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Summary of the Results of the Survey
conducted by IOM in preparation for the
Seventh Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional, Inter-regional and Global Consultative Processes on Migration (GRCP 7)

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Background

The general term **Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on migration** (ISCM) refers to all state-led, regular information-sharing and policy dialogues at the regional, inter-regional or global level among States interested in promoting cooperation in the field of migration. ISCMs comprise of global processes on migration, inter-regional forums on migration (IRF, bridging two or more regions) and regional consultative processes on migration (RCP, covering one region).[1]

The **Global Consultations of Chairs and Secretariats of Principal Regional Consultative Processes on Migration**, also known as Global RCP Meetings (or GRCP),[2] bring together representatives of Chairs and Secretariats of the main ISCMs – RCPs, IRFs and global processes on migration – to foster exchanges and synergies among ISCMs on various migration topics thereby contributing to improved policy coherence at the regional, intra-regional and global levels.

The **Seventh Global Meeting** of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional, Inter-regional and Global Consultative Processes on Migration (GRCP 7) was hosted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on 10-11 October 2017 in Geneva under the overall theme "Inter-state Consultation Mechanisms on Migration and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration." It brought together the principal ISCMs and their main regional partners, namely regional economic organizations and UN Regional Commissions.

In preparation to GRCP 7 a **survey** was conducted among ISCM and their major regional partners to facilitate the exchange of ideas and practice at the GRCP 7 event and during the regional breakout groups. Respondents were asked to submit information under three sections: concrete recommendations, best practices and innovative solutions, and common principles and approaches in addressing international migration in all its dimensions. Each entity was requested to complete one consolidated questionnaire only on behalf of all its constituents.

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[1] The terms IRF and RCP are often used interchangeably to denote policy dialogue processes with regional focus.

[2] GRCP Meetings in fact are meetings of principal ISCMs, not only the RCPs. The name dates back to 2005 when the general term for any migration dialogue process was RCP and the term IRF was not yet in use. GRCP Meetings were initiated before the launch of major global processes on migration (such as GFMD and UN HLD on International migration and development) however, after their establishment these processes were also addressed at GRCP Meetings.

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GRCP 7 Survey Results Summary. Cross-Regional Recommendations[3]

The survey was conducted among inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration (ISCM), UN Regional Commissions (UN RC) and regional economic organizations (REO) invited to GRCP 7 to compile their respective good practices and other inputs to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Responses were received from 20 ISCM, 4 UN RC and 3 regional economic organizations (27 in total). One consolidated questionnaire has been completed for each entity. The feedback by ISCM has been coordinated with the ISCM Chair and Head of Secretariat, and represents the given ISCM's formal feedback.

According survey results, out of 27 contributing entities only 14 have formulated recommendations on the GCM. These entities include: 1 global process (GFMD), 8 RCP (ARCP; Budapest Process; Colombo Process; IGAD-RCP; MIDCAS; MIDSA; MIDWA; and RCM); 3 IRF (ACP-EU Migration Dialogue; ADD; PAFoM); 1 Regional economic organization (Eurasian Economic Commission); and 1 UN Regional Commission (UNECLAC).

Another six entities are in process of discussing their recommendations: 1 RCP (Almaty Process); 2 IRFs (5+5 Dialogue; and IGC) and 3 UN RCs (UNECE; UNESCAP; and UNESCWA).

Among the contributing entities only three (ACP-EU Migration Dialogue; Budapest Process and GFMD[4]) have formulated recommendations on all six GCM themes.

The response rate was most complete for Europe and Africa, while only part of the contributions were received from Asia and the Middle East. In the Americas the common recommendations referred only to two GCM themes, while in all other Regions they refer to all six GCM themes. Thus, quantitatively the most common recommendations made across all regions belong to "Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits" and "Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution."

Recurring recommendations[5] across all regions address the following:

    a)   Priorities for all four (breakout group) Regions:

⇨   *Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits.*

-       Contribution of remittances to development and promotion of faster, cheaper and safer transfers of remittances (Element "h").

⇨   *Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution.*

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[3] This summary was prepared by the International Organization Migration (IOM) International Partnerships Division based on the questionnaire feedbacks.
[4] The GFMD survey feedback has been considered for the cross-regional level overview.
[5] For the purposes of this summary, a recommendation is considered recurrent if it is made by more than fifty percent of the respondents.

-        The need to address the drivers of migration, including through strengthened efforts in development, poverty eradication and conflict prevention and resolution (Element "c").

-        Addressing the situations of migrants in countries in crisis (Element "n").

b)   Priorities for three out of four Regions (except the Americas, where there were no concurrence on the below themes):

⇨   *Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance.*

-        Effective protection of migrants' human rights regardless of their migratory status, including migrants in vulnerable situations (element "i").

⇨   *Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labor mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures.*

-        Protection of labour rights and safe environment for migrant workers, including women migrant workers; and promotion of labour mobility (Element "q").

⇨   *International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration.*

-        Greater international cooperation, with a view to improving migration governance (Element "f").

⇨   *Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits.*

-        Harnessing the contribution of diasporas and strengthening links with countries of origin (Element "t").

-        The contribution made by migrants to sustainable development and the complex interrelationship between migration and development (Element "d").

⇨   *Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution.*

-        Addressing the situations of migrants in countries in crisis (Element "n").

-        International migration as a potential opportunity for migrants and their families (Element "b").

⇨   *Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficked victims.*

-        Combating trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and contemporary forms of slavery (element "k").

-        Identifying those who have been trafficked and considering providing assistance, including temporary or permanent residency, and work permits, as appropriate (Element "l").

The survey results revealed a rich array of good practices that can work across the Regions; including legislation; policies; structures; projects, methodologies, handbooks, manuals, etc.

Regional overviews of survey feedback and actual completed questionnaires are enclosed to this Overview. The tabulation of survey results is available upon request.

Annex 1 to "GRCP 7 Survey Results Summary. Cross-Regional Recommendations."

Good Practices and Innovative Solutions by Global Processes on migration (contributor: GFMD)

⇨ Legislation and Policies

- The UK Code of Practice for the Ethical Recruitment of International Healthcare Professionals

- ILO guidelines

- The Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

- The ECOWAS Passport

- The Manila Declaration to Enhance International Cooperation in Combating Human Trafficking

⇨ Projects

- MICIC initiative

- The program "Citoyenneté: mitreden, mitgestalten, mitentscheiden", established by the Swiss Federal Commission on Migration

- The Australia Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons

- Regional Empowering Women Migrant Workers in Asia program

- The campaign "Todos Somos Migrantes" (We are all migrants) of Government of Ecuador

- The UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative

⇨ Structures

- The Netherlands established a National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children

- The Pan-Canadian Framework for the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Qualifications

- The African-Europe Diaspora Development Platform

⇨ Research, Data Collection and Analysis

- 6Degree.org is a crowdfunding portal to support voluntary return and sustainable integration of human trafficking victims launched in 2015 through a partnership between IOM and Microsoft

Annex 2 to "GRCP 7 Survey Results Summary. Cross-Regional Recommendations."

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GRCP 7 Survey results overview (Africa)[6]

In anticipation of the GRCP 7 event on 10-11 October in Geneva – Switzerland, a survey was conducted among inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration (ISCM, namely Regional, Inter-regional, Global Consultative Processes and Dialogues on Migration), UN Regional Commissions (UN RC) and regional economic organizations (REO) to reflect their respective considerations and recommendations to the GCM. Respondents were asked to group their feedback along the 6 themes and 24 elements of the GCM. 27 completed questionnaires were received from 20 ISCM, 4 UN RC and 3 regional economic organizations, representing the consolidated feedback from each responding entity. In the case of ISCM, Secretariats were requested to coordinate feedback with respective Chairs. The survey results will be considered during the GRCP7 session 2 arranged in 4 regional breakout groups, namely: 1) Africa 2) the Americas 3) Europe 4) Asia, Pacific and the Middle East.

Overview of feedback from Africa

Twelve entities covering Africa were requested to complete the questionnaire in June 2017. As of 10 October 2017 eleven responded, including: 5 RCP, 5 IRF[7] and 1 Partner organizations:

Inter-state consultation mechanisms		ISCM Partner organizations	
RCP	**IRF**	**REO**	**UN RC**
Intergovernmental Authority on Development RCP (IGAD-RCP)	5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean	East African Community	
Migration Dialogue for Central African States (MIDCAS)	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) – European Union (EU) Dialogue on Migration		
Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA)	Khartoum Process (EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative)		
Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)	Pan-African Forum on migration (PAFoM)		
Migration Dialogue from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Member States (MIDCOM)	Rabat Process (Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development)		

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[6] This summary was prepared by the International Organization Migration (IOM) International Partnerships Division based on the questionnaire feedbacks.

[7] Survey feedback from Inter-regional Forums on migration (IRF) is reflected in the results of each of the regions they cover.

No feedback has been received from: UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

I. Recommendations

Seven respondents (5+5 Dialogue[8]; ACP-EU Migration Dialogue[9]; IGAD-RCP; MIDCAS; MIDSA; MIDWA; and PAFoM) had formulated concrete recommendations for the GCM. Another three (MIDCOM; Rabat Process[10]; EAC) were not able to share their concrete recommendations on the GCM.

Only ACP-EU Migration Dialogue has formulated recommendations on all six GCM themes.

❏ Recurrent Recommendations

Recommendations in the Region address the following GCM themes:

⇨ **GCM theme 1**: six respondents.

Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the effective protection of migrant rights.

⇨ **GCM theme 2**: six respondents.

Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the protection of labour rights and safe environment for migrant workers; and the reduction of the impact of irregular migration.

⇨ **GCM theme 3**: seven respondents.

International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration.

Recurrent recommendations refer to greater international cooperation for improving migration governance; international cooperation for border control, with full respect for the human rights of migrants; and disaggregated data on international migration.

⇨ **GCM theme 4**: three respondents.

Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the contribution of remittances to development; and harnessing the contribution of diasporas and strengthening links with countries of origin.

⇨ **GCM theme 5**: three respondents.

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[8] This IRF indicated that concrete recommendations will only be finalized following its November 2017 meeting.
[9] According to the completed questionnaire, ACP-EU Migration Dialogue covers all the GCM sub-headed themes, therefore all elements were considered to be covered by ACP-EU Migration Dialogue.
[10] However feedback from this respondent referred to the Rabat Process Guidance on the GCM and the Rabat Process non-paper on the main points of convergence and divergence on GCM informal thematic meetings.

Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the need to address the drivers of migration; addressing the situations of migrants in countries of crisis; and considering international migration as a potential opportunity for migrants.

⇨ **GCM theme 6:** five respondents.

Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficked victims.

Recurrent recommendations refer to combatting human trafficking and the assistance to victims of trafficking.

II. Good Practices and Innovative Solutions

Feedback reveals a vast array of good practices in the region on: legislation; policies; structures; projects. The bulk of the good practices are policies and legislation on migration. There are various platforms for ongoing policy dialogue on migration.

❑ *Innovative Solutions*

African Common Position on Migration and Development

ECOWAS – Spain Fund for Migration and Development

PAFOM as a continental platform for wider consultations on migration

❑ Highlights of good practices from the Region:
　⇨ Legislation and Policies

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue national policy of inclusiveness

- African Common Position on Migration and Development

- African Union Migration Policy Framework to guide regional and national migration policies

- AU Migration Policy Framework

- Bilateral Labour agreement between Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia

- Bilateral Labour agreement between Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia and Uganda

- COMESA Anti-Human trafficking act

- COMESA Protocol on free movement of persons

- COMESA Protocol on Visa Exemption

- EAC Common Market Protocol

- ECOWAS – Spain Fund for Migration and Development

- ECOWAS Common Approach on migration and development (Gender and Migration)

- Rome Declaration

- SADC Protocol on Facilitation of Movement of Persons

- SACD Regional Action Plan on Mixed and Irregular Migration

- SADC Regional Labour Migration Action Plan

- Treaty for Establishment of EAC (article 104, 76)

⇨ Projects

- ACP-EU Migration Action

- Support to Free Movement of Persons and Migration in West Africa

⇨ Capacity Building Mechanisms

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue   skills training on reintegration

- IGAD RCP migration governance capacity building

- MIDCAS Capacity building activities

⇨ Manuals, Guidance and Publications

- L'Afrique centrale face aux défis migratoires (MIDCAS)

⇨ Structures

- Consultation on Draft IGAD Protocol on Free Movement of persons and transhumance to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration.

- ECOWAS – Spain Fund for Migration and Development

- One stop border control in COMESA

⇨ Research, Data Collection and Analysis

- 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean

- EAC data sharing

⇨ On-going inter-state dialogue and cooperation on common issues of migration

- 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue

- EAC

- PAFOM

-IGAD-RCP

-MIDSA

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GRCP 7 Survey results overview (Americas)[11]

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Overview of feedback from the Americas

Seven entities covering the Americas were requested to complete the questionnaire in June 2017. As of 10 October 2017 five responded, including: 1 RCP, 2 IRF[12] and 2 Partner organizations:

Inter-state consultation mechanisms		ISCM Partner organizations	
RCP	**IRF**	**REO**	**UN RC**
Regional Conference on Migration (RCM or Puebla Process)	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) – European Union (EU) Dialogue on Migration Inter-Governmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)	Southern Common Market (Mercosur)	UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)

No feedback has been received from: Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC); and South American Conference on Migration (SACM).

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[11] This summary was prepared by the International Organization Migration (IOM) International Partnerships Division based on the questionnaire feedbacks.
[12] Survey feedback from Inter-regional Forums on migration (IRF) is reflected in the results of each regions they cover.

II. Recommendations

Three entities (ACP-EU Migration Dialogue[13]; RCM; UNECLAC) had formulated concrete recommendations for the GCM; whereas two respondents (IGC[14], Mercosur) are unable to share concrete recommendations for the GCM.

Only ACP-EU Migration Dialogue has formulated recommendations on all the six GCM themes.

None of the respondents seem to have formulated recommendations on the GCM theme on Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures.

❑ Recurrent Recommendations

Recommendations in the Region address the following GCM themes:

⇨ **GCM theme 1:** one respondent.

Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance.

⇨ **GCM theme 2:** one respondent.

Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labor mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures.

⇨ **GCM theme 3:** one respondent.

International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration.

⇨ **GCM theme 4:** two respondents.

Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the contribution of remittances to development.

⇨ **GCM theme 5:** two respondents.

Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the need to address the drivers of migration; addressing the situations of migrants in countries in crisis; and international migration as a potential opportunity for migrants and their families.

⇨ **GCM theme 6:** one respondent.

Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficked victims.

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[13] According to the completed questionnaire, ACP-EU Migration Dialogue covers all the GCM sub-headed themes, therefore all elements were considered to be covered by ACP-EU Migration Dialogue.

[14] The IGC indicated in its feedback that it is unable to release its recommendations, best practices and common approaches yet.

II.   Good Practices and Innovative Solutions

Survey results revealed a vast array of good practices in the region, on legislation; policies; structures; projects; handbooks; and methodologies. The bulk of the good practices are in policies and guidance. Respondents pointed to effective mechanisms and funds that can be of interest for other regions. Examples are reported of successful cooperation between RCPs and the UN Regional Commission; RCPs and regional intergovernmental organizations as well as RCPs and non-governmental partners.

❑ *Innovative Solutions*

- RCM – IOM cooperation on low fares for flight tickets for returning migrants

- RCM – UNECLAC / CELADE study on migration-development nexus+

- RCM Civil Society Network

- RCM Implementation Fund for Vulnerable Migrants, including, Women, Children and Adolescents

- RCM Return Fund

❑ *Selected highlights of good practices from the region.*

⇨ Legislation and Policies

- ACP- EU Migration Dialogue national policy of inclusiveness

- Mercosur Regional Agreement

- Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.

- RCM MSs migration legislation

- RCM Regional document on assistance to extra-regional migrants

- RCM Regional document on visa for travel

⇨ Projects

- ACP-EU Migration Action

⇨ Capacity Building Mechanisms

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue skills training on reintegration

- RCM capacity Building on Migration and Development

⇨ Manuals, Guidance and Publications

- Mercosur Regional Guide for Identification and Attention of special needs of protection of migrant children and adolescent rights.

- RCM Comparative matrix on legislation on Combatting Human Trafficking

- RCM Guidance on unaccompanied migrant children

- RCM Memorandum of Understanding on Assisted Voluntary Return

- RCM Regional Guidance on bilateral and multilateral return mechanism among RCP Member States

- RCM Regional Guidance on identification of profiles and referral mechanisms to assist vulnerable migrants

- RCM Regional Guidance on protection of children Victims of Human Trafficking

- RCM Regional Guidance on Repatriation of child, adolescent and Women Victims of Trafficking

⇨ Structures

- Mercosur Institute of Public Policy in Human Rights (IPPDH).

- Mercosur Mechanism for Articulation of attention to women in situation of trafficking in persons.

- Mercosur Meeting of Refugee Commissions (CONARES).

- Mercosur Migration Specialized Forum (FEM).

- Mercosur Nin@Sur Permanent Commission.

- Mercosur regional mechanism on Identification and Attention of special needs of protection of migrant children and adolescent rights (based on respective Mercosur Guidelines).

- RCM Ad Hoc Group on Changing migration realities in the RCM Region

- RCM Implementation Fund for Vulnerable Migrants, including, Women, Children and Adolescents

- RCM Network of officials on consular protection

- RCM Network of officials on Counter Human Trafficking and Counter Migrant Smuggling

- RCM Return Fund

⇨ Research, Data Collection and Analysis

- Exchange of information on Migration and Development

- RCM Statistical Information Exchange System on migration in Central and Meso-America

⇨ On-going inter-state dialogue and cooperation on common issues of migration

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue

- Mercosur

- RCM

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GRCP 7 Survey results overview (Asia, Pacific and the Middle East)[15]

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Overview of feedback from Asia, the Pacific and the Middle East regions

Eleven entities were requested in June 2017 to participate in the survey for the regions of this breakout group. As of 10 October 2017 eight provided feedback – six for the Middle East and North Africa (5+5 Dialogue; Abu Dhabi Dialogue; ACP-EU Migration Dialogue; ARCP; Rabat Process; and UNESCWA) and two for Asia and the Pacific (Colombo Process; and UNESCAP[16]). They represent 2 RCP, 4 IRF[17] and 2 Partner organizations:

Inter-state consultation mechanisms		ISCM Partner organizations	
RCP	**IRF**	**REO**	**UN RC**
Arab Regional Consultative Process on migration and refugee affairs (ARCP)	5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean		UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)
Colombo Process (Regional Consultative Process on Overseas Employment and Contractual Labour for Countries of Origin in Asia or CP)	Abu Dhabi Dialogue (Ministerial Consultation on Overseas Employment and Contractual Labour for Countries of Origin and Destination in Asia or ADD)		UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) – European Union (EU) Dialogue on Migration		

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[15] This summary was prepared by the International Organization Migration (IOM) International Partnerships Division based on the questionnaire feedbacks.
[16] Recommendations are expected after UNESCAPGCM Regional Consultation in November 2017.
[17] Survey feedback from Inter-regional Forums on migration (IRF) is reflected in the survey results for each region they cover.

Rabat Process (Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development)		

No feedback has been received from: Bali Process; Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC); and Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference (PIDC).

III. Recommendations

In Middle East, four entities (5+5 Dialogue[18]; ACP-EU Migration Dialogue[19]; Abu Dhabi Dialogue; ARCP) had formulated concrete recommendations for the GCM, whereas two entities (Rabat Process[20] and UNESCWA[21]) have not formulated concrete recommendations for the GCM to be shared externally.

In Asia, Australia and Pacific, the ADD and the Colombo Process have formulated concrete recommendations for the GCM, whereas UNESCAP is unable to share concrete recommendations for the GCM.

Only ACP-EU Migration Dialogue has formulated recommendations on all six GCM themes.

❑ Recurrent Recommendations

Recommendations in the Region address the following GCM themes:

⇨ **GCM theme 1:** three respondents.

Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the effective protection of migrant rights.

⇨ **GCM theme 2:** three respondents.

Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures

Recurrent recommendations refer to protection of labour rights; and recognition of foreign qualifications.

⇨ **GCM theme 3:** five respondents.

International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the facilitation of safe, orderly, regular and responsible migration; greater international cooperation for improving migration governance; and the responsibilities and obligations of migrants towards host countries.

⇨ **GCM theme 4**: three respondents.

Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits.

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[18] Concrete recommendations will be finalized after November 2017 Meeting.

[19] According to the completed questionnaire, ACP-EU Migration Dialogue covers all the GCM sub-headed themes, therefore all elements were considered to be covered by ACP-EU Migration Dialogue.

[20] No recommendations or good practices were provided by the Rabat Process although they have developed the Rabat Process Guidance on the GCM and the Rabat Process non-paper on the main points of convergence and divergence on GCM informal thematic meetings.

[21] No recommendations were formulated by UNESCWA at the time of submission of the questionnaire but recommendations would be developed following UNESCWA Regional GCM Consultations.

Recurrent recommendations refer to remittances as an important source of private capital and their contribution to development; the contribution made by migrants to sustainable development; harnessing the contribution of diasporas; and international migration as a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination.

⇨ **GCM theme 5**: two respondents.

Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the need to address the drivers of migration; and addressing the situation of migrants in countries in crisis.

⇨ **GCM theme 6**: three respondents.

Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficked victims.

Recurrent recommendations refer to combating trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and contemporary forms of slavery; and the assistance to victims of trafficking.

II.   Good Practices and Innovative Solutions

Survey results revealed a vast array of good practices in the regions, including on legislation, policies, structures, projects. Most of the good practices relate to policies and legislation on migration. There are various platforms for ongoing policy dialogue on migration.

❑ *Innovative Solutions*

- UNESCWA standards

❑ Highlights of good practices from the Region:

⇨ Legislation and Policies

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue national policy of inclusiveness

- ADD agreement for *building on current national government and bilateral initiatives in designing a prototype of a regional digital labour platform that streamlines labour mobility*

- ADD countries agreement to facilitate the certification of skills, up skilling and mutual recognition of skills across the migration cycle

- Bilateral labour agreements between CP, ADD and the Asia-EU dialogue origin and destination countries

- UNESCWA National strategies on migration

- UNESCWA Out-of-country voting

- UNESCWA Ratification of laws that fight irregular migration, migrant smuggling and human trafficking

- UNESCWA Ratification of laws that provide protections for migrant domestic workers

- UNESCWA Ratification of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children

- UNESCWA Standard employment contracts

- UNESCWA Wage protection systems for migrant workers obliging employers to pay employees' salaries directly into their bank accounts

⇨ Projects

- ACP-EU Migration Action

- ADD "Comprehensive Information and Orientation Programme" (CIOP)

- ADD Pilot project between the Arab Emirates and the Philippines with the aim to introduce joint government oversight over the recruitment process and reduce the risk of migrant workers bearing the costs of their own recruitment

- ADD Pilot Project on Skill Development, Certification, Upgrading and Recognition: United Arab Emirates and Kuwait

-ADD UAE-Philippines pilot project on an alternative Model of Labour Recruitment

⇨ Capacity Building Mechanisms

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue skills training on reintegration

- CP pre-departure orientation for migrant workers

- CP regional symposiums on recruitment intermediaries

Manuals, Guidance and Publications

- CP "*Regional Guide for the Pre-departure Orientation (PDO) Modules and PDO Management System*"

- CP *Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disasters* of the Migrants in Countries in Crisis Initiative, "Protecting Nationals Abroad in the Context of Crises"

- CP Labour Market Research Operational Guide

- Rabat Process Guidance on the GCM

- Rabat Process non-paper on the main points of convergence and divergence on GCM informal thematic meetings

Structures

- ADD coordinated management system for pre-employment, (PEO), pre-departure (PDO) and post-arrival (PAO) services for foreign workers in three countries parings: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh; the UEA and Sri Lanka; and the UAE and the Philippines

- CP Thematic Area Working Group (TAWG) on Remittances

- CP multi-stakeholder collaboration with Overseas Employment Service Providers Alliance of Asian Associations (OESPAAA)

- UNESCWA Regional and international cooperation on migration

⇨ Research, Data Collection and Analysis

- 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean

- ADD is in the process of undertaking a study to determine the impact of training and skill certification of migrant workers in the construction industry in the UAE.

- ADD Research study on the Labour Recruitment Industry between United Arab Emirates, Kerala (India) and Nepal.

- CP regional study "*Recruitment Monitoring and Migrant Welfare Assistance: What Works?*"

⇨   On-going inter-state dialogue and cooperation on common issues of migration

- 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue

- ADD

- ARCP policy dialogue on migration

- UNESCWA

International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency

Inter-state Consultation Mechanisms on Migration and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Seventh Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional, Inter-regional and Global Consultative Processes on Migration (GRCP 7)

GRCP 7 Survey results overview (Europe)[22]

In anticipation of the GRCP 7 event on 10-11 October in Geneva – Switzerland, a survey was conducted among inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration (ISCM, namely Regional, Inter-regional, Global Consultative Processes and Dialogues on Migration), UN Regional Commissions (UN RC) and regional economic organizations (REO) to reflect their respective considerations and recommendations to the GCM. Respondents were asked to group their feedback along the 6 themes and 24 elements of the GCM. 27 completed questionnaires were received from 20 ISCM, 4 UN RC and 3 regional economic organizations, representing the consolidated feedback from each responding entity. In the case of ISCM, Secretariats were requested to coordinate feedback with respective Chairs. The survey results will be considered during the GRCP7 session 2 arranged in 4 regional breakout groups, namely: 1) Africa 2) the Americas 3) Europe 4) Asia, Pacific and the Middle East.

Overview of feedback from Europe

Eleven entities covering Europe were requested to complete the questionnaire in June 2017. As of 10 October 2017 all of them responded, including: 4 RCPs, 5 IRF[23] and 2 Partner organizations.

Inter-state consultation mechanisms		ISCM Partner organizations	
RCP	**IRF**	**REO**	**UN RC**
Almaty Process	5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean	Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC)	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
Budapest Process	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) – European Union (EU) Dialogue on Migration		
Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration (EAPPMA)	Inter-Governmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)		
Prague Process	Khartoum Process (EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative)		
	Rabat Process (Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development)		

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[22] This summary was prepared by the International Organization Migration (IOM) International Partnerships Division based on the questionnaire feedbacks.
[23] Survey feedback from Inter-regional Forums on migration (IRF) is reflected in the survey results for each region they cover.

IV. Recommendations

Five entities (5+5 Dialogue[24]; ACP-EU Migration Dialogue[25]; Almaty Process; Budapest Process; and Eurasian Economic Commission) had formulated concrete recommendations for the GCM. Another six (EAPPMA[26]; IGC[27]; Khartoum Process; Prague Process; Rabat Process[28]; and UNECE) were not able to finalize concrete recommendations for the GCM to be shared externally. Though the Rabat Process feedback did not include recommendations or good practices it indicated it has developed the Rabat Process Guidance on the GCM and the Rabat Process non-paper on the main points of convergence and divergence on GCM informal thematic meetings. Only the ACP-EU Migration Dialogue and the Budapest Process have formulated recommendations on each of the six GCM themes.

❑ *Commonalities*

The most recurrent theme indicated in feedback from European RCP and IRF is GCM theme 2: '*Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures*'. Within this, equal rights for migrant workers, information technology for migration management, guidelines on vulnerable migrant women's needs, insurance and medical care were also noted.

❑ *Variations*

Variations among European RCP and IRs include UNECE's focus on the theme of '*international cooperation and governance of migration*', specifically on element 'v' on disaggregated data, and Almaty Process's high level recommendations on the '*human rights of all migrants*' and '*international cooperation and governance*'.

❑ Recurrent Recommendations

Recommendations in the Region address the following GCM themes:

⇨ **GCM theme 1:** four respondents

Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the effective protection of migrant rights; the inclusion of migrants in the host societies; and combatting racism, xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance towards all migrants.

⇨ **GCM theme 2:** three respondents

Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the protection of labour rights and safe environment for migrant workers.

⇨ **GCM theme 3:** three respondents

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[24] Concrete recommendations will be finalized following the November 2017 Meeting
[25] According to the completed questionnaire, ACP-EU Migration Dialogue covers all the GCM sub-headed themes, therefore all elements were considered to be covered by ACP-EU Migration Dialogue.
[26] The current format of the Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration functioning and its mandate do not provide the modality to issue official recommendations or to identify common principles for the GCM or for the policies of participating states. The EaPPMA currently serves as a platform to exchange best practices in migration field between Eastern Partnership countries and EU MS. Each EaPPMA participating state is free to decide what practices should be taken into account for developing and implementing their own policies.
[27] IGC feedback noted that the information could not be released yet.
[28] The Rabat Process has developed the Rabat Process Guidance on the GCM and the Rabat Process non-paper on the main points of convergence and divergence on GCM informal thematic meetings.

International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration.

Recurrent recommendations refer to cooperation at all levels on all aspects of migration; facilitation of safe, orderly, regular and responsible migration through planned and well-managed migration policies; greater international cooperation with a view to improving migration governance; cooperation on return and readmission; and responsibilities and obligations of migrants towards host countries.

⇨ **GCM theme 4**: two respondents

Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the contribution of remittances to development; the contribution made by migrants to sustainable development; harnessing the contribution of diasporas; and international migration as a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination.

⇨ **GCM theme 5**: two respondents

Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution.

Recurrent recommendations refer to the need to address the drivers of migration; addressing the situations of migrants in countries in crisis; and international migration as a potential opportunity for migrants and their families.

⇨ **GCM theme 6**: two respondents

Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficked victims.

Recurrent recommendations refer to combatting human trafficking and the assistance to victims of trafficking.

II.   Good Practices and Innovative Solutions

Survey results revealed a vast array of good practices in the region, including on legislation, policies, structures, projects, handbooks and methodologies. Most of the good practices cited consist of manuals, handbooks, methodologies. There are also certain regional policies and legislation.

❑ *Innovative Solutions*

The Almaty Process guidelines mainstreaming gender-sensitive mechanisms into national-level policies, programs and activities is an innovative step to address migrant women's specific vulnerabilities. Also on the topic of protection, the Pension Agreement for workers of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Commission is indicated and expected to increase social protection for its members. The Eurasian Economic Commission's 2025 Digital Agenda also represents an innovative to encourage more effective information interaction among Member States.

❑ Highlights of good practices from the region:

⇨ Legislation and Policies

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue   national policy of inclusiveness

- Almaty Process amended migration policies in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

- Free movement of labour force in the Eurasian Economic Community

- Rome Declaration

⇨ Projects

- ACP-EU Migration Action

- Almaty Process Migrant Vulnerabilities and Integration Needs in Central Asia Project

- Budapest Process Silks Routes Partnership Project 2014-2017

- Prague Process Targeted Initiative Project

⇨ Capacity Building Mechanisms

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue   skills training on reintegration

⇨ Manuals, Guidance and Publications

- Almaty Process Mapping on Irregular Migration in Central Asia

- Almaty Process Regional Field Assessment in Central Asia on Migrant Vulnerabilities and Integration Needs in Central Asia

- Budapest Process Training Manual on (irregular) migration, border management, anti-smuggling and counter human trafficking

- Prague Process handbooks on Return and readmission; Identification of Irregular migrants; Labour and Circular Migration; International Student Mobility; Integration; Quality in the Asylum Process

⇨ Structures

- Free movement of labour force in the Eurasian Economic Community

- Network of Regional experts on data in Central Asia

⇨ Research, Data Collection and Analysis

- 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean

- Eurasian Economic Commission's 2025 Digital Agenda

- UNECE methodologies on migration data, including data on circular migration

⇨ On-going inter-state dialogue and cooperation on common issues of migration

- 5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean

- ACP-EU Migration Dialogue

- Almaty Process

- Budapest Process

- Khartoum Process

- Prague Process