



12th Steering Committee Meeting of 21 June 2024

Summary of Decisions

PARTICIPANTS

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- **Mr. Jean-Luc Lemahieu** (UNODC – Director, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs)

Ex-officio members:

- **Ms. Ilaria Carnevali** (UNDP MPTF Office - Executive Coordinator a.i.)
- **Mr. Philippe Grandet** (Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit - Head)

AGENDA

The Steering Committee had before them the following agenda:

15:00 – 15:05 **OPENING REMARKS**

- Opening remarks by the Chair of the Steering Committee.

15:05 – 15:20 **OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING STATUS AND GLOBAL TRENDS**

- Overview of the funding status as well as global trend for pooled funding and the funding compact by the Executive Coordinator of the UNDP MPTF Office.
- Opening of the floor for questions by Steering Committee members.

15:20 – 15:40 **PROGRAMMATIC DECISIONS**

- Presentation by the Chair/Head of the FMU for endorsement of the recommendations made by the Technical Group.
- Opening the floor for comments/questions by Steering Committee members

15:40 – 16:30 **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- Introduction by the Chair on the review of the current priorities, the work undertaken by the United Nations Network on Migrations to develop a route-based approach, and the earmarking for climate-related action.
- Discussion.

16:30 – 16:50 **SUPPORT TO THE GCM CAPACITY BUILDING MECHANISM**

- Introduction by the Chair on the support to the other components of the Demand Driven Facility and the Hub components of the GCM Capacity Building Mechanism; and the possible establishment of a new window to facilitate such support.
- Discussion.

16:50 – 17:00 **CLOSING AND NEXT STEPS**

- Discussion on next steps.

STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

The following is a summary of decisions reached, all by consensus, under each agenda item.

Funding Status

The Administrative Agent gave an overview of the pooled funding policy environment and trends, highlighting the importance of inter-agency pooled instruments, such as the Migration MPTF, in the context of the recently renewed Funding Compact, and presented the funding status of the Migration MPTF to the Steering Committee. The Administrative Agent indicated that the Fund was in a healthy state as it met its funding target of USD 20 million in 2023, bringing total contributions to date to USD 57.5 million. Of note is the Fund's diversity of donors, with 23 donors from both the global North and South. The Administrative Agent also highlighted the efficient use of resources, which continue to be systematically and swiftly allocated as they become available.

However, the Administrative Agent considers that the Migration MPTF operates below potential, given the strong demand, the scope of its mandate, the fact that it was established in response to a call by a General Assembly resolution and the current positive trend concerning UN pooled funding instruments. The Steering Committee agreed to review the fundraising strategy at its next meeting.

Strategic Priorities

While the Fund is anchored in the GCM's 360-degree approach, ensuring thematic balance and geographic diversity, the Fund's [Investment Plan 2023-2026](#) allows for the identification of priority areas deserving of particular attention. In the past, the Steering Committee has identified five priorities for specific attention: (i) addressing the impact of climate change on human mobility; (ii) improving migrants' access to health services; (iii) protecting children in the context of migration; (iv) preventing loss of migrant lives along perilous routes; and (v) regional or multi-country programming.

The Steering Committee noted that the concerted efforts to identify pipeline Joint Programmes with a strong health component bore fruits with five such Joint Programmes being funded in 2023. While health-related initiatives remain highly relevant and should continue to be funded in the future, it was agreed that the topic no longer needed to be specifically highlighted since the programmatic gap identified during the COVID-19 pandemic has been successfully addressed.

With the recent inclusion of related concept notes in the pipeline, progress on preventing loss of life in transit and protecting children in the context of migration was also noted. However, the programming gap identified by the Steering Committee has not yet been fully addressed and, until then, it was agreed that both topics need to continue benefiting from a specific attention.



Consistent with the decision to allow earmarking for climate-change related programmes (see below), decision was made to keep an emphasis on the topic.

The Steering Committee also reaffirmed the importance of multi-country/regional programming. Without narrowing its interest for all modalities of multi-country/regional programming, the Steering Committee took note with interest of the decision of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Network on Migration to pilot route-based initiatives. These pilot interventions, some likely to be framed as Joint Programmes, will provide comprehensive strategic responses to the movement of migrants along particular corridors that may respond to the current priorities of fostering multi-country/regional approaches as well as preventing loss of life and contributing to GCM objective 8.

Finally, the need for outreach efforts to address the relatively low level of concept note submissions under area 3 was recognized.

Earmarking for climate change related programmes

The Steering Committee approved introducing the possibility for donors to earmark their contributions towards Joint Programmes that, irrespective of their Thematic Area, have been identified by the Steering Committee as closely related to climate change and tagged accordingly. This new earmarking possibility was introduced with the aim to: a) expand the number of Member States, private sector and other contributors wishing to contribute to the Fund; b) enable contributors to hold accountable the Fund's stated commitment on giving specific attention to interventions that address climate change challenges; and c) allow the Fund to monitor and track its selection and funding of climate change related programmes.

The rules stipulate that climate change earmarked funds: (i) should not constitute more than 50% of all contributions for any given financial year; (ii) will not concurrently be earmarked for specific thematic areas. Within two years of adoption of these rules, the Steering Committee will assess whether they should be extended, modified or cancelled based on an analysis of their impact on the management of the Fund provided by the Fund Management Unit.

Support to GCM Capacity Building Mechanism

The Steering Committee considered preliminary proposal to use the Migration MPTF to mobilize resources in support of the two other components of the GCM Capacity Building Mechanism. Together with the "Start-up Fund for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration" – more commonly known as the Migration MPTF, the General Assembly GCM resolution called for the UN Network on Migration to establish a Connection Hub and a Knowledge Platform. Respectively known as the "Demand-driven Facility" and "Migration Network Hub".

While resources are needed to bring these CBM components to scale to deliver on the GCM mandate, funding approach has been fragmented to date. Recognising that a more comprehensive approach would



strengthen multi-partner efforts in support of the GCM, the possibility to use the Migration MPTF as a channel to mobilize resources for the two pillars was discussed. This may be possible by creating a funding window dedicated to the CBM, which would be kept separate from the main window that funds Joint Programmes.

No final decision on the matter was taken as the implication for the Fund need to be carefully considered. The appropriateness of creating a new funding window dedicated to the CBM will be further discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting and, in the meantime, the Fund Management Unit was instructed to explore the possible modalities of establishing such a window.

New Rules for Pipeline Management

The Fund's process to review and select Joint Programmes starts with the identification and inclusion of high quality, relevant and eligible concept notes in the pipeline of Joint Programmes. The pipeline helps ensure quality and balance across the Fund's portfolio. To address concerns about aging of some of the pipeline Joint Programmes and ensure the pipeline's continued relevance, new rules for management of the pipeline were tabled and approved.

The new rules stipulate a three-year expiry date for pipeline programmes. In the absence of a specific decision by the Steering Committee, pipeline concept notes that remain for over three years without being selected amongst the priority Joint Programmes will, by default, be withdrawn. On an exceptional basis, the Steering Committee may decide to extend the presence of a specific concept note in the pipeline, based on unique strategic value of the proposal. Such decision should reflect a clear intention to select the concept note as a priority at the earliest opportunity.

Due to the time and effort involved in preparing a full-fledged Joint Programme document and the fact that a formal endorsement was secured from the national government(s), no automatic withdrawal will apply to priority Joint Programmes. However, the Steering Committee will systematically review the status of those that have not been funded after three years from the time they were approved, to determine if the Joint Programme remains a priority or should be withdrawn from the pipeline and the priority list.

All concept notes and Joint Programme documents reaching the three-year mark will be identified and the Steering Committee notified at least six months in advance.

Operations Manual Revisions

As the Operations Manual is a living document that often needs revisions to enhance processes and integrate lessons learned, a few minor revisions and updates were approved by the Steering Committee. Revisions and updates include the following:



- Climate change earmarking and new rules for pipeline management: Relevant sections of the Operations Manual and the Terms of Reference will be updated to reflect the new climate change earmarking as well as the new rules for pipeline management.
- Evaluation: Relevant section of the Operations Manual will be revised to include requirement for an Evaluation Brief and Management Response to all Joint Programme final evaluations.
- Joint Programme document template: Include a box to confirm Joint Programme development has been coordinated with the relevant UN Network on Migration (country/countries/regional) and/or any other relevant migration-related UN coordination mechanisms.
- Joint Programme Reporting template: Add a new section to strengthen reporting on engagement of non-UN and non-governmental stakeholders.
- Joint Programme Reporting template: Include a column for Targets in the Results Reporting Framework.

Funding Allocations and Programme Selections

Selection of Pipeline Concept Notes and Priority Joint Programmes

Concept Notes

Seventeen new concept notes were received ahead of the meeting, bringing the total of submissions to 178 from over 104 different countries and regions to date. Following the eligibility and quality review, the following eight concept notes were included in the pipeline of Joint Programmes.

Concept Notes approved for inclusion in the Pipeline of Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area	Country / Countries	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs
1	Panama	Americas / Central and North America	Strengthening Local and National Capacities in Panama to Address Migration-related Challenges and Opportunities through Fact-based and Data-driven Discourse, Policies, and Planning	IOM, UNDP, UNFPA
2	Guatemala-Mexico	Americas / Central and North America	Address vulnerabilities and save lives of people on the move through coordinated cross-border efforts along the Guatemala – Mexico border	IOM, UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR
2	Niger	Africa / West and Central Africa	Addressing climate vulnerabilities: holistic support for adaptation and resilience among migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and host communities in Niger	IOM, UNHCR, UN Women
2	Peru	Americas / South America	Building resilience in Ancash: strengthening migration and environmental governance and supporting climate-adapted livelihoods	IOM, FAO, ILO
4	CARICOM	Americas / Caribbean	Strengthening Sustainable Development and Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters in the	IOM, ILO

Concept Notes approved for inclusion in the Pipeline of Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area	Country / Countries	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs
	Single Market and Economy countries		Caribbean through Green Jobs, Labour Mobility and the Promotion of a Just Transition	
4	Belgium, Senegal, Morocco	Global	Boosting the contribution of diaspora to climate action in rural areas	FAO, IOM
4	Liberia	Africa / West and Central Africa	Integrated approach to sustainable cocoa production, transboundary forest management, and migration management in Liberia	IOM, FAO
5	Thailand	Asia-Pacific / East and Southeast Asia	Ending Childhood Statelessness in Thailand through Civil Registration of Vital Life Events	IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNESCO

For among those that were not selected, the Steering Committee expects the Fund Management Unit to provide constructive feedback in view of encouraging resubmissions or new submissions.

Joint Programme Documents

The Fund prioritized 11 Joint Programmes (2 per each Thematic Area plus one additional for Thematic Area 2)¹, in line with the Investment Plan 2023-2026 approved at the February 2023 Steering Committee meeting. Six priority Joint Programmes previously submitted by El Salvador, Zimbabwe, Gabon-Togo, Türkiye, Bangladesh and Peru have already been approved. At this Steering Committee meeting, four new Joint Programme documents were submitted for review and consideration. The following three Joint Programmes were approved by the Steering Committee.

Newly approved Priority Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs
1	Botswana	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening of Migration Data Collection, Analysis and Management Systems in Botswana	IOM, ILO, UNDP

¹ At the February 2023 Steering Committee meeting, due to the high demand under Thematic Area 2 and the many quality concept notes received, the Steering Committee exceptionally approved selecting one additional priority under this Thematic Area.



Newly approved Priority Joint Programmes				
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs
1	Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand	Asia-Pacific / East and Southeast Asia	Safe Labour Migration and Decent Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the ASEAN Region	UNDP, ILO
3	Pakistan	Asia-Pacific / South Asia	Strengthening Response to Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in Pakistan	IOM, UNODC

The following Joint Programme document was assessed as not meeting the requirements outlined in the Operations Manual and were not approved by the Steering Committee

- Thematic Area 4 “Facilitating regular migration and decent work through implementation of labour migration policy targeting Basotho seasonal labour in Ceres farms (place of destination) and youth in Quthing (place of origin)” Joint Programme from Lesotho (PUNOs IOM, UNDP, ILO).

Lastly, one Joint Programme, the Thematic Area 2 “Initiative to support appropriate care and reception models for unaccompanied migrant children” Joint Programme from Djibouti, Egypt, and Libya, submitted by UNICEF and IOM, was postponed from the previous November 2023 meeting. However, in the meantime the Djibouti, Egypt, and Libya missions withdrew the submission. As such, this Joint Programme was no longer considered.

Allocation of Resources and Identification of New Priorities

Fund Allocations

Taking into consideration the volume of resources available, the donor earmarking, and thematic balance, it was agreed to allocate resources to three Joint Programmes from among the approved priority Joint Programmes.

Allocation of Resources to Joint Programme					
Thematic Area	Country	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)
3	Gabon-Togo	Africa / West and Central Africa	Addressing irregular migration and combatting transnational crime in human trafficking along maritime and land routes from Togo to Gabon	UNODC, UNICEF	2,200,550



4	Türkiye	Europe / Europe	Supporting Migrant’s inclusion in Türkiye’s Transition to a Green Economy	IOM, UNIDO	2,500,000
5	Bangladesh	Asia-Pacific / South Asia	Addressing the medium to long-term reintegration needs and strengthening social protection support mechanisms for the social inclusion of Bangladeshi migrants	IOM, ILO, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF	2,568,521

Identification of New Priority Joint Programmes

In line with the approach outlined in the 2023-2026 Investment Plan, and following the decision to fund three Joint Programmes (TA3 Gabon-Togo; TA4 Türkiye; TA5 Bangladesh) and reject two (Thematic Area 2 Djibouti-Egypt-Libya; Thematic Area 4 Lesotho), new priority Joint Programmes needed to be identified from within the pipeline. To maintain two priority Joint Programmes under each Thematic Area, one Joint Programme under Thematic Area 3, two Joint Programme under Thematic Area 3, and one Joint Programme under Thematic Area 4 were selected. In total, the following four new priority pipeline Joint Programmes were selected:

- **Thematic Area 3:** “Enhance Border Management and Combat Transnational Crime at the Northern Border of Côte d’Ivoire and Cascades region of Burkina Faso” submitted by IOM, FAO, UN Women, and UNODC in **Côte d’Ivoire and Burkina Faso**
- **Thematic Area 4:** “Strengthening Sustainable Development and Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters in the Caribbean through Green Jobs, Labour Mobility and the Promotion of a Just Transition” submitted by IOM and ILO in the **Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) Single Market and the Economy (CSME) countries**.²
- **Thematic Area 4:** “Boosting the contribution of diaspora to climate action in rural areas” submitted by FAO and IOM in **Belgium, Senegal and Morocco**.
- **Thematic Area 5:** “Ending Childhood Statelessness in Thailand through Civil Registration of Vital Life Events” submitted by IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, and UNESCO in **Thailand**.

² The CSME countries include: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

Overall, the ten priority Joint Programmes and their respective status in the approval process are summarised below:

Priority Joint Programmes						
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)	Status of Joint Programme document
1	Botswana	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening of Migration Data Collection, Analysis and Management Systems in Botswana	IOM, ILO, UNDP	1,700,000	Approved
1	Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand	Asia / East and Southeast Asia	Safe Labour Migration and Decent Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the ASEAN Region	UNDP, ILO	2,700,000	Approved
2	El Salvador	Americas / Central and North America	Strengthen the government capacities in protection and reintegration of migrant persons and their families for a holistic approach with a human rights focus	IOM, WFP, UNFPA	3,400,000	Approved
2	Zimbabwe	Africa/ Southern Africa	Strengthening Protection, Safety and Wellbeing Of Unaccompanied Minors And Separated Children	IOM, UNICEF	2,483,375	Approved
3	Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso	Africa / West and Central Africa	Enhance Border Management and Combat Transnational Crime at the Northern Border of Côte d'Ivoire and Cascades region of Burkina Faso	IOM, FAO, UN Women, UNODC	4,000,000	Requested
3	Pakistan	Asia / South Asia	Strengthening Response to Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in Pakistan	IOM, UNODC	2,700,000	Approved
4	Belgium-Senegal-Morocco	Global	Boosting the contribution of diaspora to climate action in rural areas	FAO, IOM	3,000,000	Requested

Priority Joint Programmes						
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region /Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)	Status of Joint Programme document
4	CARICOM- CSME Countries	Americas / Caribbean	Strengthening Sustainable Development and Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters in the Caribbean through Green Jobs, Labour Mobility and the Promotion of a Just Transition	IOM, ILO	2,504,606	Requested
5	Peru	Americas / South America	Strengthening socioeconomic inclusion and access to comprehensive quality healthcare and protection of refugees and migrants and receiving communities in the COVID-19 context in the district of San Juan de Lurigancho-SJL, Lima, Peru	ILO, IOM, UNFPA, WHO	2,053,567	Approved
5	Thailand	Asia-Pacific / East and Southeast Asia	Ending Childhood Statelessness in Thailand through Civil Registration of Vital Life Events	IOM, UNHCR , UNICEF , UNESCO	3,000,000	Requested

Revision of the Fund Management Unit Budget 2024

The Steering Committee approved the revision of the 2024 Fund Management Unit budget. The revision is for an increase of USD 26,643 (4.3% increase). The increase will cover consultancies for the production of communication materials and for the desk review of the Joint Programme evaluations. It will also partially cover the cost of the Junior Professional Officer in the FMU.

Way Forward

With the closing of the first Steering Committee meeting of 2024, it was agreed that the Committee will meet again towards in the fourth quarter of 2024 (exact date to be determined).



In addition to the regular programmatic tasks including providing support to teams submitting concept notes and Joint Programme documents, monitoring on-going Joint Programmes, and providing support to the teams initiating and concluding implementation, the Steering Committee requested the FMU to undertake the following tasks:

- Consider and review proposals from the Network pilot initiatives on the routes-based approach;
- Explore appropriateness and concrete modalities of establishing a new window to facilitate support to the GCM Capacity Building Mechanism;
- Review the implementation status of the Fundraising Strategy; and
- Explore with the Administrative Agent the possibility of direct transfers from the Fund to non-UN organizations.