



Terms of Reference for the UN Migration Network for Chad

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 Chad (The Network) to facilitate effective, timely and coordinated UN system-wide support to the Republic of Chad on migration policy, including on the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) where a common UN system approach would add value. 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, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, international law, the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, and the Global Compact for Migration (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, conduct research and share relevant data, documents, studies and practical information in order to foster a holistic understanding of the national migration context;
- In coordination with the Regional UN Migration Network, ensure effective, timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to Chad in its implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, for the rights and wellbeing of all migrants during their movements, in their communities of destination, origin, and transit;
- Support other global initiatives such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development in their effort to progress the GCM at a national level;
- Support coherent action by the UN system at country level in support of or to the 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;
- 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.
- Ensure close collaboration with other existing UN system coordination mechanisms addressing migration-related issues, including actively seeking out synergies.
- Contribute and support regional initiatives including those emanating from the Regional UN Network as well as from regional grouping such as ECCAS and Regional Consultative Processes when relevant for the implementation of the GCM in the region and in the country;
- 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 consist of the UN system agencies who wish to be a part of it and for whom migration is of relevance to their mandates.

Organizational arrangements

- The Network will meet on a quarterly basis and minutes of each meeting will be shared with all its members after each meeting;
- The Network will provide thematic updates to the UNCT every two months;
- The Network will be co-chaired by the UN Resident Coordinator and IOM (IOM having been designated by the UN Secretary General as Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration).

The **co-chairs** of the Network will:

- Coordinate country-based activities with the Regional UN Network on Migration Chairs;
- Deliver joint statements in the name of the Network on specific issues at the request of its membership;
- Brief the UN system, the Government and other stakeholders on the activities and results of the Network;
- Convene and chair meetings to ensure smooth functioning of the Network;
- Facilitate regular interaction between the Network members;
- Facilitate engagement with relevant external stakeholders as needed (including with International Non-Governmental Organizations representatives, private sector, academia, etc.)

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

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

Decision-making

Decisions will be made through a consensual approach of Network members.

Working Groups

- Smaller Working Groups can be set up as appropriate, to address specific issues;
- Working Groups, including their focus, composition and chair, will be developed over time as challenges, needs and opportunities emerge;
- Working Groups will be constituted from Network members and other partners, as relevant; Chairing or co-chairing will be open to all working group members;

- Working Groups may be established at decentralized level within agreed upon Provinces of interventions;
- Working Groups could be revised or updated periodically, in consultation with 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.

Secretariat

Secretary tasks and logistic supports of the Network will be undertaken by the Resident Coordinator Secretary with support from IOM on substantive issues.

Reporting

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