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GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



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INTRODUCTION

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), anchored in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, offers a comprehensive approach to migration based on international cooperation. The Global Compact recognizes that migration is part of humankind history, that it contributes to sustainable development, and that discussions and actions around its governance, challenges and opportunities have to involve multiple stakeholders in the implementation¹.

The resolutions of the [Global Compact](#) and the [International Migration Review Forum \(IMRF\)](#) emphasize the application of the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. Both guiding principles are cross-cutting and highlight the

importance of effective participation of all stakeholders in the GCM implementation, follow-up and review.

As part of the GCM Regional Review carried out in April 2021, the need to materialize the whole-of-society approach into concrete actions was identified. In order to deepen the involvement of civil society and other stakeholders, the Civil Society Open and Permanent Dialogue Mechanism in Latin America and the Caribbean was created in February 2022. It was established under the auspices of the United Nations Regional Network on Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean through its Working Group on Civil Society² (WG-CS), in coordination with civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the region.

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?



To promote dialogue, advice and consultation. The Mechanism is *ad honorem* in nature. It promotes the exchange of information and knowledge on progress, challenges, good practices, lessons learned and opportunities in GCM implementation in the region. The information produced by the Mechanism will be made available to governments and other relevant stakeholders.

WHO ARE ITS MEMBERS?



All civil society actors, migrants, migrant and diaspora organizations, migrant women's organizations, organizations that advocate for the rights of migrant women and girls, faith-based organizations, private sector, employers' and workers' organizations, national and local human rights institutions, academia, media and other stakeholders in Latin America and the Caribbean can be members of the Mechanism.



HOW TO JOIN?

You can join the Mechanism by filling in this [registration form](#).

¹ To access relevant information on the state of implementation of the Global Compact in Latin America and the Caribbean, see the [Report on the regional review 2021](#)

² Members: IOM, ECLAC, ILO, UNDP, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNFPA.

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STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

The mechanism is structured around four working tables following the IMRF grouping:



The working tables meet periodically according to the thematic priorities they have identified. They propose to develop actions such as the systematization of good practices, collection of inputs for dialogue meetings, making pledges on GCM implementation, among others.

The Mechanism also includes a Liaison Table made up of two representatives designated by each working table and, on a rotating basis, by two agencies from the Civil Society Working Group of the Regional Network. The Liaison Table meets on a quarterly basis and is responsible for the coordination among working tables, the definition of strategic actions and the facilitation of permanent activities to ensure the Mechanism works properly.

ANNUAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE MECHANISM AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS PLEDGE MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL NETWORK ON MIGRATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IMRF

In preparation for the IMRF, held in May 2022, the “pledging initiative” was launched to advance the GCM implementation. The United Nations Regional Network on Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean pledged to organize an annual dialogue meeting between the Mechanism and the governments of the region. The objective is to promote the coordination of joint actions, identify opportunities and challenges in GCM implementation and apply the recommendations of GCM review processes (IMRF and the [Regional Review](#)), particularly the Progress Declaration.

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