



UN Migration Network in Kuwait

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, UN Member States adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), which was endorsed by the UN General Assembly later that month.¹ The GCM, resting on international human rights laws standards and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the UN, as well as rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development among others, sets out a range of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles, commitments and understandings among Member States regarding international migration in all its dimensions.

The UN Secretary-General established a Network on Migration at the global level to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to Member States in implementation of the GCM. 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 Kuwait, the UN established a UN Migration Network to ensure coordinated UN Country Team-wide support to the Government of Kuwait (GoK) and other relevant national non-governmental stakeholders in implementing the GCM and other relevant policies.

The UN Migration Network in Kuwait will seek to tailor its support to the Government of Kuwait towards contributing to the achievement of the Agenda 2030 SDGs, The New Urban Agenda, the UNSCF vision in light of the decision of Kuwait at the UN General Assembly in December 2018 to vote in favour of the GCM.

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The UN Migration Network in Kuwait was launched in December 2019, and will work to coordinate with UN agencies, in collaboration with NGOs and CSOs, academic and research institutions, and a range of other interested stakeholders such as the private and public sectors, and employers' and workers' organizations,² in supporting the GoK in implementing effectively the GCM in Kuwait.

Objectives:

¹ UN General Assembly, 73rd Session, [Resolution adopted by the General Assembly 73/195: Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#), UN doc. A/RES/73/195 (11 January 2019).

² A non-exhaustive list of stakeholders is provided in para. 15, with reference to the whole-of-society approach guiding principle, and in para. 44 of the GCM.



1. Identify priority areas for collaboration (delivering as one), including joint research, advocacy, programmes, etc., to support implementation of the GCM and advance migration/ mobility-related initiatives/discourses, including on women's migration;
2. Ensure operational coordination and synergies on key issues, such as, *inter alia*, migration and development, labour migration, and counter-trafficking in human beings, smuggling of migrants, social cohesion, , diaspora and remittances, health of migrants, protection of the human rights of migrants, policy and legislation on migration, public space and housing conditions, addressing root causes of displacement, mixed migration recognizing the importance of addressing migration-related aspects of mixed migration in various situations as well as of ensuring complementarity between the GCM and the GCR in responding to complex migratory flows, etc., paying attention to the specific priorities of women migrants, trafficked women in these areas;
3. Periodically share updates about joint programme delivery and identify challenges for the UNCT to address with the GoK;
4. Provide technical support to the UNCT by developing policy briefs, policy papers, action plans, audio-visual communication material, and capacity building tools, etc., that also take account of the specific priorities of women migrants;
5. Invite the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and other relevant Ministries, such as the, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Interior (MoI), the Supreme Council on Planning and Development (SCPD), the Public Authority for Manpower (PAM), The Ministry of Municipality, and the National Women's Machinery in keeping with the GCM guiding principle of a whole-of-government approach, to attend highlighted meetings as well as ad-hoc meetings when needed.
6. In partnership with the government of Kuwait, feature good practices resulting from the partnership nationally, regionally and globally
7. Mobilize funds and resources to enable joint programming between the members of the Network.

Chair(s): IOM under the auspices of the UNRC, with the possibility of other UN agencies (co-)chairing in future and selected based on consensus. Highlighted meetings with GoK, co-chaired by MoFA and UNRC.

Members: UN Agencies to start with. GoK invited to highlighted meetings. Other stakeholders (NGO, CSO, private sector, workers' and employers' organizations, academia, etc.) will be added/invited at a later stage. **Decision-making will be based on consensus of the Network Members.**

Participation Level: Programme Managers and Specialists (operational, technical and Country Representatives when requested).

Meeting Frequency: Every month based on consensus. Highlighted meetings with GoK (MoFA) and other relevant government agencies (MoEAL, MoI, SCPD, PAM). Other relevant stakeholders will be invited based on internal coordination and agreement.



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