

## Summary of Survey on

### Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on migration (ISCM) input to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

In anticipation of the first International Migration Review Forum, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted a survey among [inter-State Consultation mechanisms on migration \(ISCM\)](#) on their engagement with the [regional reviews](#) of the [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration \(GCM\)](#) and their possible contributions to the [IMRF](#).

15 ISCMs (more than half of the total of 29 ISCMs<sup>1</sup> approached) contributed to the survey: African Union Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants (AU HoAI); Almaty Process on Refugee Protection and International Migration; Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP); Budapest Process; Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC); Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD); Inter-Governmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC); Migration Dialogue for East African Community; Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA); Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA); Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC); Prague Process; Regional Conference on Migration (RCM); Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa (RMFM); and South American Conference on Migration (SACM).

60 % of ISCMs that completed the survey (which is 31% of ISCMs approached for the survey) have contributed to the GCM Regional Reviews<sup>2</sup>. The most frequent forms of contribution to the GCM reviews were (i) participation by ISCMs in the GCM regional review event/conference; (ii) written ISCM input following the [Indicative Outline for Regional Processes, Platforms, Organizations and Stakeholders](#); (iii) other written input like submission of stocktaking of ISCM effective practices; and (iii) dedicated ISCM event on the GCM reviews.

10 ISCMs (67 % of those who participated in the survey and 37% of active ISCMs) indicated that they consider contributing to the IMRF.<sup>3</sup> Four ISCMs (27% of those who participated in the survey) were undecided and only 1 ISCM stated that it would not contribute to the IMRF. ISCMs consider the following formats of contribution to the IMRF: (i) participation of the ISCM Chair and / or ISCM Secretariat Head in the IMRF; (ii) dedicated ISCM meeting on IMRF and submission to the IMRF of its outcome document; (iii) submission to the IMRF of stocktaking of ISCM effective practices; and (iv) participation in side-events or organization of side-events on the margins of the IMRF.

The most recurrent GCM objectives addressed by ISCMs are Objectives 23 (cooperation and partnerships) [12 ISCMs], 10 (counter-trafficking) [9 ISCMs], 11 (border management) [9 ISCMs]; 8 (skills) [8 ISCMs]; 1 (data) [8 ISCMs]; and 9 (counter-smuggling) [8 ISCMs]. ISCMs reported that they have strived to incorporate into their work all GCM guiding principles. The survey revealed a wealth of ISCM effective practices relevant for the GCM (see Annex). The most frequent challenges encountered by ISCMs in GCM implementation are lack of reliable and disaggregated data, lack of funding and capacity, the fact that not all Member States of the given ISCM have endorsed the GCM, and the Covid pandemic.

Annexes: [Survey Summary Fact Sheet](#)

[Compendium of Effective ISCM Practices relevant for the IMRF and Important updates on regional, cross-regional or international migration governance related to or resulting from the work ISCMs](#)

[Survey Questionnaire](#)

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to currently active ISCMs and emerging ISCMs, some dormant ISCMs were approached as well.

<sup>2</sup> ARCP, AU HoAI, MIDEAC, MIDSA, MIDWA, PIDC, RCM, RMFM, and SACM.

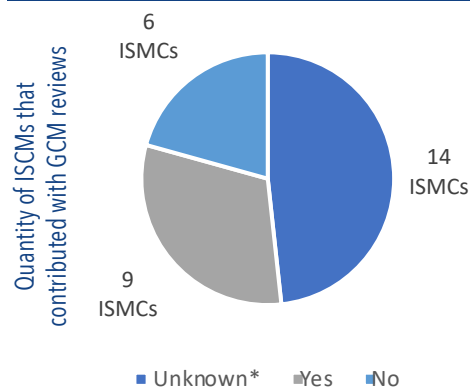
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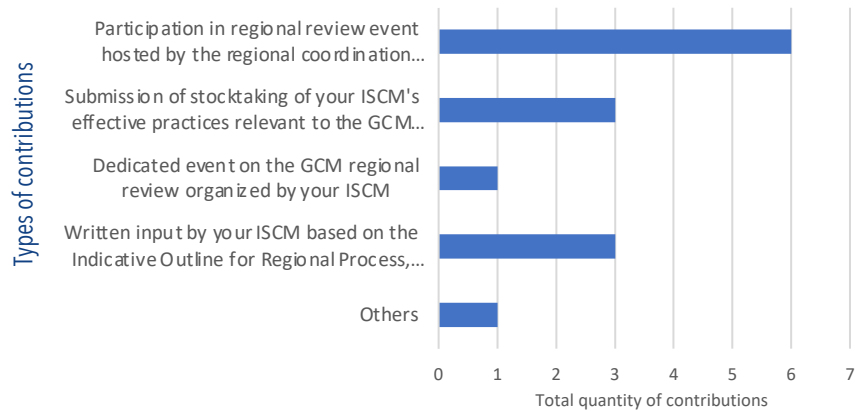
### ISCM inputs from

- African Union Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants (AU HoAI)
- Almaty Process on Refugee Protection and International Migration
- Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)
- Budapest Process
- Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC)
- Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)
- Inter-Governmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)
- Migration Dialogue for East African Community (MIDEAC)
- Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)
- Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)
- Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC)
- Prague Process
- Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)
- Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa (RMFM)
- South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

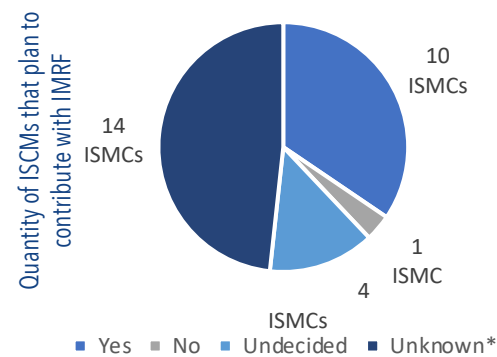
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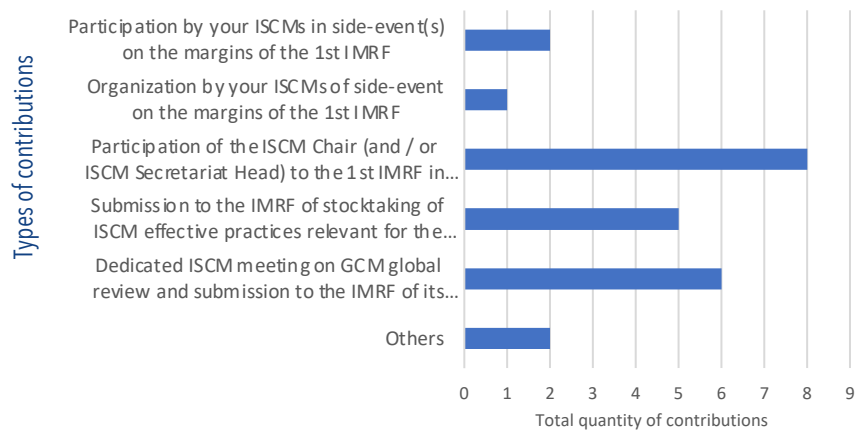
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### Contributions from ISCMs to the First International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)



\*No information available.



### GCM objectives prioritized by the ISCMs

- #23 Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration.
- #10 Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
- #9 Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants
- #6 Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
- #11 Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner

### Challenges detected

- COVID-19 pandemic and disruption of work on the implementation of the GCM
- Data on migration
- Implementation and commitment
- Funding and resources capacity



Main updates on regional, cross-regional or international migration governance (2019-2021)

<b>RMFM</b>	Common approach in development to enhance protection of migrant workers: adoption and implementation of bilateral and multilateral labour migration agreement (BLMA) within and from African with destination countries (with ILO and IGADA support).
<b>ARCP</b>	Through a survey undertaken by ARCP secretariat (May 2021), Member States reported that the ARCP had an impact/contribution to the development of their work in migration and refugee affairs, particularly in making policies, strategies and action plans, participating in international events, raising the efficiency and establishing partnerships.
<b>MIDEAC</b>	EAC Labour Migration policy, e-Immigration Policy and Refugee Policy.
<b>RCM</b>	Work Plan transformation: include a wider topics that are related to the 23 objectives of the GCM. New working groups for irregular migration, border management, labour migration, international protection and combat of trafficking and smuggling.
<b>SACM</b>	Good practices: 1) Recommendations on drafting guidelines for the care and protection of migrant women, girls and sex/gender diverse people in South America; 2) Complementary Recommendations for the Protection of Migrant Children and Adolescents in the Context of COVID-19 .
<b>Budapest Process</b>	Contributions to finding regional responses and ways forward through exchange of information and alignment of approaches. Under the BP umbrella concrete projects were developed and implemented, these include two large EU funded projects that aimed at improving migration management and integrated border management in the Silk Routes region.
<b>MIDSA</b>	The MIDSA 2019 declaration resolved to set-up migration data hub and develop a Migration Data harmonization roadmap for member state. MIDSA recommended the development of Regional Migration policy framework to guide member states on national migration policy development.

Practices related to the development of the IMRF

<b>AU HoAI</b>	Strengthening collaboration and cooperation within the Initiative in dealing with human trafficking and migrant smuggling within and from the Horn of Africa.
<b>Budapest Process</b>	Set-up of a Reference Group (RG) to provide a red thread between meetings and develop opportunities for deepened engagement for the dialogue. Thus, the Reference Group is important for the BP in order to continue its focus on implementing the adopted Call for Action and to provide a means for relevant national stakeholders to share their perspectives, knowledge and best practices in a smaller and more focused setting
<b>RMFM</b>	Promotion of: common policy responses to implement existing legal and policy frameworks, investing in institutional mechanisms and arrangements to support and facilitate labour mobility agreements, establishing or reinforcing existing labour market information systems within the region, identify the existing capacity and training needs in the area of labour migration statistics and data collection, enhance inter-state, intra and inter-regional cooperation for implementation of the AUC/IOM/ILO Joint Labour Migration Programs.
<b>PIDC</b>	Training Support is a priority for PIDC allowing the organisation to strengthen governance structures and legal frameworks into Members' operations.
<b>SACM</b>	Two main actions: 1) The implementation of a new working method based on the concept of thematic Networks; 2) The creation and launching of the Suramérica Abierta platform, financed by the IOM Development Fund, considered as a tool that can provide accurate and up-to-date information in real time on migration regulations in the context of the pandemic.
<b>MIDEAC</b>	Coordination of migration issues in view of the global, regional instruments on migration.
<b>ARCP</b>	Work on: raise the awareness of its Member States on the GCM and its implementation and follow up process; build the capacity of officials in relevant national bodies; provide a platform for exchanging information and best practices and prepare information notes to update Member States on the GCM and its review process on different levels. Member States are encouraged on many occasions and in many different ways to actively participate in the GCM review process on the national, regional and global levels.

**Annex. Compendium of Effective ISCM Practices relevant for the IMRF and Important updates on regional, cross-regional or international migration governance related to or resulting from the work ISCMs**

**Effective ISCM practices relevant for the IMRF**

**African Union Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants (AU HoAI)**

Strengthening collaboration and cooperation within the Initiative in dealing with human trafficking and migrant smuggling within and from the Horn of Africa.

**Almaty Process on Refugee Protection and International Migration**

Not all Almaty Process Member States are part of the Global Compact for Migration. Some Member States supported putting GCM on the Almaty Process agenda. Member States supported a role for the Almaty Process in the implementation of the GCM.

Suggestions of member States on the Development Strategy of Almaty Process in order to implement the GCM. According to these suggestions, the migration policy of AP member States should be based on the following principles:

- respect and protection of the rights of migrants, non-discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, language, origin, religion, political beliefs, membership of a certain social group;
- ensuring compliance with the provisions of laws regulating migration processes and international obligations;
- combining the interests of the individual and the state, combining the efforts of all branches of government and public associations;
- ensuring the rights and legitimate interests of the local population and migrants.
- strengthening mutually beneficial international cooperation at both regional and global levels.

**Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)**

The ARCP works on regular basis to: raise the awareness of its Member States on the GCM and its implementation and follow up process; build the capacity of officials in relevant national bodies; provide a platform for exchanging information and best practices and prepare information notes to update Member States on the GCM and its review process on different levels. Member States are encouraged on many occasions and in many different ways to actively participate in the GCM review process on the national, regional and global levels.

**Budapest Process (BP)**

Reference Group (RG) to provide a red thread between meetings and develop opportunities for deepened engagement for the dialogue. BP is making use its network and its well established cooperation frameworks to bring the right parties around the table to discuss the future of migration within and from the Silk Routes region. Each meeting of the RG comprises of almost 15 countries represented by their relevant public servants as well as representatives of the European Commission. With each meeting there has been a positive progression towards developing meaningful project proposals that suit the needs of the BP's participating countries. Moreover, the RG has proved to be a good platform for BP countries to address policy level issues affecting the Whole-of-the-Silk Routes as well as form consensus on and address emerging issues such as the recent situation in Afghanistan. Thus the Reference Group is important for the BP in order to continue its focus on implementing the adopted Call for Action and to provide a means for relevant national stakeholders to share their perspectives, knowledge and best practices in a smaller and more focused setting.

### **Migration Dialogue for East African Community (MIDEAC)**

Coordination of migration issues in view of the global, regional instruments on migration.

### **Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)**

Consultation and exchanges.

### **Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)**

Producing declaration statement that is shared with SADC in implementing GCM action plan for Africa.

### **Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC)**

i. Training Support is a priority for PIDC allowing the organisation to strengthen governance structures and legal frameworks into Members' operations. The PIDC plays a lead role in coordinating the delivery of immigration and border control related training programmes in the Pacific and works closely with a number of Donors and partner agencies. Members continue to place a high priority on training programmes provided through PIDC and in 2020 PIDC undertook a Training Needs Analysis (TNA) for its Members.

ii. Support to regional technical immigration trainings provided by Australia Border Force's International Border Cooperation Programme and New Zealand Immigration's Hakili Matagi Programme.

iii. Support to trainings provided by UNHCR, IOM, Bali Process and UNODC

iv. Trainings on:

- - Strategic planning;
- - Data collection;
- Standard Operating Procedures;
- - Human Trafficking and People Smuggling; and
- - Law enforcement intelligence and information sharing.

v. Development of Postgraduate Diploma in Border Security in partnership with the University of the South Pacific. Launched in 2020 it provides an immigration focused academic programme to specifically meet the needs of the region. The programme was developed to build an affordable accredited fully online education training package to Pacific Islands Countries and Territories (PICTs) to (i) strengthen professional and intellectual capacity of PICTs' Border Security personnel to allow for critical thinking about border security; (ii) develop PIDC officers' ability to function within a regional border security and management context; (iii) build a body of knowledge to enhance critical thinking and analysis regarding common migration issues facing the region; and (iv) foster knowledge transference to facilitate border security practices informed by understanding of local, regional and international theories, philosophies and principles.

Academic scholarship for PIDC Officers from across the region to undertake these studies has funded over 30 immigration officers including a first cohort that has since completed the Postgraduate Diploma in 2021. For the first two trimesters in 2020 an average of 60 students from across the region were enrolled.

vi. PIDC Model Training Curriculum. In response to the findings of a 2020 Training Needs Analysis undertaken with the PIDC Membership, in 2021 the PIDC Secretariat developed a regional model immigration introductory training curriculum with training modules based on regional and international best practices and tailored for Pacific Island States for Members to adapt as appropriate. Endorsed by PIDC Members in June 2021 the PIDC Secretariat is in the process of providing technical assistance to strengthen the training curriculums for its memberships beginning with three countries in 2021 and 2022. For the smaller island states, the intermediate

and advanced training will continue to be coordinated through the PIDC Secretariat and sourced from partner organisations such as the larger PIDC Members and partner organisations such as UNODC, UNHCR and IOM. The PIDC introductory training curriculum and training modules are in the following priority areas:

- Basics of Border Control;
- Migration and Border Management;
- Traveller Assessment Process;
- Document Inspection; and
- Role of Information.

### **Prague Process**

[www.pragueprocess.eu](http://www.pragueprocess.eu)

### **Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa (RMFM)**

- i. A common approach in the development, adoption and implementation of bilateral and multilateral labour migration agreements (BLMAs), within and from Africa with destination countries. This will enhance protection of migrant workers from the region.
- ii. Promote common policy responses to implement existing legal and policy frameworks; formulate new policy responses where protection gaps have been identified and involve multilateral stakeholders and development partners to improve the human and labour rights protection of migrant workers in countries of origin, transit and countries of destination.
- iii. Investing in institutional mechanisms and arrangements by establishing appropriate institutional, inter-institutional, and cross-border institutional mechanisms and arrangements to support and facilitate labour mobility agreements which incorporate reference to health and wellbeing of migrants during all phases of migration.
- iv. Establishing or reinforcing existing labour market information systems within the region, identify labour market needs for migrant workers and strengthen the capacity of labour market institutions on labour migration.
- v. Identify and evaluate the existing capacity and training needs in the area of labour migration statistics, data collection and management; and introduce harmonised standards and tools for data collection, analysis and monitoring on international labour migration in region to encourage quantitative and qualitative research on labour migration and its inter-correlated issues and facilitate evidence-based labour migration policy making.
- vi. Enhance inter-state, intra and inter-regional cooperation for implementation of the AUC/IOM/ILO Joint Labour Migration Programs.
- vii. Governments to support the overall strengthening of social security and welfare institutions in Member States in order to extend social security to migrant workers, promoting in particular the mainstreaming of gender and disability issues, induced mental health and psychosocial issues through access and portability regimes compatible with international standards and good practice.

### **Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)**

- i. The active participation of the RCM on the meetings in April 8 2021
- ii. The workshop that is going to be held between the IOM and the RCM on September 2021.

### **South American Conference on Migration (SACM)**

i. The implementation of a new working method based on the concept of thematic Networks, with the aim of updating the SACM agenda, facilitating the orderly follow-up of the topics dealt with, validating and giving continuity to them in the successive Presidencies Pro Tempore. In line with this, the thematic Networks created by SACM are as follows:

- a) Network on Border Management;
- b) Network on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants;
- c) Network on Migrant Children and Adolescents;
- d) Network on Environment, Climate Change, Disasters and Migration;
- e) Network on Gender and Migration;
- f) Network on Social and Labour Integration: Work and Education.

ii. The creation and launching of the Suramérica Abierta platform, financed by the IOM Development Fund, considered as a tool that can provide accurate and up-to-date information in real time on migration regulations in the context of the health care measures that countries must currently adopt due to public health considerations. In addition, it stated that work is being done for the forthcoming release of the Suramérica Abierta mobile application, and the effectiveness of this platform will be assessed so that the aforementioned project can continue over time, evaluating its multiple uses.

## Important updates on regional, cross-regional or international migration governance related to or resulting from the work ISCMs (since 2019)

### **Almaty Process**

The Development Strategy document on the priorities of Central Asia region and beyond.

Continued forum for Almaty Process Member States to discuss and compare migration laws, practices and policies.

Thematic expert meetings, webinars and other meetings on regional migration governance as per 2021-2022 calendar of activities.

### **ARCP**

In a survey undertaken by ARCP secretariat in May 2021, ARCP Member States reported that the ARCP had an impact/contribution to the development of their work in migration and refugee affairs; particularly in making policies, strategies and action plans, participating in international events and forums related to migration and refugee affairs, raising the efficiency of Member States' officials and establishing partnerships.

### **Budapest Process**

Contribution to finding regional responses and ways forward through exchange of information and alignment of approaches.

Concrete policy developments in the Silk Routes Region:

Intergovernmental working groups

Multi-faceted training and workshops. Improvement of training structures; pilot trainings. Training manual on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants elaborated for officials of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) of Pakistan and later adapted also for Afghanistan and Iraq.

Support to the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation of Afghanistan to develop a Comprehensive Migration Policy (CMP) to address issues related to mixed migration flows.

A pre-departure system for overseas employment to support the Afghani Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Elaboration of National Emigration and Welfare Policy for Overseas Pakistanis has been submitted to the government for approval.

Support to operationalise existing structures for better reintegration, such as the Facilitation and Reintegration Centre of the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation and its Community Welfare Attachés.

Advanced draft National Policy for Engagement with Iraqis Abroad is heading towards implementation.

Capacity-building in Bangladesh to develop guidelines and procedures on crisis management and diaspora engagement and ensure protection of migrants throughout emergencies in their host countries.

Concrete projects in support of the Budapest Process: including two large, EU-funded ICMPD projects aimed at improving migration management and integrated border management in the Silk Routes region. Outcomes of these projects include: establishment of comprehensive and meaningful inter-regional/national law enforcement cooperation, field-based assistance aimed at helping fragile communities in building resilience and better responses to migration push factors, and awareness raising mechanisms – Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) established throughout the Silk Routes region (with the support of EU, Switzerland, Germany and Norway and others).

### **MIDEAC**

Draft EAC Labour Migration policy, e-Immigration Policy and Refugee Policy.



Visa free entry for all citizens and Issuance of EAC e-Passports to Citizens of the EAC Community.

## **MIDSA**

The MIDSA 2019 declaration resolved to set-up migration data hub and develop a Migration Data harmonization roadmap for member state.

MIDSA recommended the development of Regional Migration policy framework to guide member states on national migration policy development.

The SADC MPRF is on its final stages.

## **PIDC**

Continued strengthening of collaboration and coordination among Members and partner organisations to address regional immigration priorities.

Primary regional entity coordinating immigration enforcement activities for the Pacific Islands Region.

Advanced or developed a number of regional immigration agreements and participated in several regional forums to support coordinated responses to security, climate change, transnational crime and COVID-19.

Annual meetings to develop collective responses to joint immigration issues prioritized by Members primarily in the areas of border security and enforcement. Since January 2020 a significant amount of this work has been around supporting Pacific Immigration Agencies to respond to COVID-19 in terms of border closures, quarantine and management of repatriation flights.

Two key forums the PIDC has participated in include: (a) Regional Law Enforcement Declaration of Partnership; and (b) the Pacific Islands Forum Officials Sub-Committee on Regional Security (FSRS).

PIDC Regional Immigration Modernisation Toolbox was expended to provide additional resources containing regional best practices to promote standardised approaches where possible in response to priority immigration issues

Developed a number of regional resources that represent regional best practice and international standards for Members to adapt as appropriate to their national circumstances. These resources have been used by PIDC to provide technical assistance to Members to strengthen national immigration capability. Regional resources developed include:

- PIDC Model National Immigration Strategic and Operational Framework (Developed in 2020/ 2021)
- PIDC Regional Immigration Policy Framework (Developed 2020/ 2021)
- PIDC Regional Model Immigration Legislation Framework (Developed in 2011 and additional updates provided in 2017, 2019 and 2020)
- PIDC Regional Model Standard Operating Procedures (Revised in 2019 and 2021)
- PIDC Regional Model Immigration Training Curriculum and Training Modules (Developed in 2021)
- PIDC Regional Model Immigration Primary Line Best Practices (Developed in 2021)
- PIDC Regional Model Code of Ethics for Immigration Officers (Revised in 2019)

In-country technical assistance to strengthen Members capability in priority immigration areas.

Technical assistance and training support to Members (i) to strengthen immigration capacity in priority areas such as legislation modernization, standard operating procedures and the development of an Immigration designed Code of Ethics (ii) capacity building opportunities for members with partner organisations to provide training in areas such as leadership, academic immigration study, strategic planning, information sharing, document examination and facial recognition; (iii) support in developing and strengthening Member States' national training curriculums for domestic capacity building programmes.

Technical Support Programmes provided include:

- PIDC Immigration Legislation Review and Modernisation Programme (In- country TA)
- Standard Operating Procedures Technical Support Programme (In- country TA)
- Development of Postgraduate Diploma in Border Security
- PIDC Model Training Curriculum

Regional frameworks, agreements and programmes to strengthen border management processes, information sharing for border enforcement purposes, and national and regional responses to COVID-19

Endorsed several regional frameworks to coordinate collective responses to common issues shared by the Members especially in the areas of Human Trafficking, People Smuggling, and information sharing for enforcement purposes.

### **RCM**

RCM Work Plan includes new, wider topics that are related to the 23 objectives of the GCM. New working groups were created to address current challenges in the region, such as the irregular migration, border management, labour migration, and in addition to traditional RCM thematic focus (such as international protection and combat of trafficking and smuggling).

### **RMFM**

A common approach in development, adoption and implementation of bilateral and multilateral labour migration agreement (BLMA) within and from African with destination countries (with ILO and IGADA).

Establishing or reinforcing existing labour market information system (IOM “Enhancing capacities on labour migration data collection, analysis and sharing to support labour migration governance in East and Horn of Africa” Regional Project).

### **SACM**

[Recommendations on drafting guidelines for the care and protection of migrant women, girls and sex/gender diverse people in South America](#)

[Complementary Recommendations for the Protection of Migrant Children and Adolescents in the Context of COVID-19](#)

## Annex. ISCM contributions to the GCM Regional reviews.

60 % of the ISCMs who responded to the survey have contributed to the GCM Regional Reviews. They include Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugees (ARCP), African Union Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants (AU HoAI), Migration Dialogue for East African Community (MIDEAC), Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA), Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA), Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC), Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa (RMFM), and South America Conference on Migration (SACM). Whereas Almaty Process, Budapest Process, Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC), Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), IGC, and Prague Process did not formally participate in the GCM regional reviews.

ISCMs used different formats for their contribution.

Formal ISCM report on the GCM reviews: Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugees (ARCP) formally submitted its own review report to the Arab Regional GCM Review ([ARCP GCM Regional Review Report](#)). This report is included as a stakeholder input in the [Arab Regional GCM Review](#).

Submission of stocktaking of ISCM effective practices: the African Union Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants (AU HoAI); the Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC); the Regional Conference on Migration ([RCM](#)) and the South America Conference on Migration ([SACM](#)) have each submitted stocktaking of their effective practices to the GCM Reviews in their respective regions – RCM and SACM have contributed to voluntary questionnaires to review of the state of the GCM implementation among subregional processes, platforms and organizations, regional and interregional, and relevant stakeholders who act at the regional level.<sup>1</sup>

ISCM events on the GCM reviews: the Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA) has organized a MIDWA event on the GCM regional review.

Participation in the GCM regional review conference and other events on the GCM reviews: MIDSA, SACM, the Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa (RMFM) participated in the GCM regional review events. Many ISCMs participated in the [High-level webinar on ISCMs and the GCM regional reviews](#) organised by IOM in September 2020<sup>2</sup>. A [Dialogue with Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms for the preparation of the GCM Regional Review Conference in the Arab region](#) was organized in early 2021<sup>3</sup>. A Consultation with regional consultative processes, platforms and organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean was organized in April 2021.

Intra-regional coordination: The Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA) facilitated intra-regional coordination within the SADC Region.

All these contributions have been valuable for the GCM regional reviews and can serve as sources of knowledge and practice for interested ISCMs and guide their participation in the IMRF, as opportunity to demonstrate their achievements and bring their regional voice to the global level.

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<sup>1</sup> The Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities ([RIAM](#)) also [contributed](#) to the voluntary questionnaire, although it did not respond to this survey on IMRF.

<sup>2</sup> The High-level webinar brought together representatives of 19 ISCMs.

<sup>3</sup> Brought together 7 ISCMs engaged in that region (ARCP, AU HOAI, Bali Process, Khartoum Process, Rabat Process, MIDCOM, Pan-African Forum on Migration).

## **Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on migration (ISCM) input to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)**

### **Questionnaire on ISCM's inputs to the International Migration Review Forum**

The UN General Assembly (UN GA) [Resolution A/RES/73/195](#) "**Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**" (**GCM Resolution**) of 19 December 2018 invites the [regional consultative processes on migration](#) (RCP) and other [inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration](#) (ISCM) to contribute to the GCM follow-up and review, in particular by contributing to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).

The **Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration** (GCM) is a State-led effort to elaborate a comprehensive international cooperation framework on migrants and human mobility by setting out a range of principles, commitments and understandings among UN Member States regarding international migration in all its dimensions. The **International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)** is the primary intergovernmental global platform for UN Members States to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the GCM. The IMRF will convene every four years, starting in 2022.

Article 50 of the [GCM Resolution](#) and Article 10 of the [IMRF Resolution](#) (UN GA Resolution A/RES/73/326 "Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums" of 19 July 2019) invite all relevant "sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms" to contribute to the GCM reviews at the regional and at the global level (in this case through the IMRF). Specifically, the IMRF resolution calls on ISCMs (in the words of the resolution "sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms" and "regional consultative processes on migration and others") to review the GCM implementation within their regions and to contribute to the IMRF "by providing relevant data, evidence, best practices, innovative approaches and recommendations as they relate to the implementation of the Global Compact".

To facilitate the collection of ISCM inputs, as per previous practice as in the case of the [survey](#) undertaken during the development of the GCM itself, the International Partnerships Division (IPD) in the **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** is launching a survey addressed to the Chairs and Secretariats of all those ISCM which plan to contribute to the IMRF. The combined feedback from the compiled questionnaires will be submitted through the UN Network on Migration to the UN General Assembly as the collective ISCM contribution to the IMRF, in addition to all their other inputs provided bilaterally or through participation to the reviews.

*Please note that in the questionnaire the acronym "ISCM" is used to indicate regional consultative processes on migration (RCP), interregional forums on migration (IRF) and global processes on migration.*

**Please provide your feedback to the questions below by 20 September 2021.**

**We kindly request one completed questionnaire per ISCM, which is coordinated among the ISCM (Co-)Chair(s) and (Co-)Secretariats.**

Thank you.

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## Section 1.

### Contribution to GCM Regional Reviews

This section is about the GCM regional reviews in 2020-2021.

\*Questions marked by an Asterix must be answered in order to complete the questionnaire.

1. Please indicate which Inter-State consultation mechanism on migration (ISCM) you represent in responding to this questionnaire. Please note that Chairs, Co-Chairs and Heads of Secretariat are expected to combine their feedback and reflect it in completing one single questionnaire only.

***(Only one questionnaire will be accepted per ISCM)***

	5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean
	African Union Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants (AU HoAI)
	Almaty Process on Refugee Protection and International Migration
	Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)
	Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime
	Budapest Process
	Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC)
	Central American Commission of Migration Directors (OCAM)
	EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process)
	Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development (Rabat Process)
	Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)
	Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM)
	Inter-Governmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)
	International Technical Meeting on Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region (Quito Process)
	Migration Dialogue for East African Community
	Migration Dialogue for Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Region (MID-IGAD or IGAD-RCP)
	Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)
	Migration Dialogue for the Indian Ocean Commission Countries (MiDIOCC)

	Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)
	Migration Dialogue from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Member States (MIDCOM)
	Ministerial Consultation on Overseas Employment and Contractual Labour for Countries of Origin and Destination in Asia (Abu Dhabi Dialogue)
	Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) –EU Dialogue on Migration (ACP-EU MD)
	Pacific Immigration Development Community (PIDC)
	Pan-African Forum on migration (PAFoM)
	Prague Process
	Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)
	Regional Consultative Process on Overseas Employment and Contractual Labour for Countries of Origin in Asia (Colombo Process)
	Regional Ministerial Forum on Migration for East and Horn of Africa
	South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

2.What is your role in the ISCM?

	Chair (or Co-Chair)
	Secretariat Head (or Co-Head of Secretariat)
	Representative of the Chair
	Representative of the Secretariat

3.Name and surname of the official completing the survey

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4.Institution of the official completing the survey\_\_\_\_\_

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5.Position of the official completing the survey

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## Section 2

### Contribution to GCM Regional Reviews

*This section is about the GCM regional reviews in 2020-2021.*

*\*Questions marked by an Asterix must be answered in order to complete the questionnaire.*

6.Has your ISCM contributed to the GCM regional reviews?

	Yes
	No

7.If yes, in what format?

(Multiple selection is possible in answers, where relevant)

	Written input by your ISCM based on the Indicative Outline for Regional Process, Platforms, Organizations, and Stakeholders
	Dedicated event on the GCM regional review organized by your ISCM
	Submission of stocktaking of your ISCM's effective practices relevant to the GCM objectives or principles
	Participation in regional review event hosted by the regional coordination mechanisms
	Other: _____

8.If applicable, please indicate the title of the GCM regional review event your ISCM has contributed to (and corresponding hyperlink); and/or your ISCM's written submission already formulated (and corresponding hyperlink). In case no hyperlinks are available, please share relevant attachments (e.g. your ISCM's inputs to the GCM regional review) by forwarding them to [grcp@iom.int](mailto:grcp@iom.int) email address.

### Section 3

#### Contribution to IMRF

*This section is about the IMRF in 2022.*

*\*Questions marked by an Asterix must be answered in order to complete the questionnaire.*

9.Does your ISCM plan to contribute to the global-level review of the GCM - the IMRF?

	Yes
	No
	Undecided

10.If yes, in what format?

	Dedicated ISCM meeting on GCM global review and submission to the IMRF of its outcome document
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	Submission to the IMRF of stocktaking of ISCM effective practices relevant for the GCM objectives or principles
	Participation of the ISCM Chair (and / or ISCM Secretariat Head) to the 1st IMRF in 2022
	Organization by your ISCMs of side-event on the margins of the 1st IMRF
	Participation by your ISCMs in side-event(s) on the margins of the 1st IMRF
	Other _____

11.If your ISCM plan to organize or participate in side-event on the margins of the 1st IMRF, please specify the name of the side event, if already known.

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12.Please indicate any important updates on regional, cross-regional or international migration governance, such as policies, practices or legislation formulated within the region of your ISCM and related to or resulting from the work of your ISCM, which have occurred since 2019 to-date, and which are of relevance also at the global level and to the IMRF.

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13.Which GCM Objectives has the work of your ISCM contributed to (directly or indirectly) and how?

*(Please see the list of GCM objectives at the bottom of this questionnaire)*

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14.Has your ISCM integrated into its work the cross-cutting and interdependent GCM guiding principles? If yes, how?

*(Please see the list of GCM cross-cutting guiding principles at the bottom of this questionnaire)*

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15.Please indicate any important practices by your ISCM which can be relevant also to the GCM global level review - the IMRF.

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16.Please indicate any gaps or challenges faced by your ISCM in GCM implementation and/or review.

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17. Please list, provide a link or send attachments to the email address [grep@iom.int](mailto:grep@iom.int) of any document related to the GCM which have been issued by your ISCM that you wish to include in the collective ISCM input to the IMRF.

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***List of Objectives and Principles of the GCM as per Resolution 73/195 provided for your easy reference.***

**GCM Objectives**

- (1) Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
- (2) Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
- (3) Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
- (4) Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
- (5) Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
- (6) Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
- (7) Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
- (8) Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants
- (9) Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants
- (10) Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
- (11) Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner
- (12) Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral
- (13) Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives
- (14) Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
- (15) Provide access to basic services for migrants
- (16) Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion
- (17) Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
- (18) Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences
- (19) Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries
- (20) Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
- (21) Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
- (22) Establish mechanisms or the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits
- (23) Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration.

**Cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles of the GCM**

- (a) People-centred.
- (b) International cooperation.
- (c) National sovereignty.
- (d) Rule of law and due process.
- (e) Sustainable development.
- (f) Human rights.

(g) Gender-responsive.

(h) Child-sensitive.

(i) Whole-of-government approach.

(j) Whole-of-society approach.