



Terms of Reference for the UN Migration Network for Ghana

Mission Statement

The UN Resident Coordinator and IOM (in its capacity as coordinator of the Network) establish a country based United Nations Network on Migration for Ghana (The Network) to facilitate effective, timely and coordinated UN system-wide support to Ghana on migration governance, including on the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). The Network endeavours to promote migration policy that supports the well-being of migrants and societies in a coherent, holistic and balanced manner, including policies and their implementation that are aligned with the SDGs, the African Union Migration Policy Framework, the 2063 Agenda and other sub-regional initiatives while supporting progress in implementing all of the GCM's 23 objectives.

In all its actions, the Network will be guided, inter alia, by the United Nations Charter, international law, the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, and the GCM. It will align itself, in its working methods, with the terms of reference of the West and Central Africa regional Network on Migration as well as with the global UN Network on Migration.

In line with global and regional efforts, the Network aims to foster a better understanding of current and emerging issues on migration, and to enhance coordination and collaboration within the UN system and with other stakeholders at national level.

Objectives of the Network

In order to implement its mission, the Network commits to taking concrete actions, as follows:

- Share regular updates on key/emerging migration issues with members of the Network; and share relevant data, documents, studies and practical information in order to foster a holistic understanding of the national context.
- Support the government in the development of national GCM implementation plans and related reporting.
- Support timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to Ghana in GCM implementation, in line with the regional and global UN Network on Migration initiatives and where such action would add value, while ensuring well-defined linkages with UN structures at all levels.
- Support other global initiatives such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development in their effort to progress the GCM at a national level.
- Act as a source of ideas, tools, reliable data and information, analysis, and policy guidance on migration issues, including through the capacity-building mechanism called for in the GCM.
- Ensure Network actions promote the application of relevant international and regional norms and standards relating to migration and the protection of the human rights of migrants.
- Provide leadership to mobilize coordinated and collaborative action on migration by the UN system, including by speaking with one voice as appropriate, in accordance with the UN Charter, international law, and the mandates and technical expertise of relevant UN system entities.

- Contribute and support regional initiatives including those emanating from the Regional UN Network as well as from regional grouping such as ECOWAS and Regional Consultative Processes when relevant for the implementation of the GCM in the region and in the country.
- Provide support at the country level to the capacity building mechanism, as outlined in the GCM.
- Organize on a regular basis – contingent on availability of resources - a meeting between all the Network members and external partners. This could include migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, religious leaders, local and traditional authorities and communities, the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations, trade unions, parliamentarians, National Human Rights Institutions, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders.
- Provide information to the Regional UN Network on Migration on progress made and activities related to the GCM and seek guidance from the global Network, as necessary.

Membership and Composition

The Network will be comprised of IOM, ILO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNODC, UNCDF, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNESCO.

Organizational arrangements

- The Network will meet as needed and as a general rule every three months.
- The Network will be permanently chaired by IOM Chief of Mission (IOM having been designated by the UN Secretary General as Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration) with co-chairs to be rotated on an annual basis.
- The RC will chair all meetings of the network that involve annual review meetings.

The **chair** of the Network will:

- Coordinate country-based activities with the Regional UN Network on Migration Chairs and Executive Committee.
- Deliver joint statements in the name of the Network on specific issues at the request of its membership and after clearance on the content of the intervention by the Network.
- Brief the UN system, Ghana and other stakeholders on the activities of the Network.
- Convene and chair meetings to ensure the smooth functioning of the Network.
- Facilitate regular interaction between the members of the Network.
- Facilitate engagement with relevant external stakeholders as the need arises (with representatives from INGOS, the private sector, academia, etc.).

The co-chairs will keep the member list updated and share it regularly with its members.

Members of the Network will contribute to the design and implementation of the Network's objectives, promote coherence on migration within the UN system, and provide input and advice to the Network on strategic priorities.

Decision-making

Decisions by the Network will be made by consensus. Should consensus not be reached, and arbitration be required, the RC in coordination with the chair and co-chair will resolve said arbitration.

Working Groups

Smaller Working Groups can be established by the Network, as appropriate, to focus on specific issues; Working Groups, including their focus, composition and chair, will be developed over time as needs and opportunities emerge.

The composition of Working Groups will be drawn from Network members and other partners, as relevant; Chairing or co-chairing will be open to all working group members.

The Working Groups will be reviewed periodically by the Network members.

Annual Review

There will be at least one annual meeting of the full membership of the Network to include other relevant stakeholders, in order to review Network progress; explore ways to further enhance collaboration; identify emerging challenges. The Annual Review meetings will be chaired by the RC and co-chaired by IOM.

Secretariat

Secretariat duties of the Network will be undertaken by IOM.

Reporting

The Network will report back to the Regional UN Migration Network on its activities and on progress made at country level in the implementation of the GCM.