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United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Latin America and the Caribbean Work Plan 2023-2024

Priorities for the 2023-2024 period

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Introduction

The United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Latin America and the Caribbean (from here on, "the Regional Network") has been established in order to guarantee effective, timely and coordinated support from the entire system to the region's Member States in the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (from here on, "Global Compact").

This biennial Work Plan for the Regional Network encompasses the 2023 and 2024 period, in view of the Second Regional Review of the Global Compact[1]. The Plan represents the commitment of the members of the Regional Network[2] to ensure effective and coherent support in the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact.

The priorities identified in this 2023-2024 regional work plan are based on an exhaustive review and analysis of several findings, recommendations and deliberations emanating from the Report on the first regional review of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean[3], the 2022 biannual Report of the Secretary-General, the Official Summary of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), its Declaration of Progress and the commitments contracted by the Member States, the United Nations system, Civil Society and other interested parties, as well as the United Nations Network on Migration Workplan 2022-2024.

The priorities identified by the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)[4] , by the South American Conference on Migration (SACM)[5] and by other regional processes have also provided key inputs for this work plan.

Priorities

Based on the analysis of the mentioned reports and declarations, the Work Plan 2023-24 defines a set of **basic priorities** and **thematic priorities** for the Regional Network, reflecting the most pressing needs and opportunities identified in Latin America and the Caribbean to date. These

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[1] Although the Plan will have a biennial scope, a mid-term review is expected.
[2] The United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Latin America and the Caribbean was established in 2019. Co-led by IOM and ECLAC, the Regional Network is, in total, composed of 19 United Nations agencies, funds and programmes including OHCHR, UNHCR, FAO, OCHA, ILO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNIDO, UN Women, WFP, UNODC, UNOPS, and WHO/PAHO.
[3] See Report on the regional review of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean
[4] See Extraordinary Declaration before the International Migration Review Forum, 01 April, 2022
[5] See Special Statement to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), 17 May, 2022

two groups of priorities guide the Regional Network's efforts towards the second Regional Review set for the first semester of 2024.

Basic Priorities

The Work Plan 2023-24 is based on the following **four basic priorities**. Each priority is broken down into a series of activities that aim to facilitate obtaining results.

1. Ensure **effective, timely and coordinated support from the whole United Nations System to the Member States** in the implementation, follow-up, and review of the Global Compact at regional level in coordination with the Global Network, the Secretariat and the Network's Executive Committee;
2. Strengthen **technical support for national networks** on migration;
3. Guarantee the Global Compact's **whole-of-society approach** by promoting the significant participation of civil society and other relevant stakeholders, particularly the **Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society Permanent Dialogue Mechanism;**
4. Encourage the adoption of **one common voice in the Regional Network** regarding the Global Compact.

Thematic Priorities

The Regional Network's Work Plan outlines **three thematic priorities**. Each priority includes a series of activities that aim to channel the Network's labour and reach concrete results before the celebration of the Second Regional Review of the Global Compact in Latin America and the Caribbean:

1. **Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants**.
   - Compact objectives: 1, 8, 23
2. Promote a higher **social inclusion** of migrants through the increase of **pathways for regular migration** (labour, family, humanitarian, among others) and **regularization of migration**, the recognition of their **contributions to sustainable development** and the **combat against discrimination and xenophobia**.
   - Compact objectives: 5, 6, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23
3. Guarantee an effective **return and readmission** in safe and dignified conditions, as well as the **sustainable reintegration** of migrants in their host communities.
   - Compact objectives: 7, 15, 16, 21, 23.

Monitoring and accountability

The Regional Network's Work Plan establishes that the co-chairs will oversee the regular review of the work plan's implementation; they will follow-up with the agencies responsible for the activities and adjust their approach when faced with new contextual opportunities and necessities, in line with global frameworks. Furthermore, the co-chairs will provide periodic updates regarding the progress made.

BASIC PRIORITIES

1. Ensure the effective, timely and coordinated support from the entire United Nations System to the Member States in the implementation, follow-up, and review of the Global Compact at regional level in coordination with the Global Network, the Secretariat, and the Network's Executive Committee.

Activity	Global Network Plan and other references	Entity in charge	Scheduling
1.1. Organize the Second Regional Review of the Global Compact (2024) in a coordinated manner and support the governments and processes, organizations, and regional platforms in their preparation.	Resolution adopted by the General Assembly (A/RES/73/195) Framework on the preparation and organization of the Regional Reviews of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM and ECLAC Supporting agencies: Network	Continuous process
1.2. Organize quarterly meetings of the Regional Network for coordination and information exchange.	- - -	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM and ECLAC Supporting agencies: Network	May, August, November, and February
1.3. Carry out a quarterly monitoring of the formulated pledges, ensure their accountability through the Global Network's pledging reporting	Follow-up for IMRF	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM	April, June, September, and December

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form and promote the continual development of relevant actors' pledges.		Supporting agencies: Network	
1.4. Publicize good practices in the implementation of the Global Compact to promote its replicability in the region.		Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM and ECLAC Supporting agencies: Network	One practice per month
1.5. Support the region's champion countries through an encounter to exchange good practices, challenges, and recommendations in the implementation of the Global Compact with the participation of government representatives.	Champion Country Initiative	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM Supporting agencies: Network	September 27-28, 2023
1.6. Promote the support and participation of Member States in the "GCM Talks" Initiative.		Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM and ECLAC Supporting agencies: as established in the global workstreams.	May – December 2023

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2. Strengthen technical support for national networks on migration

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2.1. Organize two meetings per year for information exchange and coordination between the [national networks and the Regional Network](#).		Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM and ECLAC Supporting agencies: Network	May November
2.2. Share orientations with national networks to support in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration. • Organize two trainings per year for UNCTs on how to [integrate migration in the CCAs and UNSDCFs](#).	[Workstream 6: Supporting Member States and the UN to implement the GCM](#)	Agencies in charge of implementation: ECLAC, DCO, IOM, ILO, UNDP, UNHCR Supporting agencies: Network	June – November 2023
2.3. Develop tools and resources to support the national networks in their work with local authorities.		Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM Supporting agencies: Network	June – December 2023
2.4. In coordination with national networks, develop an initiative regarding "Champion local authorities" to identify, share and apply good practices in matters of migration governance on a local level.		Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM Supporting agencies: Network	July – December 2023
BASIC PRIORITIES			
3. **Guarantee the Global Compact's whole-of-society approach by promoting the significant participation of civil society and other relevant actors, particularly the Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society Permanent Dialogue Mechanism**			

Activity	Global Network Plan and other references	Entity in charge	Scheduling
3.1. Organize quarterly and bilateral meetings with each Working Table and Liaison Table of the Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society Permanent Dialogue Mechanism and the Regional Network's Working Group on Civil Society.	Follow-up to the Regional Review 2021	Agencies in charge of implementation: ILO, UNDP (rotating) Supporting agencies: Network	May, August, November, February
3.2. Organize at least one annual encounter of the Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society Permanent Dialogue Mechanism with the Latin American and Caribbean governments.	Follow-up for IMRF (pledge of the Regional Network)	Agencies in charge of implementation: ECLAC, IOM, ILO, UNDP, OHCHR, UNFPA Supporting agencies: Network	July 2023
3.3. Publicize the actions developed by the Working Tables of the Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society Permanent Dialogue Mechanism (development of communication pieces and knowledge products).		Agencies in charge of implementation: ECLAC, IOM, ILO, UNDP Supporting agencies: Network	
3.4. Design and put into operation a platform to assist and publicize the work of the Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society Permanent Dialogue Mechanism		Agencies in charge of implementation: ECLAC, IOM, ILO, UNDP Supporting agencies: Network	April – July 2023
3.5. Organize dialogues with regional mechanisms to strengthen synergies and intersectoral approaches for better migration governance.		Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM	

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		Supporting agencies: Network	
3.6. Promote the involvement of local governments in dialogues about the Global Compact and in the pledges initiative.		Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM, UNHABITAT, UNFPA Supporting agencies: Network	

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4. Encourage the adoption of one unanimous voice in the Regional Network regarding the Global Compact

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4.1. Write declarations for the Regional Network in the occasion of events and important dates.		Agencies in charge of implementation: Corresponding agency in reference to the message to share. Supporting agencies: Network	
4.2. Prepare communication material to promote the Network's work (informative sheets, infographics, and videos), and ensure their publication and diffusion in the appropriate Regional Network members' social media outlets.		Agencies in charge of implementation: Corresponding agency in reference to the message to share. Supporting agencies: Network	

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1. Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants. **Compact objectives: 1, 8, 23**			
Activity	**Global Network Plan and other references**	**Entity in charge**	**Scheduling**
1.1. Organize a data collection strategies workshop about deceased and missing migrants to highlight recommendations from the Missing Migrants Project.	Workstream 2: Actionable recommendations on missing migrants and providing humanitarian assistance to migrants in distress	Agencies in charge of implementation: OHCHR, CICR, OIM, UNHCR Supporting agencies: Network	To be determined August 2023 (30 or 31 TBD)
1.2. Organize an informative session about the Missing Migrants Project and ICRC's work regarding deceased and missing migrants in the region (to highlight good practices on the subject).			To be determined September 2023 TBD
THEMATIC PRIORITIES			
2. Promote a higher social inclusion of migrants through the increase of pathways for regular migration (labour, family, humanitarian, among others) and regularization of migration, the recognition of their contributions to sustainable development and the combat against discrimination and xenophobia. **Compact objectives: 5, 6, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23**			
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2.1. Publicize the links between migration and sustainable development based on evidence.	Preparation for the SDG Summit.	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM and ECLAC Supporting agencies: Network	Parallel event to the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, April 25th 2023, Santiago de Chile
2.2. In coordination with civil society organizations from the Civil Society Open and Permanent Dialogue Mechanism in Latin America and the Caribbean, promote a change in the narrative around migration through the regular production and distribution of positive content about migrants and their contributions to their origin and destination communities. The contents will also contribute to the #XenophobiaZero initiative.	Workstream 11: Enhancing the application of anti-discrimination dimensions, including against racism, xenophobia and intolerance into the work of the Network	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM, ILO, UNDP Supporting agencies: Network	
2.3. Support the implementation of the "Guidance Note: Regular Pathways for Admission and Stay for Migrants in Situations of Vulnerability" through the drafting of an orientation note that offers specific recommendations to governments.	Workstream 13: Enhancing regular pathways for migrants in vulnerable situations	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM Supporting agencies:	
2.4. Organize a regional consultation about the improvement of regular migration pathways through Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements.	Workstream 8: Enhancing pathways for regular migration through bilateral labour migration agreements	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM and ILO Supporting agencies: Network	

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3. Guarantee an effective return and readmission in safe and dignified conditions, as well as the sustainable reintegration of migrants in their host communities.

Compact objectives: 7, 15, 16, 21, 23.			
Activity	**Global Network Plan and other references**	**Entity in charge**	**Scheduling**
3.1. Organize an online meeting about the implementation of the Global Network Checklist on "Promoting safe and dignified return and sustainable reintegration"	Workstream 9: Promoting safe, dignified and rights-based return, readmission, and sustainable reintegration, Activity 1	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM, MPI, UNICEF, UNHCR and WFP Supporting agencies: Network	August 2023
3.2. Strengthen the capacities of United Nations personnel, civil society organizations and Member States interested in the Central American migration corridor that crosses into Mexico on the topic of child protection, in all actions relating to return and reintegration concerning children.	Workstream 9: Promoting safe, dignified and rights-based return, readmission, and sustainable reintegration, Activity 2	Agencies in charge of implementation: IOM, UNICEF, MPI, UNHCR Supporting agencies: Network	September 2023