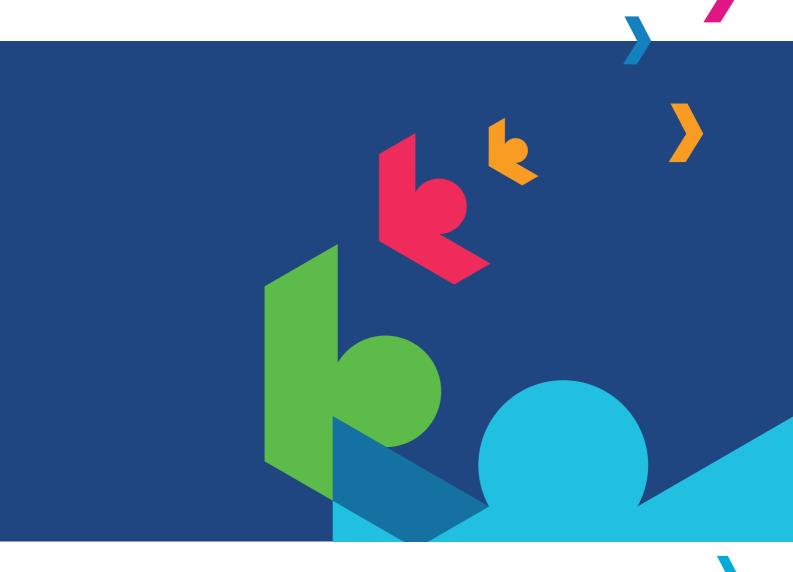




Bangladesh's Journey as a GCM Champion







Timeline of the

GCM Inception and Implementation



Bangladesh ratified The UN Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

On 11 April 2011, Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families 1990. However, the ratification has yet to be Nations Treaties Section

2011



On 13 April 2016, Bangla-

the need for a Global between Bangladesh's proposal and the UN Secretary General's

Migrants.

2016



Bangladesh proposes a Global Compact for Migration Governance

desh, as Chair of the GFMD, writes to UN Deputy Secretary-General, regarding Compact for Migration. On 4 May 2016, UN responded by highlighting the convergence soon-to-be-published (09 May 2016) report in Safety and Dignity: Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and



9th GFMD in Bangladesh

On 10 December 2016, the 9th GFMD focused on governance. Bangladesh, as the forum Chair. promoted establishing a for global governance of



comprehensive framework





Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on GCM

developing the GCM



Global Compact

™ Migration

December 2018, and

endorsed by the UN

December, the Global

Compact for Migration

in the international

cooperation on

General Assembly on 19

(GCM) heralds a new dawn

community's approach to

international migration.

On 26 October 2017, Bangladesh organized a consultation on the GCM to finalize a common national position and priorities in



Bangladesh launches the first-ever national UN **Network on Migration**

On 7 July 2019, The Bangladesh UN Network on Migration (BDUNNM) was launched to ensure coordinated UN Country Team-wide support to the Government of Banglades in implementing the GCM and other relevant policies and interventions. The BDUNNM also ensures the participation of relevant through its Technical Working Groups on Labour Migration and Counter-Trafficking in Persons.



Tripartite National Consultation on Gender-responsive Sustainable Approaches

On 22 October 2019 BDUNNM, CGCM, and the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment organized a pre-GFMD national consultation on looking at GCM objectives through a gender lens.



on GCM

On 26 November 2019, the Government of Bangla-BDUNNM, organized a workshop, to sensitize government agencies and stakeholders with the GCM, to support their engagement in the follow-up of GCM objectives. An implementation guide for the GCM was proposed at this workshop



Seminar on "Significance and Scope of Migration in the 8FYP"

On March 2020, BDUNNM, in collaboration with the Planning Commission. Ministry of Planning, and Bangladesh, presented a position paper to relevant stakeholders advocating for the mainstreaming o migration in national development planning.



Bangladesh identified as a 'Champion Country' for

On July 2020, Bangladesh becomes one of the first countries to be identified as a "GCM Champion" for their ongoing commitment to implement GCM through a holistic and participatory approach.



Consultation

On 05 January 2021, The Bangladesh Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development & WARBE **Development Foundation** organized a virtual event to discuss the Future of Human Mobility: Innovative Partnerships for Sustainable Developmen



Intergovernmental meeting of the Asia-Pacific Regional

From 10 to 12 March 2021, the stakeholders from Bangladesh shared their perspectives at the of the Asia-Pacific Region Review for the GCM



Ahead of IMRF

Bangladesh governmen has made a number of pledges ahead of IMRF



actions to implement GCM.









and Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment participated in the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) at the UN and discussed issues of mutual interest including Bangladesh's candidature for the Human Rights Council election for

Bangladesh Joins IMRF







Bangladesh assumed the Chairmanship of The 9th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

On January 2016, Bangladesh becomes the chair of The 9th GFMD. The GFMD 2016 Chairmanship of Bangladesh primarily focused on the improvement of migration governance.



co-facilitate the Global and Regular Migration, including facilitating Forum for Migration and Development Summit.



General Assembly On 21 September 2016,



Bangladesh volunteered to Compact for Safe, Orderly, discussions at the Global



2017

Bangladesh became a member of Committee on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families for the second time

On June 2017, The former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh was reelected to the Committee on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW) for



2018

Bangladesh became the new Chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement

On 19 January 2018, Bangladesh took the Chairmanship of the Platform on Disaster



Regional Consultation of

On 04 May 2019, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with support from IOM & ILO organized a consultation To provide a platform to set the tone for a roadmap for regional and national action plans and partnerships for GCM implementation



2019

Workshop to coordinate efforts to support a comprehensive response

On 15 September 2019, BDUNNM in coordination with the Government organized a workshop that provided a platform to develop a strategy on how the UN, donors, and NGOs can best support the Government in its effort to combat human trafficking.



National Consultation for 12 GFMD

On 29 October 2019, IOM, in collaboration with WARBE Development Foundation, supported the Government of Bangladesh to organize a national consultation for the 12th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) to prioritize issues related to migration governance and development.



From 20 to 24 January 2020, a delegation from Bangladesh attended the

strengthen state agency

and advance development



Workshop for National Action Plan on GCM

e-workshop to gather National Action Plan. migrants in light of the



summit where the agenda was to find sustainable approaches to human mobility through partnerships and collective action to uphold rights,

2020

On 13 June 2020, IID and BDUNNM conducted an inputs for the draft GCM focusing on the well-being



representative of Bangladesh to the UN, in the panel discussion. providing practical policy emphasized the need for strong political will to ensure the rights. well-being, and dignity of the migrants.



Launch of the first biennial report of the UNSG on the

On 02 December 2020, The permanent commended the report for



2021

The Asia Pacific Regional Review of GCM

BDUNNM and CGCM co-hosted the event to take stock from relevant stakeholders on the current status, challenges. opportunities, implementa tion and review of GCM in Bangladesh, to feed into the Asia Pacific Regional Review of the Compact



National Reintegration

From 22 March 2022, Bangladesh Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment together with IOM, the International Labour Organization and UN Women jointly engaged relevant public and private organizations, NGOs, trade unions, CSOs, and other social partners, to contribute to a National Reintegration Policy for



Bangladesh at the Global Diaspora Summit

On 04 April 2022, Imran Ahmad, MP, Minister of the MoEWOE of Bangladesh, shared his vision. experience, and best practices of Bangladesh on migration and diaspora engagement.



This initiative will facilitate the implementation, process of GCM in Bangladesh through a

"whole-of-government" approach.





Initiatives to Support GCM Implementation in Bangladesh: Best Practices



Theme 1: Ensuring voluntary, regular, safe and orderly migration (GCM Objectives: 2, 5, 6, 12, 18



- A vigilance task force has been established to investigate and prosecute any unlawful or fraudulent conduct by Recruiting Agents, intermediaries, or other individuals or entities.
- The Overseas Employment and Migrants' (Recruiting Agents' License and Conduct) Rules 2019 and 'The Overseas Employment and Migrants' (Recruiting Agents' Classification) Rules 2020 are legislated to facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work.
- The Government of Bangladesh initiated "Promoting Decent Work through Improved Migration Policy and its Application in Bangladesh" in 2012, which resulted in a large number of high-quality outputs with a focus on gender-responsiveness and stakeholder partnerships that significantly contributed to the formulation of labour migration policies.



Theme 2: Protecting migrants through rights - based border governance and border management measures (GCM Objectives: 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21)

- National Plan of Action (NPA) to combat human trafficking focusing on capacity building, ensuring a strong economic and social safety net developed to support the implementation of the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act, 2012.
- The development of a National Reintegration Policy for Migrants has been initiated.
- The government identified 6,866 potential trafficking victims in 2021, a significant increase from 585 in the previous year.
- In 2021, MoEWoE penalized 32 recruitment agencies for violating the 2013 Overseas Employment and Migrants Act (OEMA) and approached INTERPOL for the first time to place six individuals on their red notice watchlist, leading to two arrests.



Theme 3: Supporting migrants' protection, integration and contribution to development (GCM Objectives: 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22)

- In 2019, compulsory insurance was introduced for all aspirant migrant workers.
- In line with Sustainable Development Goal target 10.C, in 2022, a 2.5 percent incentive was introduced for remittances sent through regular channels.
- Aiming to achieve Sustainable Development Goal target 10.7, the Wage Earners Welfare Board Act 2018 ensures the welfare and social security of migrant workers and their families.
- The Government has initiated the development of a diaspora policy/strategy contributing to GCM objective 19.
- The Government of Bangladesh submitted a report in 2017 on its implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to the CMW.



Theme 4: Strengthening evidence-based policymaking, public debate and cooperation for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM Objectives: 1, 3, 7, 17, 23)

- In line with SDG 17.18, digitized systems have been introduced: Migrant Workers Information Management System (MWIMS), Recruiting Agents' Information Management System (RAIMS), Complaint Mechanism System, Performance Management System for Labour Attaches and Returning Migrants Management Information System.
- The 8th Five-year Plan includes an Overseas Employment and Well-being of Migrant Workers: A 10 Point Agenda for 8FYP as well as interventions related to climate-induced migration; irregular migration; labor migration and urbanization/internal migration.
- Bangladesh Migration Governance Framework was developed in 2020 to set out a coherent, comprehensive and balanced vision for migration governance for Bangladesh, integrating development with due regard for social, economic and environmental dimensions and respecting human rights.



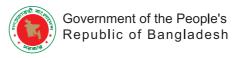
The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) - an intergovernmental negotiated agreement covering "all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner" - was formally endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly on 19 December 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco. 163 countries, including Bangladesh, approved this Compact.

The Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina articulated the idea of a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in her address to the UN General Assembly in 2016. Since then, Bangladesh's commitment to, and involvement in, the process of developing the Global Compact has remained steadfast. In 2018, the Member States of the United Nations agreed to review the progress made at the local, national, regional and global levels in implementing the GCM in the framework of the United Nations through a State-led

approach and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. Bangladesh has been a member state of the "*Champion Countries Initiative*" for GCM implementation since 28 October 2020.

When the GCM was adopted in 2018, it stipulated that a high-level meeting take place every four years to discuss progress made, new challenges, and the road ahead. Since then Government of Bangladesh played a significant role in promoting and safeguarding the fundamental human rights of all migrants by championing the idea of a global compact that would establish a comprehensive framework for safe, orderly, and regular migration (GCM). Bangladesh was the first to make such a proposal to the United Nations. Bangladesh was also a co-facilitator of the intergovernmental consultations to agree on the Progress

Declaration to be adopted at the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) on 17-20 May 2022 in New York.



Bangladesh United Nations

Network on Migration

Working Better Together



The Government of Bangladesh follows the whole of government and whole of society approaches in implementing the GCM, while the Migration Compact Taskforce coordinates the initiative. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment have primarily led the negotiations and initiatives to ensure the safe, orderly, and regular migration for all Bangladeshi migrants.

www.mofa.gov.bd



The United Nations established a Network on Migration at the global level to ensure effective, timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to the Member States in their implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). In line with the global efforts, to supplement the initiatives of the Government of Bangladesh, a Bangladesh UN Network on Migration (BDUNNM) has been formed.

www.migrationnetwork.un.org



Institute of Informatics and Development (IID) is a public policy institute that promotes informed public participation in the public policy process and the Climate and Mobility Unit actively works with Bangladeshi migrants and their wellbeing. IID has been the Co-Chair of the Labour Migration Technical Working Group of Bangladesh United Nations Network on Migration. IID is also the secretariat for the CGCM and the Parliamentary Caucus on Social Justice.



