

## STRENGTHENING RCP CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND COOPERATION ON OBJECTIVE 23 OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

Side-Event at the International Migration Review Forum  
17 May, 09.00 – 10.00 ET, Online

*With the participation of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, the Bali Process, the Regional Conference on Migration, the International Catholic Migration Commission and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development; facilitated by the International Organisation for Migration*

### Overview

This side-event will look at the role of Regional Consultative Processes in relation to the Global Compact, including the role that they have played to date in providing a platform for dialogue on the GCM, the challenges and opportunities of aligning their thematic programmes with the GCM's objectives, and potential mechanisms for coordination among themselves at an inter-regional level. The side-event will hear from six speakers from three different RCPs, representing a broad geographic spread, alongside inputs from civil society and international organisations that play a key role in supporting regional action. The aim of the side-event is to learn lessons from the first four years of GCM implementation, and understand the extent to which RCPs can strengthen their response in advance of the next IRMF.

### Format

The event's format will take a slightly different approach to the standard panel set-up. The facilitator will ask each of the speakers two key questions in turn, targeted at their particular insights and expertise, followed by a further cycle in which they will respond to a single, unifying question aimed at bringing coherence to the discussion. If there is time, questions will be taken from the floor.

### Registration, Participation, Technical Information

The side-event will take place online only, using Zoom. Before joining the discussion, participants will need to register through the Zoom interface. Registration will remain open until the end of the event.

To register for (and join during) the side-event, please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86909825387> Further details regarding joining the session can be found at the end of this document.

Once you are registered, you will receive an email with the details of the event, including the link to join. This will include an option to add the event to your calendar.

Interpretation will be available in Arabic, English and Spanish.

Please ensure that you have turned off your microphone and camera prior to entering the event. The English language audio channel will be recorded.

If you wish to ask a question during the open floor segment, please use the ‘raise hand’ function.

### Agenda

3 minutes	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gervais Appave, IOM, Facilitator</li> </ul>
50 minutes	<p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Abdulla Al Nuaimi, Assistant Undersecretary, Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation, Government of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi Dialogue Secretary General (Abu Dhabi Dialogue)</li> <li>H.E. Dr Muhammad Tahir Noor, Director General, Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment, Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the UAE (Abu Dhabi Dialogue)</li> <li>H.E. Achsanul Habib, Acting Director for International Security and Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (Bali Process)</li> <li>H.E. Ana Irma Rodas, Head of Department of Humanitarian Management, Directorate of Human Mobility and Attention to Migrants, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of El Salvador (Regional Conference on Migration (Puebla Process))</li> <li>Stéphane Jaquemet, Chief Operating Officer and Policy Director, International Catholic Migration Commission</li> <li>Sedef Dearing, Head of the Budapest Process Secretariat &amp; Head of Regional Office Silk Routes, International Centre for Migration Policy Development</li> </ul>
7 minutes	<p><b>Q&amp;A and Concluding Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gervais Appave, IOM, Facilitator</li> </ul>

## THEMATIC INTRODUCTION

State-led Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs) play an important role in the architecture of migration governance, providing a foundation for enhanced cooperation at bilateral and global levels. They contribute to the alignment of governance ideas, creating a platform for the sharing of good practice, and a forum for identifying opportunities for – and reporting back on – the development of partnerships. Their informal, state-led nature allows for discussions on sensitive matters and has helped create numerous networks of trust among multiple stakeholder groups, with the ultimate beneficiaries being migrants themselves.

Regional-level endeavours acknowledge the existence of specific patterns of mobility in a geographic zone, or clusters of issues that may be of interest or concern to a given constituency of states. Over the last several decades, they have had considerable influence in informing state attitudes towards migration, and shaping their perceptions of its human rights, social and economic dimensions. They do not stand *in place* of national or global level efforts but are *complementary* to them.

RCP clusters, large or small, now operate across all continents, although their goals, patterns of membership and modes of operation are not necessarily identical. However, all can lay claim to having made an impact on the migratory landscape, and there are lessons to be learnt from a review of the reasons of their existence, the way in which they work and the outcomes they have produced. While much of the IMFR's attention will be – unsurprisingly - focused on state-level GCM implementation efforts, an assessment of overall progress is unlikely to be achievable without consideration of the significance of RCPs.

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration recognises the important role of RCPs, including in helping Member States meet the objectives set out by the Compact. For example, under Objective 23 of the GCM, Clause 47 of the Compact acknowledges “the important role of State-led processes and platforms at global and regional levels in advancing the international dialogue on migration” and invites, “Regional Consultative Processes and other global regional and sub-regional fora to provide platforms to exchange experiences on the implementation of the Global Compact, share good practices on policies and cooperation, promote innovative approaches, and foster multi-stakeholder partnerships around specific policy issues.”

This side-event will provide a platform for representatives of RCPs and other key stakeholders to address three relevant issues:

1. The role RCPs have played to date in providing a platform for regional discussion on the GCM, and the outcomes of those discussions
  - Have RCPs addressed the GCM within their agendas – and if so, how?
  - What are the migration themes and GCM objectives that have proved to be particularly productive areas of consultation and cooperation?
  - What tangible outcomes have been of the greatest value? How are they shared / disseminated?

2. Whether there is value in RCPs better aligning their objectives and thematic programmes with the objectives of the GCM
  - Can the GCM implementation process provide a basis for the harmonisation of RCP objectives – and would this be beneficial?
  - Given the diversity of membership and platforms of interest across RCPs, what strategies could be introduced to improve coherence of purpose and action on the GCM?
  
3. How RCPs can cooperate going forward in creating mechanisms to share best practice and insights on the GCM at an inter-regional level
  - What examples of successful interaction between RCPs can be shared and built on?
  - How can an RCP retain its ‘subject content specificity’ while seeking to have broader conversations with other RCPs?
  - Would joint capacity-building efforts open the way to more substantial interaction between RCPs?

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