



Summary of Network Briefing to Member States

12 December 2019

The Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration (Network), IOM Director General António Vitorino, briefed Member States on 12 December 2019. The briefing was attended by 60 Member States, 22 UN Network representatives and 19 colleagues from civil society. The Coordinator used the briefing to provide an update on the activities of the Network in its first year of existence and a space for exchange with Member States. He also used the opportunity to report on the main outcomes of key deliberations organized by the Network ahead of the Member State briefing including the following:

- The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) held on 10 December 2019 which saw the adoption of all the rules and procedures of the Fund – now fully operational. The inaugural Steering Committee meeting also adopted an ambitious timetable that will see the first joint programme concept notes being tabled at its next meeting scheduled on 2 April 2020;
- A meeting of UN regional experts, encompassing members of the Network’s Executive Committee and representatives of the five UN Regional Commissions, also held on 10 December 2019. The primary goal of this meeting was to identify ways to further enhance inter-agency cooperation on migration challenges and to prepare for regional reviews with a view to providing coherent and coordinated support to Member States;
- The inaugural Annual Meeting of the Network held on 11 December 2019. The meeting allowed participants to review the Network’s progress and working arrangements, as well as explore ways to further enhance collaboration between and amongst Network members and partners. The Annual Meeting also provided a space for a reflection on emerging challenges and concomitant decisions on the next steps for the way forward.

The statement delivered by the Network Coordinator is available [here](#).

Delegates representing the following countries/offices took the floor: Ecuador, Germany, Haiti, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, UK, and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants.

Several delegates expressed appreciation for the progress made by the Network and called for renewed commitment and action in the important work that lay ahead in realizing the GCM. In the course of the discussions that ensued, the Coordinator was invited to ensure that the Network would:

- Provide more regular briefings to Member States on activities that are taking place at the global, regional and country levels, including on the activities of the working groups of the Network, as well as projects to be implemented at the field level.
- Provide periodic updates on the status of the regional review process, engagement with the UN Regional Economic Commissions and guidance on national level implementation of the GCM.
- Develop the Network website further and display all the activities, meetings, updates detailed as well as a comprehensive list of migration coordination mechanisms.

The Coordinator acknowledged the requests brought forward to the Network and committed to addressing them. He invited Member States in turn to:

- Reach out bilaterally to the Network and its secretariat to address any questions or concerns, including requests for additional information.
- Contribute towards the broadening of the base of donors for the Migration MPTF and for nominations/ descriptions of projects in the form of concept notes which would be considered by the Steering Committee of the Fund in April 2020.
- Embrace ownership of the Compact and the support extended by the UN system through the Network. The Network stands ready to assist in the implementation, review and follow-up of the Member States' chosen objectives and priorities for action.