

United Nations (UN) Migration Network in ALBANIA

Draft Terms of Reference

Mission Statement

United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Albania establishes a United Nations Migration Network (UNMN) to facilitate effective, timely and coordinated United Nations (UN) system-wide actions supporting and contributing to migration governance in Albania in line with the relevant national strategies and laws within the migration governance area, where a common UN system approach would add value.

UN Migration Network will foster a better understanding of migration dynamics and enhance information exchanges and coordination within the UN system and with the Government of Albania entities and other stakeholders at national level. The UN Migration Network will work closely with the Albanian Ministry of Interior and all relevant ministries and institutions in the migration governance area, International Organizations (IOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs) and other entities dealing with migration issues in Albania, to promote migration policy and approaches that support the well-being of migrants and societies in a coherent, holistic and balanced manner, in line with the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and in accordance with the national legislation.

The Migration Network will align itself, in its structure and working methods, with the composition and terms of reference of the global UN Network on Migration. In all its actions, the Migration Network will be guided, inter alia, by the UN Charter, international law, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in addition to the GCM.

Objectives and tasks of the UN Migration Network

To implement its mission, the Migration Network commits to carry out the following duties:

1. Share regular updates on key, emerging migration issues and activities with the Network members, including data, documents, studies and practical information in order to foster a holistic understanding of the evolving migration dynamics in Albania, including the linkages with regional dynamics and trends;
2. Provide leadership to mobilize coordinated and collaborative action on migration by the UN Country Team (UNCT), including by speaking with one voice as appropriate, in accordance with the mandates and technical expertise of relevant UN system entities;
3. Promote cooperation and exchanges between Migration Network members and external parties, primarily the Albanian Ministry of Interior and with other governmental bodies and other migration stakeholders. The latter could include migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations, trade unions, parliamentarians, National Human Rights Institutions, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders.

4. Promote and ensure effective, timely and coordinated UN Country Team (UNCT) support to the Government of Albania in the implementation of the National Strategy on Migration (2019-2022) and Action Plan, in line with the GCM, wherever such action would add value;
5. Support global initiatives relevant for the Government of Albania, such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in their effort to progress the GCM in the national and regional context;
6. Act as a source of ideas, tools, reliable data and information, analysis, exchange of good practices, and policy guidance on migration issues, including through the capacity-building mechanisms established in the GCM (e.g. Migration Multi-partner Trust Fund (MPTF)/Start-up Fund; Global Knowledge Platform and Connection Hub)
7. Provide support to the capacity building mechanism, as outlined in the GCM.

Composition and Membership

- **Coordinator and Secretariat:** IOM Albania Mission (in line with the designation of IOM by the UN Secretary General as Coordinator of the global UN Network on Migration);
- **Members:** UN Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN WOMEN, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, UNODC and other interested UN Agencies.

Roles and Organizational Arrangements

The UN Migration Network will meet on a quarterly basis, or upon request by its members, as proposed by the partner agencies.

The Network will be co-chaired by the UN Resident Coordinator and IOM Albania Head of Office. The **co-chairs** will:

- Convene and chair meetings to ensure the smooth functioning of the Network;
- Facilitate regular interaction between the members of the Network;
- Deliver One Voice joint statement in the name of the Network on specific issues;
- Coordinate activities with the UN Migration Network Secretariat and Members;

IOM, acting as Coordinator and Secretariat, will convene the meetings and provide the meeting minutes. IOM will keep the member list updated and share it regularly.

Members of the Network will contribute to design and implementation of the Network's objectives and workplan, provide advice on strategic direction and share information and knowledge about their migration related work. Members will promote coherence of migration related activities within the UN system.

Decisions relevant to the work of the Network will be made by consensus based on consultations with all Network Members, and, on all issues relevant to or of concern to the state, with the Ministry of Interior and other relevant ministries.

Working Groups can be established on a permanent or ad-hoc basis, to focus on specific issues, depending on the needs and opportunities. The composition of Working Groups will be drawn from Network members and may include external partners, including the Ministry of Interior and other relevant ministries.

There will be at least one **Annual Network 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.