

# ***UN Migration Working Group in Qatar***

## **Terms of Reference**

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### ***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, UN Member States adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), which was endorsed by the UN General Assembly later that month. The GCM, resting on international human rights laws standards and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the UN, as well as rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development among others, sets out a range of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles, commitments and understandings among Member States regarding international migration in all its dimensions.

The UN Secretary-General established a Network on Migration at the global level to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to Member States in implementation of the GCM. 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 Qatar, the UN proposes to establish a UN Migration Working Group to ensure coordination among the UN Country Team in providing support to the Government of Qatar (GoQ) and other relevant national non-governmental stakeholders in implementing the GCM.

### ***National UN Migration Working Group***

The National Working Group will be established after consultations with the authorities, and will work with relevant national authorities.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Share Information and updates on relevant activities and developments in line with the mandates of each agency.
2. Conduct joint communication and awareness raising, when relevant.
3. Upon request, provide support to the Government of Qatar in fulfilling their reporting obligations and in implementing the GCM.
4. Act as the country level focal point for collaboration with regional and global UN Migration Networks.
5. Ensure 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, mixed migration, diaspora & remittances, health of migrants, protection, legislation on migration, etc.;
6. Identify priority areas for joint research to support implementation of the GCM and advance migration/ mobility related initiatives/ discourses – This does not preclude Agencies from carrying-out research independently and/or in collaboration with other Agencies/partners.
7. Foster positive engagement with different stakeholders including the private and public sector, academia, civil society, employers' and workers' organizations, and national human rights institutions.

**(Co)Chair(s):** IOM and ILO with the possibility of other UN agencies (co)chairing in future and selected based on consensus. Biannual meetings with GoQ, co-chaired by ADLSA/MoFA.

**Members:** UN Agencies to start with GoQ represented at biannual meetings. Other stakeholders (NGO, CSO, private sector, academia, etc.) may be invited at a later stage, on an ad-hoc basis, if relevant.

**Participation Level:** Program Managers and Specialists and heads of agencies when needed.

**Meeting Frequency:** Every other month based on consensus.

**Decision Making:** The Working Group will make all decisions based on consensus by all members.

The ToR will be revisited 6 months after the formation of the Working Group.