Migration Network Hub

-- Knowledge for all, impact for all --

Background and Talking Points

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The Migration Network Hub (Hub) encompasses both the Global Knowledge Platform and Connection Hub component of the Capacity-Building Mechanism that was called for in the GCM. The Capacity Building Mechanism will be under review during the Policy Debate at the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), thus the Hub's contribution to GCM implementation will also be under review.

The Hub is a key resource for Member States and Partners to implement the GCM. The Hub directly reflects **the progress, activities and achievements of the GCM.** In preparation for the IMRF, it is essential for the Hub to be well populated with practices and resources, and for use of the Hub to become embedded in Network culture.

Network members are requested to actively promote the Hub in their ongoing outreach – including at events, meetings, and on social media (#migration2022).

This document provides **background information** about the Hub, and **key points** that could be integrated into GCM related interventions, with a particular emphasis on calling for practices to be submitted to the Hub and for encouraging use of the discussion spaces in the lead up to the IMRF.

Background

The Hub is a work in progress. It launched its initial features in March 2021. The Hub supports Member States and Partners by (i) facilitating dialogue and exchange (discussion spaces); (ii) providing access to the dedicated capacity-building tools which have been developed by the Network (tools and library, and experts database); and, (iii) serving as a repository of existing evidence, practices and initiatives (practice repository).

The key features of the Hub include:

i. Online discussion spaces where policymakers, practitioners, and researchers can interact on topical migration priorities relevant to the GCM. Discussion spaces are created ahead of each Network's webinar ("IMRF Dialogues"). They will be used to collect widespread inputs in the preparations for the IMRF; and there will be dedicated online discussions (Migration Dialogue Series) that support the preparations of the IMRF (see calendar)

ii. Online tools and library containing a curated and peer-reviewed collection of relevant capacity-building tools, literature and multimedia, organized by GCM objective and guiding principle.

iii. An experts database, containing a directory of over 1,200 experts who specialize in all aspects of migration, with IMISCOE's Migration Research Hub.[1] It can be contacted via the Hub.

iv. **A repository of practices**, enabling all Member States and partners to share their own experiences, lessons and recommendations by uploading practices to the Hub, and learning from those of peers. **While practices can be uploaded on an ongoing basis, in order for them to be published in time for the IMRF, practices should be submitted by 1 April,** where they will be **peer reviewed** prior to publishing.[2]

Talking Points

- Mandated by the GCM, the Hub is a key resource for Member States and partners to implement this cooperative framework.

- The Hub reflects, and is itself an indicator of, the progress, activities and achievements of the GCM to date.

- Through engaging with the Hub, Member States, partners and other stakeholders can learn from others, and contribute their experiences to support more effective and impactful GCM implementation elsewhere.

- The Hub is located on the UN Migration Network website.

- The Hub currently includes discussion spaces, a repository of practices, an expert database of over 1,200 migration experts, and peer reviewed tools, resources, literature and multimedia.

- All content of the Hub undergoes a review by migration experts prior to being published on the Hub. This help ensure that the content of the Hub remains relevant and positively contributes to GCM principles and implementation.

- **We call on Member States and partners to submit practices to the repository**. The practices on the repository present a critical opportunity for Member States, the UN Network, and stakeholders to provide concrete examples of GCM results, progress, and lessons learnt.

- **We strongly encourage all Member States and partners to engage with the Hub and to organize or participate in online discussions,** to ensure their voices and experiences are contributing to populating the Hub. The Hub's success depends on proactive engagement by all, both in drawing from and contributing to it.
  - We urge MS and partners to engage in these to engage in discussions that feed into the preparations of the IMRF.

For more information, contact the Hub support team: GCMHub@iom.int.

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[1] The International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE) is Europe's largest interdisciplinary research network in the field of migration, integration and diversity studies. The database is open to all experts and efforts are being made to broaden the worldwide representation of partners, networks and experts.

[2] Each practice is reviewed by three peer reviewers, which include at least one UN and one non-UN entity. All online tools, resources and practices on the Hub undergo the peer review and must be approved by all three peer reviews in order to be published online.