



## **Terms of Reference for the UN Network on Migration in Liberia**

### **Mission Statement**

*The UN System in Liberia establishes a country based United Nations Network on Migration for Liberia (the Network) to facilitate effective, timely and coordinated UN system-wide support to Liberia on the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). In this undertaking, the Network endeavors 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.*

*In all its actions, the Network will respect the principles of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and will be guided, inter alia, by the United Nations Charter, international law, the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development. 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 support implementation of the GCM by the Government of Liberia including through fostering 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**

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

- Support the government in the development of national GCM implementation plans and related reporting, including in the context of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).
- Support timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to Liberia in 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.
- 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.
- 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 as well as from regional grouping such as ECOWAS 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, lawmakers, 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 Network.

### **Membership and Composition**

The Network will comprise of all UN system entities that are part of the UNCT in Liberia.

### **Organizational Arrangements**

-The Network will meet in Monrovia, Liberia.

-The Network will meet as needed and as a general rule every two months.

-The Network will be co-chaired by UN Resident Coordinator in Liberia and the 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-level activities with the 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 by consensus on the content of the intervention by all members of the Executive Committee of the Network.
- Brief Liberia authorities 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.).
- 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 Co-chairs and the Executive Committee on strategic priorities.

An **Executive Committee** within the Network in Liberia will be established, in line with the global Network on Migration established by the UN Secretary General. Membership of the Executive Committee will mirror the global Network Executive Committee, with entities with clear mandates, technical expertise and capacity in migration-related fields, and will be comprised of IOM, ILO, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNDP, UNHCR, UNODC and WHO. The Executive Committee will provide overall guidance to the work of the Network, and work with its members to elaborate an annual working plan.

**Decision-making**

Decisions by the Network will be made by consensus of the Executive Committee after full consultations with all Network members.

**Working Groups**

Smaller Working Groups can be established by the Network, as appropriate, to focus on specific issues.

Terms of Reference for 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 Co-chairs, in consultation with the Executive Committee and 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.

**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.