



Communiqué/statement of the Member countries of the Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM) to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

The Ibero-American Network of Migration Authorities (RIAM in its Spanish acronym) is a technical space for the exchange of best practices and cooperation among participating migration authorities. Its aim is to serve as a tool for cooperation among Ibero-American migration authorities, to share information and promote capacity building among its Member countries, to unify criteria and measures for migration management in compliance with international commitments and the regulations of each country.

In light of the upcoming International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), the RIAM expresses its commitment to continue working on operational and international cooperation spheres towards the fulfillment of the 23 objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and its guiding principles, based on the rights of people on the move, the security of countries and sustainable development.

The RIAM highlights the efforts made by its Member countries in the exchange of experiences and the promotion of best practices in favor of the implementation of databases, as well as the search of mechanisms to advance towards migratory regularization, coordinating actions to prevent, combat and eradicate smuggling in migrants and human trafficking, as well as migration management in the context of the emergency and crisis due to COVID-19.

Through its work, and through the exchange processes on border management, RIAM's efforts contribute to increasing the certainty and predictability of migration procedures; to reducing the vulnerabilities associated with migration by developing joint strategies that integrate the needs of migrants in the face of changing migration scenarios across the Ibero-American region.

Considering the situation of the region, its exposure and vulnerability to disasters, environmental degradation and the adverse effects of climate change, RIAM's participating countries point out the importance of addressing the environmental and climate drivers of human mobility and ensuring the existence of regular migration pathways for people affected by the above-described phenomena, in line with the GCM objectives.