of national reporting and follow-up mechanisms that systematize the preparation of reports to international and regional human rights mechanisms.

### IMPACT

Recognize where making progress in a particular migration governance area would be a significant challenge, and where it would have a largely positive impact on migrants and in fulfilling their rights and needs with attention to those migrants who are at risk to be left behind. Consider the potential synergies and trade-offs between selected objectives and other objectives.

## **FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

Consider the country's possible migration governance needs and scenarios over the next five to ten years, taking into account how migrants' situations and needs might evolve over this time.

## **CONSTRAINT RECOGNITION**

Identify and consider any challenges or constraints that could affect the success of implementation. Realistically consider the country's ability to meet different GCM objectives and to integrate the GCM guiding principles during the implementation effort.