A GLANCE AT THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION (GCM)

THE GCM IS:

- An inter-governmentally negotiated agreement prepared under the auspices of the United Nations and organized under 23 Objectives.
- Aimed at improving cooperation on international migration.
- Not legally binding, but consistent with human rights treaties and fully respectful of States’ sovereignty.
- Covers all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive way.
- Rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and aimed at maximizing the potential of migration to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Negotiated between 2016 and 2018 to be formally adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference in December 2018.

IMPLEMENTATION

- To be implemented by Governments in cooperation and partnership with migrants and all relevant stakeholders.

FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW

- An International Migration Review Forum shall take place every four years beginning in 2022 with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.
- The Forum will discuss and share progress on implementation at all levels and will approve an inter-governmentally agreed Progress Declaration.

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MEMBER STATES’ COMMITMENTS

PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANTS BY:

- Objective 6: Reviewing employment recruitment mechanisms to guarantee that they are fair and ethical
- Objective 13: Using immigration detention only as a measure of last resort, and working towards alternatives
- Objective 15: Providing access to basic services for migrants regardless of their migration status
- Objective 16: Empowering migrants to become active members of society and promoting mutual respect and understanding between migrants and receiving communities
- Objective 17: Eliminating all forms of discrimination and related intolerance against all migrants
- Objective 18: Investing in the identification and development of migrants’ skills and qualifications.

REDUCE FORCED MIGRATION BY:

- Objective 2: Minimizing factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
- Objective 5: Enhancing pathways for regular migration
- Objective 19: Creating conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development
- Objective 20: Improving the remittance transfer process and migrants’ access to financial institutions.
- Objective 22: Making social security entitlements and earned benefits portable
- Objective 23: Strengthening international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

IMPROVE MIGRATION MANAGEMENT BY:

- Objective 1: Collecting and utilizing accurate and disaggregated data
- Objective 3: Providing accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
- Objective 4: Ensuring that all migrants, including stateless people, have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
- Objective 7: Reducing vulnerabilities of migrants in countries of origin, transit and destination
- Objective 12: Increasing legal certainty and predictability of migration procedures
- Objective 14: Strengthening consular protection and assistance

ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF MIGRATION BY:

- Objective 8: Saving lives and preventing migrants’ deaths and injuries
- Objective 9: Intensifying joint efforts to prevent and counter smuggling of migrants
- Objective 10: Acting to prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons
- Objective 11: Promoting bilateral and regional cooperation to manage national borders in a coordinated manner
- Objective 21: Facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration

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