



**REGIONAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT
FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

MEMBER STATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration provides for countries to review the progress made in implementing the Global Compact in the framework of the United Nations through a State-led approach and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders¹ and encourages all Member States to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national level.²

This questionnaire will help Member States to voluntarily provide information on their progress towards the objectives of the Global Compact. Its results will inform the review of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held at the end of November 2020, as well as the preparation of the 2020 report on Latin American and Caribbean migration and the relevant background documentation.

The questionnaire responses will be posted on the website of the [United Nations Network on Migration](#).

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**SAINT LUCIA'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, AS RECEIVED FROM
THE VARIOUS AGENCIES**

¹ Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2018 ([A/RES/73/195](#)), para. 48.

² Idem, para. 53.

Institution responsible for coordinating responses

Please identify the institution responsible for coordinating the responses to this questionnaire and provide the contact information of the person(s) who completed the questionnaire.

<u>Country</u>	Saint Lucia		
<u>Institution</u>	Government of St.Lucia		

On completion of the questionnaire, please send it **by 30 September 2020**.

Instructions:

Please answer each of the following questions (in no more than 500 words) on the objectives of the Global Compact, which were grouped into the thematic areas defined in the United Nations multi-partner trust fund to support the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.³

Where necessary, answers may be provided in a separate document or pages and annexed to this questionnaire.

Please provide references or links to relevant policy documents in a separate attachment.

Where possible, identify any innovative policies or practices related to any of the Global Compact objectives.

Information should be based on statistical as well as qualitative data. Where possible, the data should be collected with a gender-based and child-sensitive approach, with special emphasis on migrants belonging to the most vulnerable groups, including indigenous peoples and people of African descent, among others.

³ Ibid, para. 43 (b); Start-up Fund for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund), [Operations Manual](#), April 2020.

Thematic area 1: Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning.

Objectives of the Global Compact for Migration:

- # 1. Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
- # 3. Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
- # 17. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
- # 23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning	<i>Objectives 1, 3, 17 and 23 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i>
1(a) Which of these objectives is particularly important in the national context? Explain why.	<i>For example, in sustainable development, human rights, gender or regional integration policies that the country is implementing.</i>
1(b) What strategies, policies, programmes and actions has your country implemented in recent years to advance these objectives? (With particular reference to any implemented since the adoption of the Global Compact on 10 December 2018)	<i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, enactment of new laws, drafting of national implementation plans, conclusion of bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, participation in dialogue processes.</i>
1(c) Please specify some of the outcomes of actions taken, successful measures, best practices and lessons learned in implementing these objectives.	<i>Examples could include improvements, positive impacts, concrete progress made from best practices that may also be useful to other countries in the region.</i>
1(d) What were the main difficulties and challenges encountered in implementing these objectives?	<i>For example, lack of a lead agency, lack of institutional capacity (expertise, personnel, financial resources, etc.), coordination with other institutions and relevant stakeholders, among others.</i>

Thematic area 2: Protecting the human rights, safety and well-being of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration.

Objectives of the Global Compact for Migration:

- # 2. Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
- # 7. Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration.
- # 8. Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants
- # 12. Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral
- # 13. Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives
- # 23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

<p>Protecting the human rights, safety and well-being of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration</p>	<p><i>Objectives 2, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 23 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i></p>
<p>2(a) Which of these objectives is particularly important in the national context? Explain why.</p> <p><i>For example, in sustainable development, human rights, gender or regional integration policies that the country is implementing.</i></p>	
<p>2(b) What strategies, policies, programmes and actions has your country implemented in recent years to advance these objectives? (With particular reference to any implemented since the adoption of the Global Compact on 10 December 2018)</p> <p><i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, enactment of new laws, drafting of national implementation plans, conclusion of bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, participation in dialogue processes.</i></p>	
<p>2(c) Please specify some of the outcomes of actions taken, successful measures, best practices and lessons learned in implementing these objectives.</p> <p><i>Examples could include improvements, positive impacts, concrete progress made from best practices that may also be useful to other countries in the region.</i></p>	
<p>2(d) What were the main difficulties and challenges encountered in implementing these objectives?</p> <p><i>For example, lack of a lead agency, lack of institutional capacity (expertise, personnel, financial resources, etc.), coordination with other institutions and relevant stakeholders, among others.</i></p>	

1. Thematic area 3: Addressing irregular migration, including through managing borders and combating transnational crime.

Objectives of the Global Compact for Migration:

- # 9. Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants
- # 10. Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
- # 11. Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner
- # 14. Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
- # 21. Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
- # 23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

Addressing irregular migration, including through managing borders and combating transnational crime	<i>Objectives 9, 10, 11, 14 and 23 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i>
<p>3(a) Which of these objectives is particularly important in the national context? Explain why.</p> <p><i>For example, in sustainable development, human rights, gender or regional integration policies that the country is implementing.</i></p>	
<p>3(b) What strategies, policies, programmes and actions has your country implemented in recent years to advance these objectives? (With particular reference to any implemented since the adoption of the Global Compact on 10 December 2018)</p> <p><i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, enactment of new laws, drafting of national implementation plans, conclusion of bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, participation in dialogue processes.</i></p>	
<p>3(c) Please specify some of the outcomes of actions taken, successful measures, best practices and lessons learned in implementing these objectives.</p> <p><i>Examples could include improvements, positive impacts, concrete progress made from best practices that may also be useful to other countries in the region.</i></p>	
<p>3(d) What were the main difficulties and challenges encountered in implementing these objectives?</p> <p><i>For example, lack of a lead agency, lack of institutional capacity (expertise, personnel, financial resources, etc.), coordination with other institutions and relevant stakeholders, among others.</i></p>	

2. Thematic area 4: Facilitating regular migration and decent work, and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility.

Objectives of the Global Compact for Migration:

- # 5. Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
- # 6. Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
- # 18. Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences
- # 19. Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries
- # 20. Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
- # 23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

Facilitating regular migration and decent work, and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility	<i>Objectives 5, 6, 18, 19, 20 and 23 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i>
<p>4(a) Which of these objectives is particularly important in the national context? Explain why.</p> <p><i>For example, in sustainable development, human rights, gender or regional integration policies that the country is implementing.</i></p>	
<p>4(b) What strategies, policies, programmes and actions has your country implemented in recent years to advance these objectives? (With particular reference to any implemented since the adoption of the Global Compact on 10 December 2018)</p> <p><i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, enactment of new laws, drafting of national implementation plans, conclusion of bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, participation in dialogue processes.</i></p>	
<p>4(c) Please specify some of the outcomes of actions taken, successful measures, best practices and lessons learned in implementing these objectives.</p> <p><i>Examples could include improvements, positive impacts, concrete progress made from best practices that may also be useful to other countries in the region.</i></p>	
<p>4(d) What were the main difficulties and challenges encountered in implementing these objectives?</p> <p><i>For example, lack of a lead agency, lack of institutional capacity (expertise, personnel, financial resources, etc.), coordination with other institutions and relevant stakeholders, among others.</i></p>	

3. Thematic area 5: Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants.

Objectives of the Global Compact for Migration:

- # 4. Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
- # 15. Provide access to basic services for migrants
- # 16. Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion
- # 22. Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits
- # 23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants	<i>Objectives 4, 15, 16, 22 and 23 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i>
<p>5(a) Which of these objectives is particularly important in the national context? Explain why.</p> <p><i>For example, in sustainable development, human rights, gender or regional integration policies that the country is implementing.</i></p>	
<p>5(b) What strategies, policies, programmes and actions has your country implemented in recent years to advance these objectives? (With particular reference to any implemented since the adoption of the Global Compact on 10 December 2018)</p> <p><i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, enactment of new laws, drafting of national implementation plans, conclusion of bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, participation in dialogue processes.</i></p>	
<p>5(c) Please specify some of the outcomes of actions taken, successful measures, best practices and lessons learned in implementing these objectives.</p> <p><i>Examples could include improvements, positive impacts, concrete progress made from best practices that may also be useful to other countries in the region.</i></p>	
<p>5(d) What were the main difficulties and challenges encountered in implementing these objectives?</p> <p><i>For example, lack of a lead agency, lack of institutional capacity (expertise, personnel, financial resources, etc.), coordination with other institutions and relevant stakeholders, among others.</i></p>	

- 4. What steps have been taken to integrate the vision and the cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles of the Global Compact in its implementation? How was this achieved?** (see paragraphs 8 to 15 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and General Assembly resolution 73/195)

Guiding principle	Answer	Explanation (on separate page and with documentation)
People-centred	<input type="checkbox"/>	
International cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
National sovereignty	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rule of law and due process	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable development	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gender-responsive	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Child-sensitive	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Whole-of-government approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Whole-of-society approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Questions 7 to 10 (please answer in no more than 500 words and attach documents/links where appropriate):

- 5. In the context of the health crisis caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic that is affecting all countries in the region, what challenges have been identified in the implementation of the Global Compact? What measures and actions have been taken to address the specific situation of migrants and their families?**
- 6. What has been done to integrate the implementation of the Global Compact objectives within that of the SDGs? Is the follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development considered relevant to the Global Compact?**
- 7. What methodology was adopted for this voluntary review of the Global Compact? How was the participation of the various levels of government ensured? What mechanisms were used to inform and involve civil society and other relevant stakeholders?⁴ Were regional organizations included? Did United Nations resident coordinators and country teams participate?**
- 8. What difficulties have arisen in the implementation process of the Global Compact? What additional resources (funding, capacity-building, data and information, technology, partnership with other relevant stakeholders) are needed? What steps have been planned to improve the implementation of the Global Compact?**

⁴ Including migrants, civil society, youth and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions such as public defenders and ombudspersons, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media, local and municipal governments, and other relevant stakeholders at the global, regional and national levels.

ANNEX

List of the objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration by thematic area

The United Nations multi-partner trust fund to support the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, a core element of the Network’s capacity-building mechanism, groups the 23 objectives of the Global Compact under five thematic areas to facilitate adherence to the Global Compact’s 360-degree vision. The thematic areas and corresponding Global Compact objectives are as follows:

Thematic areas of the United Nations multi-partner trust fund to support the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration	Global Compact objectives
<p><i>Thematic area 1</i> Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning</p>	1. Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
	3. Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
	17. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
<p><i>Thematic area 2</i> Protecting the human rights, safety and well-being of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration</p>	2. Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
	7. Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
	8. Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants
	12. Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral
	13. Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives 23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

<p><i>Thematic area 3</i> Addressing irregular migration, including through managing borders and combating transnational crime</p>	9. Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants
	10. Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
	11. Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner
	14. Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
	21. Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
<p><i>Thematic area 4</i> Facilitating regular migration and decent work, and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility</p>	5. Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
	6. Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
	18. Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences
	19. Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries
	20. Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
<p><i>Thematic area 5</i> Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants</p>	4. Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
	15. Provide access to basic services for migrants
	16. Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion
	22. Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits
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SAINT LUCIA'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, AS RECEIVED FROM THE VARIOUS AGENCIES

1. Migrants who are of Saint Lucian descent can apply for Saint Lucian citizenship. However, they have to furnish the Department of Home Affairs with the relevant documents in order to facilitate that process.

Challenges:

As policy, children of Saint Lucian born nationals are not required to submit police character reports when submitting applications for citizenship. Therefore, the probable criminal backgrounds of the applicants are not known.

Some migrants are not able to source the relevant documents of their parent(s) in order to facilitate the citizenship process, as in some instances, the parents are deceased and were known by aliases. Rectifications of relevant documents are often necessary and that can sometimes prove to be a very frustrating process for migrants. However, the Department of Home Affairs, where possible, works in collaboration with the applicants and the relevant institutions/organizations, in order to source the vital documents necessary to ensure the successful fruition of the citizenship process.

2. Migrants who have been living in Saint Lucia for 7 years or more can apply for Saint Lucian citizenship.

Challenges:

Migrants have to ensure that their stay in Saint Lucia is regularize either by paying the monthly extension fee of EC\$200.00, getting a valid work permit or equipping themselves with a CSME Skills certificate (if they are nationals of a CARICOM member state). For many migrants, paying the monthly extension fee is a challenge as they unemployed. Those who seek employment have to be equipped with a work permit, which is costly to them.

However, it should be noted that migrants from the OECS member states are allowed indefinite stay in Saint Lucia and they are able to live and work. This was made possible by the Revised Treaty of Basseterre, Article 12.

3. Some migrants find love in Saint Lucia and as the spouse of a Saint Lucian national/citizen, they are able to apply for citizenship and regularize their stay.

Challenge:

This fuels the issue of marriage of convenience and some Saint Lucians appear to capitalize of this as business venture.

Migrants who are not of Saint Lucian descent normally go through the residency process and the Citizenship Unit of the Department of Home Affairs facilitates that process. **The Citizenship by Investment Programme is one such initiative**

OECS freedom of movement initiative and CARICOM free movement to a certain extent (with a skills certificate)

4.

Challenges:

The time frame for the investigative process of an application is between 6 months to 2 years. However, the Residency Guidelines allows for the expediting of applications for residents over 60 years of age.

5. Migrants who are refugees/asylum seekers also come to the Department of Home Affairs to regularize their status in Saint Lucia. They are usually equipped with letters from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Saint Lucia Red Cross.

Thematic Area 5-#15

Migrants who travel to Saint Lucia require for their survival, property, a job and banking account. To acquire the aforementioned, it becomes paramount for those migrants to submit to those institutions certificates of residency or citizenship.

Objective 2: Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin:

So far Saint Lucia has commenced the work on this by the ratification of a number of human rights treaties (see below) as well as the implementation of legislation such as the Child Justice and Children Care, Protection and Adoption Bill which was implemented in 2018.

Since 2010 we passed the Counter Trafficking Act Cap. 3:17 which seeks to combat human trafficking and connected forms of cross border human exploitation

Furthermore, Saint Lucia has established a National Coordinating Committee for Human Rights in 2019 which acts as a monitoring mechanism for treaties which it has ratified.

Treaties Ratified in 2020

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2000
- Marrakesh Treaty 2000

Saint Lucia, through the Department of External Affairs is in preliminary discussions with the Office of the High Commission for Human Rights in drafting an implementation plan for these two treaties.

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