



Terms of Reference for the UN Migration Network for Mauritania

Mission Statement

The UN Resident Coordinator and IOM (in its capacity as coordinator of the Network) is establishing a country based United Nations Network on Migration for the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (The Network) to facilitate effective, timely and coordinated UN system-wide support to the Member State 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 adds value and avoids duplication. 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. Refugee issues are excluded from the present terms of reference.

In all its actions, the Network will be guided, inter alia, by the United Nations Charter, international law, the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, and the 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; and share relevant 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 objectives at the country level both with the Government and the civil society counterparts to ensure a wider appropriation of this framework;
- Ensure at the national level in coordination with the West and Central Africa Regional UN Migration Network, effective, timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in its implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, for the rights and wellbeing of all migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit;
- Key task: Support the Government of Mauritania to revise the plan of action, attached to the national strategy on the management of migration (Strategie Nationale sur la Gestion des Migrations adopted in 2011) and ensure coherence of the UN support to its implementation;
- Seize opportunities of joint programmes on migration policy with specific focus on the implementation of the GCM in line with the UNDAF for Mauritania, covering 2018-2022, including through the application to the MPTF on migration;
- 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;

- Mobilize coordinated and collaborative action on migration and in support to the implementation of the GCM 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 Network members.
- Contribute to and support migration related regional initiatives including those emanating from the Regional UN Network as well as from regional grouping such as ECOWAS, G5 Sahel 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 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 or Deputy Representative level.

In line with the 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 ILO, IOM, UNDP, UNHCR, OHCHR, UNICEF and UNODC.

Other members can join the network on a permanent or ad hoc basis.

The network will complement and find synergies with relevant coordination fora, including the Refugee Coordination Model and its working groups, that are gathering actors involved in migration, also at the community and more technical level.

Organizational arrangements

- The Network will meet in Nouakchott, Mauritania at the UN joint compound or IOM premises on a rotating basis;
- The Network will meet as needed and as a general rule every two months;
- The Network will be co-chaired by the Resident Coordinator and IOM Chief of Mission (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 on the GCM with the West and Central Africa Regional UN Network on Migration Chairs and Executive Committee
- Deliver joint statements in the name of the Network on specific issues at the request of its membership and after clearance on the content of the intervention by the Executive Committee;
- Brief the UN system, Member States and other stakeholders on the activities of the Network;
- Convene and chair meetings to ensure the smooth functioning of the Network;
- Facilitate regular interaction between the members of the Network ;
- Facilitate engagement with relevant external stakeholders as the need arises (with representatives from INGOS, the private sector, academia, 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.



Decision-making

Decisions by the Network will be made by consensus of all Network members.

Secretariat

Secretariat duties of the Network will be undertaken by IOM with support from the RC office.

Reporting

The Network will report back to the West and Central Africa Regional UN Migration Network on its activities and on progress made at country level in the implementation of the GCM.