

# International Migration Review Forum

## Concept note on a pledging initiative

### Overview and purpose

A pledging initiative in the context of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) could help build momentum for the review of the implementation of the GCM and assist all actors in contributing to its implementation in tangible ways.

A pledging initiative by States and stakeholders can:

- Upholding rights and making a tangible difference to the lives of migrants and their communities;
- Demonstrate the value of international cooperation in making migration work for all, placing individuals at the center, addressing challenges that can arise in migration governance and in harnessing the contribution of migration to sustainable development;
- Encourage peer-to-peer learning;
- Identify shared priorities and build innovative partnerships;
- Broaden support for the GCM, strengthening positive, evidence-based narratives and eliminate discrimination.

### What is a pledge?

A pledge is a measurable commitment to advance the implementation of one or more GCM guiding principles, objectives, or actions while considering the 360-degree approach of the GCM. It can take various forms, including:

- Financial contributions to the Migration MPTF
- Human resource contributions (e.g. direct provision of technical assistance to other countries or pro bono services);
- Process-oriented commitments (e.g. involving stakeholders in inclusive IMRF preparations and IMRF delegations);
- Policy-oriented commitments (e.g. integrating GCM policies or actions into national law or administrative procedures, commitment to ratify and implement relevant international treaties).

Pledges should be concrete and measurable, respond to existing needs and could include actions at local, national, regional, or international levels. They should be realistic, forward-looking, time bound and preferably developed and implemented in partnership with other stakeholders in a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. Pledges should be made in accordance with norms and standards of international law, and be consistent with the GCM guiding principles

and other agreed frameworks, in particular the 2030 Agenda. Where possible, pledges should address objectives that were underreported during the GCM regional reviews.

## What types of pledge exist?

Pledges can be made in various ways:

- Individual (by one member state/ stakeholder);
- Common (several member states/ stakeholders making identical or complementary pledges);
- In partnership (several states/stakeholders contribute towards a shared goal with different actions/pledges); or
- Matching (a pledge is realized when others match it in some way by way of committing to provide financial, technical, or material support).

As the GCM is a cooperative framework, joint pledges, undertaken as a means of building partnerships, are encouraged.

## Who can pledge?

- UN Member and Observer States;
- UN system entities;
- Relevant stakeholders, including financial institutions, private sector entities, local and regional authorities, international organizations, humanitarian and development actors, trade unions, academics and civil society, diaspora organizations and national human rights institutions.

## Pledging approaches

Key criteria should focus on measurable implementation of a certain aspect of the GCM. Pledges should encourage endeavours and cooperation between partners.

## Next steps

The Network Secretariat will create an online platform and dashboard on the IMRF and Network websites to record, show and track the pledges. A consolidated version of the pledges will be presented at the IMRF.

## Launch

The launch of the pledging initiative will take place on 17 December, a day before the International Migrants Day and two prior the date of adoption of the GCM.