



United Nations Network on Migration

Working Better Together

SOMALIA

Terms of Reference for the UN Migration Network

Mission Statement

The UN Resident Coordinator and IOM (in its capacity as coordinator of the Network) establish a country based United Nations Network on Migration for Somalia (The Network) to facilitate effective, timely and coordinated UN system-wide support to the Federal Republic of Somalia on migration governance, including on the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). 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, the IGAD Regional Migration Policy Framework and other sub-regional initiatives while supporting progress in implementing all of the GCM's 23 objectives (see Annex 1).¹

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 overall the terms of reference of the East & Southern 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 sources, documents, studies and practical information in order to foster a holistic understanding of the national context.
- Support the government in the development of a national GCM implementation plan and related reporting through linkages to the National Coordination Mechanism on Migration, Technical Working Groups and the UN Cooperation Framework (UNCF) that feeds into the government National Development Strategy (see Annex 2).
- Contribute to the mainstreaming of migration into government emergency response and national development strategies as well as cooperation frameworks between the UN and government.

¹ UNGA Resolution available here: Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/generalassembly/docs/globalcompact/A_RES_73_195.pdf

- Support timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and the Federal Member States (FMS) in the implementation of the Objectives and commitments of the GCM implementation, in line with the regional and global UN Network on Migration initiatives and where such action would add value, while ensuring well-defined linkages with UN structures at all levels.
- Support other global initiatives such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development in their effort to progress the GCM at a national level.
- Act as a source of ideas, tools, reliable data and information, analysis, and policy guidance on migration issues, including through the capacity-building mechanism called for in the GCM.
- 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.
- Provide leadership to mobilize coordinated and collaborative action on migration 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 system entities.
- Contribute and support regional initiatives including those emanating from the Regional UN Network in East and Southern Africa (ESA) as well as from regional grouping such as IGAD and Regional Consultative Processes when relevant for the implementation of the GCM in the region and in the country.
- Provide support at the country level to the capacity building mechanism, as outlined in the GCM.
- Organize on a regular basis – contingent on availability of resources - a meeting between all the Network members and external partners. This could include migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, religious leaders, local and traditional authorities and communities, the private sector, employers’ and workers’ organizations, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights Institutions, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders.
- Provide information to the Regional UN Network on Migration on progress made and activities related to the GCM and seek guidance from the global and regional network for ESA , as necessary.

Membership and Composition

The Network will be comprised of IOM, UNHCR, UNIDO, UN-Women, ILO, UNICEF, UNODC, OHCHR, RCO (see Annex 3) Other agencies can join the network over time and based on their interest and mandates.

Organizational arrangements

- The Network will meet as needed and as a general rule every month for the first four month from inception and then quarterly thereafter.

- The Network will be permanently chaired by IOM Chief of Mission (IOM having been designated by the UN Secretary General as Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration) with co-chairs drawn from the membership on a six month rotational basis. - The RC will chair all meetings of the network that involve annual review meetings.

The **chair** of the Network will:

- Coordinate country-based activities with the Chair of the Regional UN Network on Migration for ESA 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 Network.
- Brief the UN system, Somalia, 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 input and advice to the Network on strategic priorities and development of joint programmes with joint resource mobilization where applicable.

Decision-making

Decisions by the Network will be made by consensus. Should consensus not be reached, and arbitration be required, the RC in coordination with the chair and co-chair will resolve said arbitration.

Working Groups

Smaller Working Groups shall be established by the Network, as appropriate, to focus on specific issues and thematic areas;

Working Groups, including their focus, composition and chair, will be developed over time as needs and opportunities emerge.

The composition of Working Groups will be drawn from Network members and other partners, as relevant; Chairing or co-chairing will be open to all working group members.

The Working Groups will be reviewed periodically by the Network members.

Annual Review

There will be at least one annual meeting of the full membership of the Network to include other relevant stakeholders, in order to review Network progress; explore ways to further enhance collaboration; identify emerging challenges. The Annual Review meetings will be chaired by the RC and co-chaired by IOM.

Secretariat

Secretariat duties of the Network will be undertaken by IOM.

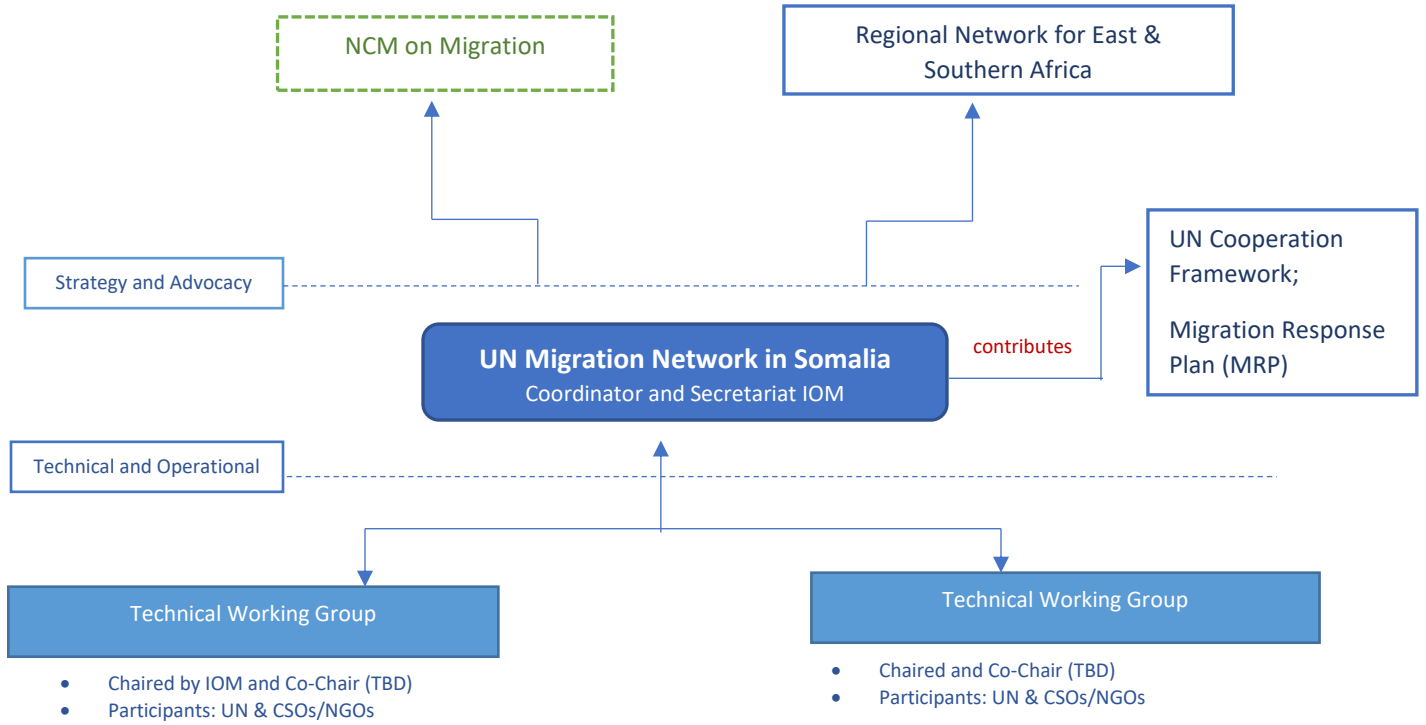
Reporting

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

ANNEX 1: Objectives for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

<p>(1) Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies</p> <p>(2) Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin</p> <p>(3) Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration</p> <p>(4) Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation</p> <p>(5) Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration</p> <p>(6) Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work</p> <p>(7) Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration</p> <p>(8) Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants</p> <p>(9) Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants</p> <p>(10) Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration</p> <p>(11) Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner</p> <p>(12) Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral</p>	<p>(13) Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives</p> <p>(14) Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle</p> <p>(15) Provide access to basic services for migrants</p> <p>(16) Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion</p> <p>(17) Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration</p> <p>(18) Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences</p> <p>(19) Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries</p> <p>(20) Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion</p> <p>(21) Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration</p> <p>(22) Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits</p> <p>(23) Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration</p>
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ANNEX 2: Contributions of UNMN to Somalia



ANNEX 3: Members of the UNMN

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