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Draft Terms of Reference for the UN Migration Network for Cameroon

Mission Statement

The UN Resident Coordinator and IOM (in its capacity as coordinator of the Network) establish a country based United Nations Network on Migration for Cameroon (The Network) to facilitate effective, timely and coordinated UN system-wide support to Cameroon Member State on migration policy, including on the implementation, follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) where a common UN system approach would add value. The Network endeavours to promote migration policy that supports the well-being of migrants and societies in a coherent, holistic and balanced manner, including policies and their implementation that are aligned with the SDGs, the African Union Migration Policy Framework, the 2063 Agenda and other sub-regional initiatives while supporting progress in implementing all of the GCM's 23 objectives.

In all its actions, the Network will be guided, inter alia, by the United Nations Charter, international law, the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, and the GCM. It will align itself, in its working methods, with the terms of reference of the West and Central Africa regional Network on Migration as well as with the global UN Network on Migration.

In line with global and regional efforts, the Network aims to foster a better understanding of current and emerging issues on migration, and to enhance coordination and collaboration within the UN system and with other stakeholders at national level.

Objectives of the Network

In order to implement its mission, the Network commits to taking concrete actions, as follows:

- Share regular updates on key/emerging migration issues with members of the Network; and share relevant data, documents, studies and practical information in order to foster a holistic understanding of the national context;
- Ensure at the national level, in coordination with the Regional UN Migration Network, effective, timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to Cameroon in its implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, for the rights and wellbeing of all migrants and their communities of destination, origin, and transit;
- Support coherent action by the UN system at country level in support of or to the GCM implementation, in line with the regional and global UN Network on Migration initiatives and where such action would add value, while ensuring well-defined linkages with the UNSDCF and UN structures at all levels;
- Act as a source of ideas, tools, reliable data and information, analysis, and policy guidance on migration issues, including through the capacity-building mechanism called for in the GCM;



- Provide advisory support to the national team or working group implementing the Global compact; and establish a joint migration database;
- Support other global initiatives such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development in their effort to progress the GCM at a national level;
- Ensure Network actions promote the application of relevant international and regional norms and standards relating to migration and the protection of the human rights of migrants with special attention to gender dimension;
- Contribute and support regional initiatives including those emanating from the Regional UN Network as well as from regional grouping such as ECOWAS, ECCAS and Regional Consultative Processes when relevant for the implementation of the GCM in the region and in the country;
- Provide information to the Regional UN Network on Migration on progress made and activities related to the GCM and seek guidance from the global Network, as necessary.

Membership and Composition

The Network will be comprised of all UN agencies that are part of the UNCT.

Organizational arrangements

- The Network will meet in IOM Office (Yaounde), although sometimes the meeting could take place in an UN agency available;
- The Network will meet as needed and as a general rule every 03 months;
- The Network will be co-chaired by the Resident Coordinator and IOM Chief of Mission (IOM having been designated by the UN Secretary General as Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration).

The co-chairs of the Network will:

- Coordinate country-based activities with the Regional UN Network on Migration Chairs and Executive Committee;
- Deliver joint statements in the name of the Network on specific issues at the request of its membership and after clearance on the content of the intervention by the Executive Committee;
- Brief the UN system, Member States and other stakeholders on the activities of the Network;
- Convene and chair meetings to ensure the smooth functioning of the Network;
- Facilitate regular interaction between the members of the Network ;
- Facilitate engagement with relevant external stakeholders as the need arises (with representatives from INGOS, the private sector, academia, etc.).

The co-chairs will keep the member list updated and share it regularly with its members.

Members of the Network will contribute to the design and implementation of the Network's objectives, promote coherence on migration within the UN system, and provide input and advice to the Executive Committee on strategic priorities.

Decision-making

Decisions by the Network will be made by consensus of the Executive Committee after full consultations with all Network members.



Working Groups

- The technical Group is the working group to support the UN Network group on its achievements.
- The composition of Working Groups will be drawn from Network members and other partners, as relevant; chairing or co-chairing will be open to all working group members;
- The working group will meet every 2 months and update the UNCT / UN Network Group every 4 months.
- The Working Group will be reviewed annually by the Network members and UNCT.
- Working Groups may be established at decentralized level within agreed upon Provinces of interventions; Working Groups could be revised or updated periodically, in consultation with Network members.
- Smaller Working Groups can be set up as appropriate, to address specific issues.

Annual Review

There will be at least one annual meeting of the full membership of the Network to include other relevant stakeholders, in order to review Network progress; explore ways to further enhance collaboration; identify emerging challenges.

Secretariat

Secretariat duties of the Network will be undertaken by IOM, with support from the Resident Coordinator's Office on substantive issues.

Reporting

The technical working group will report to the Network group and the Network will report back to the Regional UN Migration Network on its activities and on progress made at country level in the implementation of the GCM.