

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE UN NETWORK ON MIGRATION FOR ALGERIA

BACKGROUND

On 10-11 December 2018, recalling the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and determined to make an important contribution to enhanced cooperation on international migration in all its dimensions, Member States adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). In this Declaration, Member States committed to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations that culminated in the adoption of the GCM by 165 UN Member States and formally endorsed by the UN General Assembly on the 19th of December 2018.¹

The GCM is intended to set out a range of principles, commitments and understandings among Member States regarding international migration in all its dimensions. The GCM rests on international law, respects the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and is rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

To this end, the United Nations established a Network on Migration at the global level to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to Member States. In carrying out its mandate, the Network will prioritize the rights and wellbeing of migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit. It will place emphasis on those issues where a common UN system approach would add value and from which results and impact can be readily gauged.

At the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), which took place in New York from the 17th to the 20th of May 2022, Algeria abstained from voting in favor of the adoption of the GCM. Nevertheless, the Algerian delegates have publicly aligned themselves with the progress declaration of the IMRF and have declared that they are convinced it is vital to coordinate international efforts to manage migration.

In Algeria, the UN will establish a UN Migration Network to ensure coordinated UN Country Team (UNCT)-wide support to the Government in migration issues in line with the objectives of the GCM and will seek to tailor its support to the Government towards contributing to the achievement of the SDGs (leaving no one behind) as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) vision. The UN Migration Network will thereby contribute to combat discrimination and exclusion and reduce the inequalities and vulnerabilities that leave people behind and undermine the potential of individuals and of humanity as a whole.

It will also identify and support partnerships with national and regional migration actors, the private sector, academia, the media, employers and workers organizations, as well as with other relevant stakeholders to foster interventions that are aspirational for the GCM and other relevant policies.

¹ A total of 152 UN Member States voted in favor of the GCM, five (5) voted against and 12 abstained through a vote.



UN MIGRATION NETWORK

The UN Migration Network in Algeria will be launched in Autumn of 2022, and will work to coordinate UN agencies, both resident and non-resident; actions in supporting the Government on migration issues in line with the objectives of the GCM and interventions that are aspirational for the GCM. Other entities including the Government of Algeria and a range of other interested stakeholders such as the private sector, academia, employers and workers organizations; may be invited at a later stage depending on their relevance to the issues being discussed. Whilst being tailored to local needs and priorities, the terms of reference (ToRs) of the UN Network on Migration in Algeria are fully aligned with the global UN Network on Migration ToRs.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the UN Network on Migration in Algeria are to:

- Promote the objectives of the GCM and its complementarity with the agenda 2030 at the country level both with the Government and social partners counterparts to ensure a wider appropriation of this framework;
- Identify priority areas for joint programming (delivering as one UN) including but not limited to joint research and capacity building programming to support activities and interventions that are aspirational for the GCM in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Algeria, and advance migration-related initiatives/discourses through joint resource mobilization
- Ensure operational coordination and synergies on key issues, such as, inter alia, migration and development, labour migration, and counter-trafficking in human beings, smuggling of migrants, social cohesion, health of migrants, protection of the human rights of migrants, policy and legislation on migration, public space and housing conditions, addressing root causes of migration, paying attention to the specific priorities of women migrants, trafficked women etc.;
- Provide support to UNCT (as in e.g. statistics, note conjuncture...), provide leadership to mobilize coordinated and collaborative actions on migration by the UNCT, including by speaking with one voice as appropriate, in accordance with the mandates and technical expertise of relevant UN system entities;
- Ensure Network actions promote the application of relevant international and regional frameworks relating to migration including, but not limited to, the African Union Agenda 2063, the African Union revised Migration Policy Framework for Africa (2018-2030), the African Union Border Programme and the 2014 African Union's Ouagadougou + 10 Declaration and Plan of Action on Employment, Poverty Eradication and Inclusive Development in Africa, as well as the respective migration dialogues relevant to the region;
- Share regular updates on main/emerging migration issues with members of the Network, and share relevant updates, data, documents, studies and practical information in order to foster a holistic understanding of the evolving migration



dynamics in Algeria, including the linkages with regional dynamics and trends, as well as updates on challenges and impediments;

- In close coordination with the UNCT working group in communications, provide information sessions for the international community, including donors and international migration actors, as well as other relevant stakeholders to share updates on the situation of migrants in Algeria
- Foster engagement, coordination and information exchange with certain ministries – such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Health, especially to discuss strategies to address challenges and impediments
- Provide information to the Regional UN Network on migration regarding progress made and activities that are aspirational for the GCM, and seek guidance from the Global Network, as necessary.

COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

- Co-chairs: The Co-Chairs for the UN Network on Migration will be the IOM Algeria Representative and the ILO Algeria Representative, as endorsed by the UN Network members;
- Coordinator and Secretariat: IOM Algeria (in line with the designation of IOM by the UN Secretary General as Coordinator of the global UN Network on Migration);
- Members: UN Resident Coordinator Office (RCO), IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNAIDS, ILO, FAO, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, WHO, UNODC and other interested UN Agencies;
- Participation Level: Deputies/Senior Program Managers or their designated representatives.

Government officials from relevant ministries can be invited to participate as guest speakers to ensure the alignment of the UN Network on Migration with the government of Algeria's priorities and to support the exchange of information. International development partners, national and regional migration actors, academia, the private sector, workers' and employers' organizations, and the media can participate upon invitation to meetings and/or activities.

ROLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The UN Network will meet in Algiers at the UN House or the IOM premises depending on the respective capacities through virtual and/or physical meetings.

The Network will meet as a general rule every two months, but it can be also conveyed at the request of one of its members based on the urgency of the situation.

The UN Migration Network will meet on a biannual basis with the respective government officials and other relevant stakeholders, or upon request by its members, as proposed by the partner agencies.



The Co-chairs will:

1. Convene and chair meetings to ensure the smooth functioning of the Network.
2. Facilitate regular interaction between the members of the Network and engagement with relevant stakeholders.
3. Deliver One Voice joint statement in the name of the Network on specific issues.
4. Coordinate activities with the UN Migration Network Secretariat and Members.
5. Brief the UN System, the member state and other stakeholders on the activities of the Network;

IOM, acting as Coordinator and Secretariat, will convene the meetings and provide the meeting minutes. IOM will keep the member list updated and share it regularly.

Working Groups, including their focus, composition and chair, can 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.

WORK PLAN AND REPORTING

The Network will prepare an annual workplan establishing specific deliverables to be shared with the UNCT.

Members of the Network will contribute to design and implementation of the Network's objectives and workplan, provide advice on strategic direction and share information and knowledge about their migration related work. Members will promote coherence of migration related activities within the UN system. Decisions relevant to the work of the Network will be made by consensus based on consultations with all Network Members.

The Network will report on its progress and activities to the RC as well as to UNCT Heads of Agencies through the Chair bi-annually.