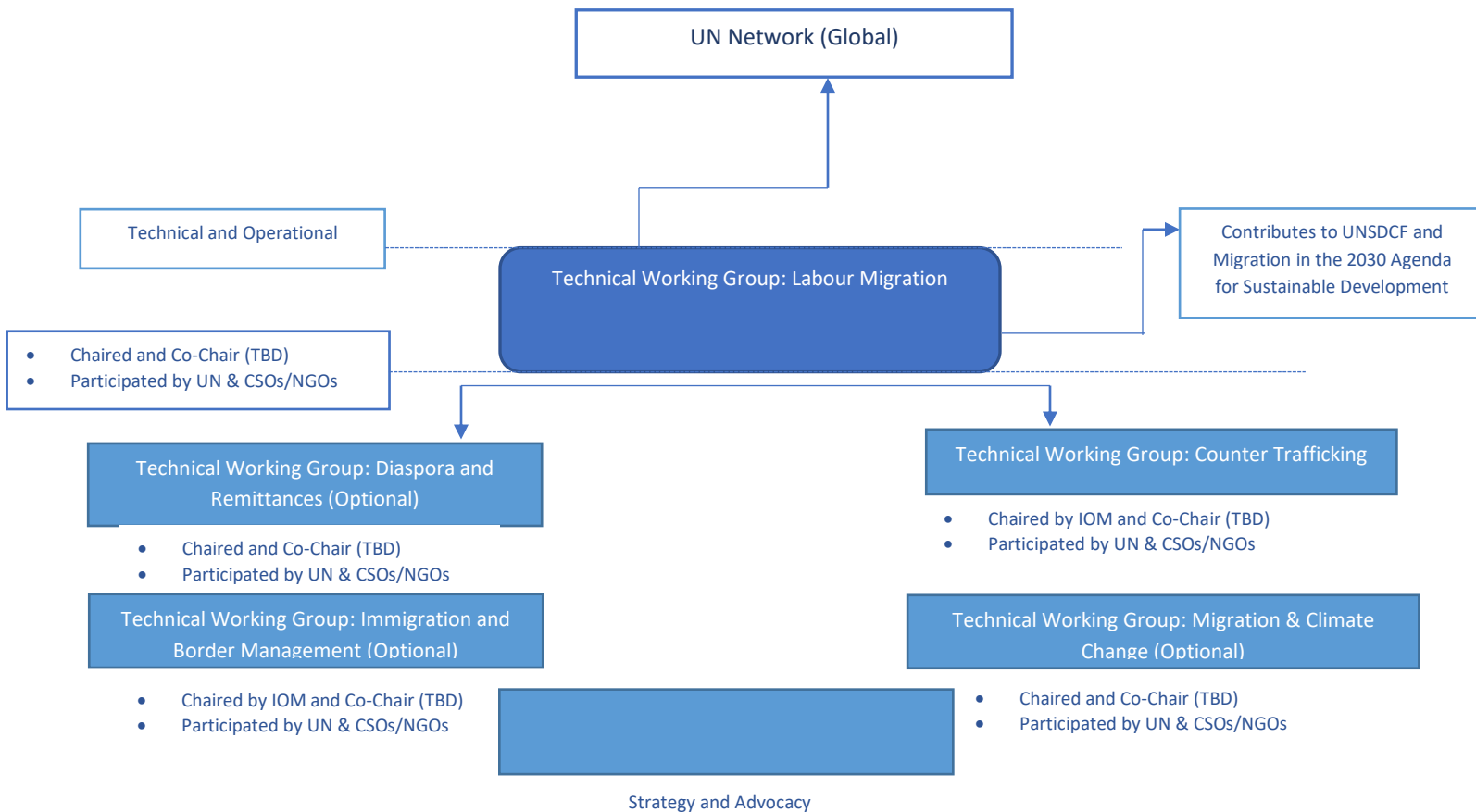# *UN Migration Network in Timor Leste*

Terms of Reference

Background

On 10-11 December 2018, recalling the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and determined to make an important contribution to enhanced cooperation on international migration in all its dimensions, Member States endorsed the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)[1]. The Global Compact is intended to set out a range of principles, commitments and understandings among Member States for better managing migration at local, national, regional and global levels.

To this end, the United Nations established a Network on Migration at the global level to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to Member States. In carrying out its mandate, the Network will prioritize the rights and wellbeing of migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit. It will place emphasis on those issues where a common UN system approach would add value and from which results and impact can be readily gauged. In Timor-Leste, the UN established a national Migration Network to ensure coordinated UN Country Team-wide support to the Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL) in implementing the GCM and other relevant policies.

UN Network (Global)

Technical and Operational

Contributes to UNSDCF and Migration in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Technical Working Group: Labour Migration

- Chaired and Co-Chair (TBD)
- Participated by UN & CSOs/NGOs

Technical Working Group: Diaspora and Remittances (Optional)

- Chaired and Co-Chair (TBD)
- Participated by UN & CSOs/NGOs

Technical Working Group: Counter Trafficking

- Chaired by IOM and Co-Chair (TBD)
- Participated by UN & CSOs/NGOs

Technical Working Group: Immigration and Border Management (Optional)

- Chaired by IOM and Co-Chair (TBD)
- Participated by UN & CSOs/NGOs

Technical Working Group: Migration & Climate Change (Optional)

- Chaired and Co-Chair (TBD)
- Participated by UN & CSOs/NGOs

Strategy and Advocacy

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[1] Full text available at: https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/180711_final_draft_0.pdf

UN Migration Network in Timor-Leste

Whilst being tailored to local needs and priorities, the terms of reference (ToRs) of the UN Migration Network in Timor-Leste in Timor-Leste are fully aligned with the global Network ToRs.

Objectives:
1. Ensure effective, timely, coordinated UN country team-wide support to the Government of Timor-Leste in their implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, for the rights and wellbeing of all migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit;
2. Support strengthened policy and operational coherent action by the UN Country Team (UNCT), including coordination and linkage with regional and global initiatives in support of GCM implementation as well as preparation, implementation and monitoring of a GCM Action Plan for the country;
3. Prepare an annual work plan in line with the priorities of the GoTL to support implementation of GCM and other migration related developmental agendas;
4. Act as a source of ideas, tools, reliable data and information, analysis, and policy guidance on migration issues, including through the capacity-building mechanism established in the GCM;
5. 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, and engagement with UN human rights mechanisms relating to migration[2];
6. Provide leadership to mobilize coordinated and collaborative action on migration by the UNCT, including by speaking with one voice as appropriate, in accordance with the UN Charter, international/ national laws, and mandates/ technical expertise of relevant UNCT entities;
7. In carrying out these objectives, the Network and its TWGs will ensure close collaboration with other existing UNCT and LCG coordination mechanisms (including ones on the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), Human Rights, Gender Equality and so on) addressing migration-related issues, actively seeking out synergies and avoiding duplication;
8. Ensure effective, open and ongoing engagement with external partners, migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations, parliamentarians, National Human Rights Commission, human rights-based organizations, trade union/employers' association, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders at national and local levels to feed into national, regional and global processes for GCM;
9. Update the UN Network on Migration at the global level, relevant GoTL committees and UNCT on migration issue on a regular basis.

Coordinator and Secretariat: IOM (in line with global ToRs, IOM will serve as the Coordinator and Secretariat of all constituent parts of the Network).

Members: UN RCO, ILO, UNDP, IOM, UNWOMEN, UNICEF, UNFPA, FAO, UNOHCHR and other interested UN agencies.

Participation Level: Deputies/Senior PMs.

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[2] e.g. the UN Committee on the Rights of Migrant Workers, the Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteurs on Migrants, on Trafficking, and other special procedures, and the Universal Periodic Review.

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly and as needed.

Technical Working Groups

The thematic Technical Working Groups (TWGs), established during the first meeting[3] of the network will support the objectives of the UN Network. The TWGs can be abolished and new TWGs created based on changing needs and consensus.

Objectives:
1. Identify priority areas for joint programming (delivering as one), including joint research, advocacy, programmes, etc., to support implementation of GCM and advance the migration/ mobility related initiatives/discourses;
2. Ensure operational coordination and synergies on key issues, such as, *inter alia*, migration and development, labour migration, counter-trafficking in human beings, social cohesion, addressing root causes of displacement, diaspora & remittances, migration and climate change, immigration and border management etc.;
3. Regularly (every 2 months) share updates about programme delivery and identify impediments for the Network to address with the GoTL;
4. Provide technical support to the Migration Network by developing policy briefs, policy papers, action plans, coordinated advocacy and training etc.

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[3] The first meeting was held on 7th November 2019

Annex I:

Objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

(1) Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
(2) Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
(3) Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
(4) Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
(5) Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
(6) Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
(7) Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
(8) Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants
(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
(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
(14) Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
(15) Provide access to basic services for migrants
(16) Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion
(17) Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
(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
(21) Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
(22) Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits
(23) Strengthen national and international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular
migration