

## **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**

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### *Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society and other stakeholders Open and Permanent Dialogue Mechanism*

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#### **Background**

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) recognizes that migration is part of the human experience and, therefore, discussions and actions around its governance should involve as many stakeholders as possible<sup>1</sup>.

[Resolution 73/195 on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) and the [General Assembly Resolution 73/326 on the format and organizational aspects of the International Migration Review Forum \(IMRF\)](#) emphasize the importance of effective participation of all relevant actors to ensure whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches.

Committed to the whole-of-society approach that promotes broad multistakeholder partnerships to address migration in all its dimensions by including migrants, civil society, migrants organizations, diasporas, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders<sup>2</sup> in migration governance, the GCM encouraged all Member States to develop, as soon as practicable, ambitious national responses for its implementation, and to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national level.

To deepen civil society's buy-in and other stakeholders in the implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, as well as in the IMRF 2022, the Working Group on Civil Society of the UN Regional Network on Migration for Latin America and the Caribbean proposes, in coordination with civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders in the region, through a collaborative process, the establishment of an open and permanent dialogue mechanism to promote interaction and exchange of information and knowledge with civil society and other stakeholders on the progress, challenges, best practices, lessons learned and opportunities in GCM implementation across the region.

The mechanism will be part of the existing regional architecture for the implementation of the GCM, comprised by the United Nations Regional Network on Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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<sup>1</sup> For further information regarding GCM implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean please see the Report of the Review Process in LAC 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, Guiding Principles, (j) Whole-of-society approach.

## General principles

GCM's commitment actively aims at civil society and other stakeholders' engagement at all stages, including GCM implementation, the preparatory process leading up to the reviews, and the review meetings themselves, according to the following principles:

- *Transparency*: Generating an open call for engagement to all relevant stakeholders across sectors, countries and sub-regions; providing an open and equal channel to receive relevant inputs.
- *Inclusivity*: Creating room for the widest possible access to all relevant stakeholders through different forms of engagement. In consideration of physical or virtual capacity limitations, ensure real participation, which allows influencing the agenda and activities.
- *Diversity*: Ensuring non-discriminatory access to all, with particular attention to under-represented voices, including migrants themselves, their organizations as well as grassroots and local organizations.
- *Gender-responsive*: Gender mainstreaming will be ensured in the process, including the active participation of women and recognition of the specific needs of migrant women and girls.
- *Meaningful participation*: All relevant stakeholders should have equal and effective access to all preparatory, follow-up and review processes, including to provide inputs to preparatory documents and agendas, as experts, panelists, and speakers in the regional review meetings, and to have access to all side-events, spaces and discussions.

## Mechanism purpose and composition

With the aim of supporting the GCM implementation, follow-up and review, civil society and other interested parties and the Working Group on Civil Society (WG-CS) from the United Nations Regional Network on Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean establish an Open and Permanent Dialogue Mechanism.

The WG-CS will support the mechanism through its participation in the Liaison Table (see "Architecture" below) carrying out a role of technical assistance and facilitation of the multi-stakeholder dialogue.

The mechanism, honorary in nature, will be space to promote dialogue, advice and consultation, and will aim at proposing recommendations on the implementation of the Global Compact to governments of the region and other relevant actors.

## Other actors' involvement

The mechanism aims to engage in fluid dialogue with other relevant stakeholders, including governments, and regional and global processes on migration. These dialogues will be facilitated by the Regional Network on a biannual basis.

The strength of the mechanism lies in the quality of its productions and contributions, as well as in its wide regional and interinstitutional coordination.

## Membership

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, trade unions, national and local institution of human rights, academy, media and other relevant stakeholders are invited to join the mechanism by contacting the Working Table(s) directly.

## Architecture

To stimulate the dialogue, the mechanism will be structured in four thematic working tables. Civil society and other interested parties will be distributed autonomously and can participate in as many working tables as they consider relevant according to their expertise, interests and capacities<sup>i</sup>. It is recommended to follow the scheme proposed by the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) based on 4 round tables:

- RT 1: GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 y 18
- RT 2: GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 y 21
- RT 3: GCM objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 y 22
- RT 4: GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 y 23

Each working table will designate 2 representatives that will integrate the Liaison Table (coordination body). The selection of representatives will be based on clear criteria that ensure transparency and sustainability. The following elements are suggested to be considered:

- Be linked to organizations that make up groups/collectives/networks;
- Ensure gender parity;
- Have experience in advocacy at the local, national and regional levels;
- Show ability to participate, coordinate and develop positions with other organizations /networks;
- Be available to dedicate to this coordination and liaison work on a voluntary basis;
- Ensure subregional and sectoral balance.

Representation at the Liaison Table will be defined within each working table, in a democratic, transparent and gender-equal manner, for a period of one year, with the possibility of immediate reelection for 1 year.

The Liaison table will be made up of the 8 representatives from the working tables and 2 United Nations Agencies from the WG-CS of the Regional Network on Migration, amounting to 10 participants. The 2 UN agencies may apply voluntarily and the nomination will be by consensus of the WG-CS.

In addition to coordinating among the working tables and defining integrated strategies, the Liaison Table will oversee carrying out and facilitating some permanent activities for the proper functioning of the mechanism. Therefore, those who make up this liaison table representing the working tables, will also carry out the secretariat role<sup>ii</sup>.

## Functioning and activities

The frequency of the working tables and liaison table meetings will be quarterly. Effective communications tools will be established to support daily work.

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<sup>i</sup> Bloque Latinoamericano proposes the designation of representatives of the United Nations agencies to coordinate the working tables together with the CS organizations.

<sup>ii</sup> Bloque Latinoamericano also proposes the creation of a cross-cutting commission responsible for creating indicators to measure compliance/impact.