

Discussion Note: Way forward of the Champion countries Initiative

Following the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) and reflecting the experiences of the Champion countries initiative (Initiative) to date, the Initiative will aim at deepening and expanding the overall engagement of Member States in the GCM, through strengthened leadership, partnership, advocacy and communication, contributing to substantive, inclusive deliberations in the Regional Reviews processes in 2024.

In this ongoing phase, the ownership and leadership of the Champions will be strengthened through a structured approach with support from the Network secretariat, allowing at the same time for the flexibility and informality which have been the hallmarks of the Initiative to date.

Scope of work

- Facilitating the sharing of information concerning actions towards GCM implementation with the aim of identifying lessons learned, avoiding duplication of efforts and identifying opportunities for global and regional collaboration
- Strengthening regional and cross-regional dialogue to advance cooperation in light of the upcoming Regional Reviews
- Discussing and defining effective ways to leverage the Initiative in other relevant multilateral processes, platforms and regional processes, both for advocating for GCM implementation and strengthening linkages to the Agenda 2030 and other relevant global frameworks
- Actively strengthening the GCM's Capacity Building Mechanism: Migration MPTF and Migration Network Hub

Working arrangements

- Co-chairing: Two members from the Champion countries serve as co-chairs, rotating every six months, to lead in consultation with all Champions the following: a) plan, prepare and co-chair the quarterly technical meetings, including proposing the agenda and preparing the discussions; b) review progress made against the workplan and update, as needed; c) coordinate any other initiatives, as relevant (e.g. visibility)
- Workplan: developing a light work plan that will guide the Champions' efforts through the regional reviews and the next UN Secretary-General's Report

Activities

In pursuing these joint efforts, Champions could consider:

- Leading on joint statements and events
- Engaging with Member States and other stakeholders, e.g. to co-lead/co-organize activities and events
- Advocating for and engaging with the GCM's capacity building mechanism
- Promoting and facilitating peer learning and exchange of good practices and lessons learned
- Supporting the implementation of the UN Network on Migration workplan, particularly as regards to the development and rollout of GCM guidance and tools
- Encouraging pledges as ways to enhance commitment to GCM implementation
- Engaging with stakeholders and encouraging a whole of society approach
- Increasing regular communication amongst, and visibility of, the Champions