



Terms of Reference for the UN Network on Migration for Tunisia

Mission statement

The UN Resident Coordinator and IOM (in its capacity as the Coordinator of the Network)¹ are establishing a country based United Nations Network on Migration for the Tunisian Republic to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to the Member State on migration as the country responds to its commitment in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). Such support focuses on promoting migration governance that is based on policy evidence and international migration law and that covers Migration. Implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM are at the core of the UN Network on Migration for Tunisia.

In all its action, the Network will be guided, *inter alia*, by the United Nations Charter, international human rights law, international migration law, the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, the UN Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons especially Women and Children, OHCHR's Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders, 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. The Network will strive to uphold and advocate for the realization of the human rights of all migrants, with a particular focus on those in a vulnerable situation.

In line with global and regional efforts, the Network aims to foster a better understanding of current and emerging migration dynamics, and to enhance coordination and collaboration within the UN system and with other stakeholders.

Objectives of the Network

In order to implement its mission, the Network commits to taking concrete actions as follows:

- Share regular updates on main/emerging migration issues with members of the Network, and share relevant updates, data, documents, studies and practical information in order to foster a holistic understanding of the national context;
- Promote the objectives of the GCM and its complementarity with the agenda 2030 at the country level both with the Government, civil society and social partners counterparts to ensure a wider appropriation of this framework;
- Provide leadership to mobilize coordinated and collaborative action on migration by the UNCT, including by speaking with one voice as appropriate and taking timely action in case of urgent situations.
- Ensure Network actions promote the application of relevant international and regional frameworks relating to migration.

¹ IOM has been designated by the UN Secretary General as the Coordinator and secretariat to the UN Network on Migration.



- Take collective actions to ensure the protection of the human rights of all migrants, especially those in a vulnerable situation, including in the context of borders.
- Seize the opportunities of joint programs on migration governance for supporting the implementation of the GCM in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Tunisia;
- Contribute to migration related regional initiative including those emanating from the Regional Network;
- Provide information to the Regional UN Network on migration regarding progress made and activities related to the implementation of the GCM, and seek guidance from the Global Network, as necessary.

Membership and composition

The Network will be comprised of all UN agencies that are part of the UNCT and have expressed interest in being part of the Network. In principle, representation will be required at the Representative Level.

In line with structure established by the UN Secretary General, more specifically the UN Network on migration, the UN members of the Executive Committee within the Network will be members of the national network. Those are IOM, ILO, OHCHR, UNHCR, UNODC, UNICEF, WHO and UNDP.

Government officials from relevant ministries are invited to participate as guest speakers on a periodic basis; which will assist the Network in the alignment of its activities with Government priorities and to support the exchange of information.

International development partners, academia, non-governmental and civil society organizations, worker and employer organizations, the private sector and the media can participate upon invitation.

Organizational arrangements

- The Network will meet in Tunis at the UN House or the IOM premises on a rotating basis through virtual and/or physical meeting;
- The Network will meet as a general rule every two months, but it can also be convened at the request of one of its member based on the urgency of the situation;
- The Network will be co-chaired by the Resident Coordinator and the IOM Chief of Mission.

The co-chairs of the Network will:

- Coordinate country-based activities on migration and support Tunisia in the implementation of the GCM;
- Deliver joint statements in the name of the Network on specific issues at the request of its membership and after clearance on the content by the executive committee;
- Brief the UN System, the member state and other stakeholders on the activities of the Network;
- Facilitate regular interaction between the members of the Network;
- Facilitate engagement with relevant stakeholders (NGOs, the private sector, worker's organizations, academia, government, etc)



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

Members of the Network will contribute to the design and implementation of the Network's objectives, promote coherence on migration within the UN System, and provide strategic guidance and advice to the co-chairs to define the strategic priorities.