



CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA

Consultation of the UN Network on Migration Workstream on Migrants' Socio-Economic Integration

Barriers to migrants' socio-economic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean and opportunities to strengthen stakeholder involvement

The *Workstream 5 – Strengthening migrant's socio-economic integration* will host an online discussion with regional Network members and stakeholders to identify Barriers to migrants' socio-economic integration and opportunities to strengthen stakeholder involvement in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Date: Friday, 19 April 2024
Time: 9:30 - 11:00 (Panamá Time)
Place: Online

Context

Socio-economic integration can be considered as the process by which migrants can fully exercise their social and economic rights as outlined in international law and contribute to sustainable development in their country of destination on a basis of equality with non-migrants, with recognition of needs arising out of their specific situations. While this process is principally driven by state policy, stakeholders play key roles, for example in delivering services to migrants, organizing migrants to defend their rights, and as employers of migrants

Socio-economic integration of migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean has become an issue of growing importance as the region has transformed into a region of destination for human mobility. Many governments of the region have created pathways for migrants and address their socio-economic integration. However, these efforts have met with varying levels of success.

To promote further progress on this crucial area and support GCM implementation the members of the UN Network workstream on socio-economic integration will develop a policy brief on socio-economic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean. The brief will identify main barriers to migrants' socio-economic integration at local and national levels, and how different stakeholders can be better engaged in making integration work to guide practice in the region and beyond.

Objective of the consultation

To ensure that the brief is based on a wide range of experiences, the workstream will lead a consultation process to identify persisting barriers and lessons learned. The discussion aims to provide responses to the following questions:

1. What have been the experiences of fostering socio-economic integration of migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean?
2. What barriers to migrants' socio-economic integration persist in Latin America and the Caribbean?
3. How might stakeholder involvement in supporting socio-economic integration be improved?



Agenda

9.30 – 9.45 (15 min)	Opening remarks
9.35 – 9.45 (10 min)	Keynote
9.45 – 9.50 (5 min)	Presentation of workstream and consultation objectives
9.50 – 10.50 (60 min)	Discussion
10.50 – 10.55 (5 min)	Launch of the Discussion Space on the UN Migration Network hub
10.55– 11.00 (5 min)	Closing remarks