



Terms of Reference for the UN Country Team UN Migration Task Force for Moldova

1. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1.1 Background

The majority of migrants move between countries in a safe, orderly and regular manner resulting in significant gains for migrants, sending countries and countries of reception alike. However, irregular migration will most often cancel these gains presenting challenges for communities and leaving migrants vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. It was with this realization that migration was incorporated in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) deemed to be a driver of development and a way to reduce inequalities. In SDG Goal 10 on reducing inequality within and among countries the SDG target 10.7 aims at “facilitating orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.”

International migration policy and governance is one of the most urgent and profound tests of international cooperation in our time. With this understanding, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (Global Compact) which contains a set of 23 objectives for migration governance ranging from minimizing adverse drivers of migration, facilitating ethical recruitment, combatting trafficking and smuggling of migrants to empowering migrants to realize their full inclusion, to mention a few.

In 2019, a Start-Up Fund for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (Migration MPTF) to support Member States in their implementation of the Global Compact was established.¹

1.2 Migration and Moldova

In Moldova, migration is since independence characterized by high levels of outward migration which has adversely affected a number of development indicators such as nativity, mortality, losses in human capital and talent; the Moldovan diaspora represents around 30% of the citizens of working age. Remittances currently are 16% of Moldova’s GDP but have limited development impact due to important fluctuations, scarce investment and low levels of financial literacy.

While outward migration fuelled by lack of opportunities and distrust in State functions has been detrimental, there do exist notable examples of profiting from diaspora members’ financial and entrepreneurial engagement in Moldova. Given its size and profile, and given favourable conditions and support, the Moldovan diaspora represents one of the most important potential boons for the country’s development. The UN and the Global Compact represents an excellent tool for achieving this.

1.3 Objective of the Task Force

Noting the Terms of Reference for the UN Network on Migration adopted on 23 May 2018 and in particular para. 34²; the objective of the United Nations in Moldova Migration Task Force (UN MTF) is to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) with regards to facilitating the

¹ <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/MIG00>

² https://www.un.org/en/conf/migration/assets/pdf/UN-Network-on-Migration_TOR.pdf



implementation of Migration related SDG targets, the Global Compact, the National Development Strategy (NDS) Moldova “2030” and The Republic of Moldova – United Nations Partnership Framework for Sustainable Development 2018–2022 (UN PFSD) and its related four thematic pillars: 1) Governance, human rights and gender equality; 2) Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth; 3) Environmental sustainability and resilience; and 4) Inclusive and equitable social development. The UN MTF will also be guided by the Delivering as One (DaO) approach.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

The MTF will:

- 2.1** Assist the UNCT in efforts related to migration and, in this regard, provide support for the accelerated implementation of the migration related Sustainable Development Agenda by the Republic of Moldova, including by:

Providing ongoing support regarding the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant to migration; *inter alia* through:

- 2.1.1 Supporting government entities, including the State Chancellery, the National Bureau of Statistics and the SDG Coordination Council, on migration related issues, including through the implementation of innovative approaches;
- 2.1.2 Identifying and addressing capacity gaps related to migration in UNCT, government counterparts and implementing partners;
- 2.1.3 Upon request of the government, supporting government giving support in relation to reporting on migration to HLPF and the International Migration Review Forum;³
- 2.1.4 Seeking and mobilising diversified funding sources when possible.

- 2.2** Facilitate joint UN interventions within the framework of the Global Compact:

- 2.2.1 Facilitate and coordinate joint UN interventions related to the Global Compact, including coordinating project proposals, implementation, monitoring and reporting related to the Start-Up Fund for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (Migration MPTF);
- 2.2.2 In line with the Global Compact, contribute to building partnerships with relevant actors including Government, counterparts, CSOs, to ensure effective implementation of the Global Compact;
- 2.2.3 Recognizing the importance of national migration data, identify data gaps, contributing to RC and UNCT advocacy activities aimed at addressing the identified data gaps and ensuring the availability of quality, disaggregated data to monitor the

³ Cf. UNGA resolution 73/195, para. 49 and UNGA A/73/L.99



implementation of the Global Compact and the SDGs and to support the development and implementation of evidence-based national policies.

3. UN MTF MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1** The UN MTF is comprised of two Co-Chairs, with IOM serving as a permanent co-chair and one rotating co-chair, member of represented UN Agencies and representatives of the RCO, as well as their alternates.
- 3.2** The Co-Chairs and members of the UN MTF are appointed by the UNCT.
- 3.3** UN Heads of Agencies and the RC nominate members and alternates to the UN MTF, preferably from among staff performing migration related functions within their own entities.
- 3.4** The Co-chairs will receive secretariat support for UN MTF provided by IOM.
- 3.5** The Co-Chairs may request the attendance of other internal or external participants as needed and in relation to any special considerations discussed at the UN MTF.
- 3.6** The Co-Chairs, members and alternates serve for a period of one calendar year, after completion of which they may be re-appointed by the UNCT for additional terms.

4. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1** The Co-Chairs are responsible for:
 - a. Convening meetings;
 - b. Chairing meetings;
 - c. Identifying specialized resources to assist the UN MTF in discharging its duties in the most competent manner;
 - d. Reporting on the activities of the UN MTF to the UNCT on a quarterly basis, including on but not limited to:
 - i. Performance with respect to the implementation of joint interventions related to the Global Compact;
 - ii. Process of nationalization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relevant to migration.
- 4.2** The Secretary function is implemented by IOM, which is responsible for:
 - a. Coordinating the schedule of the UN MTF meetings;
 - b. Producing and disseminating minutes from UN MTF meetings;
 - c. Overseeing the timely distribution of relevant documentation to UN MTF members;
 - d. Ensuring that files of documentation pertaining to the submissions and meetings are complete.
- 4.3** The Members of the UN MTF are responsible for:
 - a. Contributing to UN MTF discussions;



b. Supporting key activities of the UN MTF as outlined under the responsibilities above.

4.4 The UNCT will review advice by the UN MTF and may follow or not follow specific recommendations and in the case of non-acceptance, document the motivation for this decision.

5. PROCEDURES

5.1 The work of the UN MTF will be guided by the principles of the Global Compact, UNPFSD, UNCT AWP and the National Priorities.

5.2 The UN MTF will meet quarterly or as often as necessary to carry out their responsibilities and as convened by the Chairperson.

5.3 Based on needs, extended UN MTF meetings including Donors, CSOs, Media or other relevant actors may be organized.

6. REPORTING

6.1 The UN MTF updates the UNCT on a regular and on-demand basis.

6.2 The minutes of the UN MTF meetings should be documented by the Secretariat provided by IOM, chairing the UN MTF.

7. ANNEXES

7.1 Migration Task Force Membership List



Annex 1. Migration Task Force Membership List

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