



UN Migration Network in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Terms of Reference

Background

On 10-11 December 2018, recalling the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and determined to make an important contribution to enhanced cooperation on international migration in all its dimensions, Member States adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). In this Declaration, Member States committed to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations that culminated in the adoption of the [GCM](#) by 165 UN Member States and formally endorsed by the UN General Assembly on the 19th of December 2018.¹

The Global Compact is intended to set out a range of principles, commitments and understandings among Member States regarding international migration in all its dimensions. The GCM rests on international law, respects the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and is rooted in 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

To this end, the United Nations established a Network on Migration at the global level to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to Member States. In carrying out its mandate, the Network will prioritize the rights and wellbeing of migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit. It will place emphasis on those issues where a common UN system approach would add value and from which results and impact can be readily gauged.

In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), the UN will establish a UN Migration Network to ensure coordinated UN Country Team (UNCT)-wide support to the Government of KSA in its implementation, follow up and review of the GCM and other relevant national non-governmental stakeholders in implementing the GCM and other relevant policies. The UN Migration Network in KSA will seek to tailor its support to the Government of KSA towards contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) vision in light of the decision of KSA at the UN General Assembly in December 2018 to vote in favour of the GCM.

UN Migration Network in KSA

The UN Migration Network in KSA will be launched in Spring of 2020, and will work to coordinate UN agencies, both resident and non-resident, in collaboration with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs), and a range of other interested stakeholders such as the private

¹ A total of 152 UN Member States voted in favor of the GCM, five (5) voted against and 12 abstained through a vote.

sector, and employers' and workers' organizations, in supporting the Government in implementing effectively the GCM in KSA. Whilst being tailored to local needs and priorities, the terms of reference (ToRs) of the UN Migration Network in KSA are fully aligned with the global Network ToRs.

Objectives:

1. Identify priority areas for joint programming (delivering as one), including joint research, advocacy, capacity building programmes, etc., to support implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, advance migration/ mobility-related initiatives/discourses;
2. Ensure operational coordination and synergies on key issues, such as, *inter alia*, counter-trafficking in human beings, migration and development, labour migration of temporary contractual workers including domestic workers, and their protection, health of temporary contractual workers including reproductive health and rights, policy and legislation on admission and treatment of temporary contractual workers, etc.;
3. Periodically share updates about programme delivery and identify impediments for the UNCT to address with the relevant ministries of the Government of KSA;
4. Provide technical support to the UN Network on Migration at the global and regional levels by developing policy briefs, policy papers, action plans, etc.;
5. Establish synergies with district/local level forums for joint advocacy and effective service delivery;
6. Mobilize funds and resources to enable joint programming and synergies between the members of the group.
7. Foster the civil society engagement in the areas related to migration under the established UN network in the spirit of whole-of-society approach.

Coordinator and Secretariat: IOM - In line with the global ToRs, IOM will serve as the Coordinator and Secretariat of all constituent parts of the Network.

Members:

UN RCO, IOM, ILO, UNODC, WHO, OHCHR, UNICEF, UN Women, UNHCR, UN Habitat, WFP, UNFPA, UNDP, other interested agencies.

Optional:

All UN agencies that are interested may participate in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Migration Network Working Group(s). They are invited by the Chair to appoint a focal point to attend the MNWG meetings. Government officials from relevant ministries are invited to participate as guest speakers on a periodic basis to ensure the alignment of the UN Network on Migration with the government of KSA's priorities and to support the exchange of information. International development partners, academia, civil society organizations, the private sector, workers' and employers' organizations, and the media can participate upon invitation.

Participation Level: Representatives/Deputies/Senior Programme Managers/Focal Points and/or Specialists.

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly and as needed.