



**United Nations  
Network on Migration**

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## **Migration Network Hub**

### **“Practices and initiatives” repository**

#### ***Draft review criteria***

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) seeks to identify, consolidate and disseminate a range of “best” and “existing practices”, as well as to review and build on existing legislation, policies and practices, towards the effective implementation of the GCM Vision, Guiding Principles and 23 Objectives. To this end, the global Migration Network Hub was created as an open online source of existing “evidence, practices and initiatives” (paragraph 43.c)i) to facilitate accessibility to knowledge and sharing of solutions for the implementation of the GCM.

In order to identify “existing practice” solutions for GCM implementation, the UN Network on Migration (Network) has identified the following criteria:

#### ***Eligibility criteria - potentially highlight which ones apply in review of an existing practice:***

1. **Applied:** the practice should have been implemented at the global, regional or national level, rather than merely being a proposal or theory
2. **Relevant:** the practice should be linked to implementation of specific GCM objectives and/or actions
3. **Coherent:** the practice should be in conformity with ideally each of the GCM guiding principles
  - a. people-centred – the practice promotes the well-being of migrants and the members of communities in countries of origin, transit and destination;
  - b. international cooperation – the practice integrates international, regional and bilateral cooperation and dialogue;
  - c. national sovereignty – the practice reflects the prerogative of each State to govern migration within their jurisdiction, in conformity with international law;
  - d. rule of law and due process – the practice ensures due process safeguards and accountability of the State, public and private entities, and persons to equal enforcement of the law;
  - e. sustainable development – the practice contributes to positive development outcomes and to realizing the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
  - f. human rights – the practice is non-discriminatory and ensures the effective respect, protection and fulfilment of the human rights of all migrants, regardless of their migration status;
  - g. gender responsive – the practice ensures that the human rights of women, men, girls and boys are respected, their specific needs are properly understood and addressed, and that they are empowered as agents of change rather than victims;

- h. child sensitive – the practice upholds the human rights of children, including the principle of the best interests of the child, as a primary consideration in all situations concerning children;
  - i. whole of government approach – the practice ensures horizontal and vertical policy coherence across all sectors and levels of government;
  - j. whole of society approach - the practice promotes broad multi-stakeholder partnerships with civil society and other stakeholders<sup>1</sup> to address migration in all its dimensions;
4. **Innovative:** Provides a new approach that could offer an impetus for others to develop similar practices
  5. **Replicable:** the practice is potentially adaptable to different country and regional contexts but being mindful of context as a caveat, systematized and documented to facilitate potential transfer or at least lessons learnt
  6. **Review:** go through peer review
  7. **Transversal:** the practice conforms with the 360-degree vision of the GCM, recognizing that a comprehensive approach is needed to optimize the overall benefits of migration, while addressing risks and challenges for individuals and communities
  8. **Timely:** Ideally the practice should have been implemented since the GCM was adopted (post-December 2018).

### ***“Best” practices***

While it is proposed that “existing practices” are submitted via the Migration Network Hub and peer reviewed using the above criteria, “best” practices could be verified as part of Network processes (e.g. by working groups, regional or country networks, etc.) and hence “institutionally recognized” by the Network and marked as such in the repository of practices of the Hub. The latest definition within the UN system comes from the [UN DPO/DPPA Knowledge Management and Organization Learning Policy \(September 2020\)](#):

**Best Practice:** Way of carrying out an activity that has proven its effectiveness across contexts and situations and is therefore institutionally recognized as the optimal course of action.

### ***Disclaimers***

- The UN Network on Migration does not seek to comprehensively assess, verify or endorse each practice submitted. The inclusion of a practice in the Migration Network Hub therefore signifies only that it meets the minimum criteria established. It does not signify that all elements of the practice in question are considered adequate, or that its practical implementation is without flaw;
- States, UN entities and other relevant stakeholders are encouraged to submit practices for inclusion in the Migration Network Hub, provided they meet the minimum criteria and are initiated by the actor submitting the practice or having the approval to submit on the original entity’s behalf.

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<sup>1</sup> Including migrants, diasporas, local communities, civil society, academia, the private sector, parliamentarians, trade unions, National Human Rights Institutions, the media and other relevant stakeholders in migration governance.