REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)

Meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM)

**Hotel Real Intercontinental**

**San Jose, Costa Rica**

# 18 - 19 November, 2013

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**Sunday, November 17th**

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| All day  Afternoon | Arrival of delegations to the Hotel  Bilateral meetings |
| 17:00 – 18:30 | Registration and delivery of nametags for delegates.  **Venue: Real Intercontinental Hotel, Poró Room** |

**Monday, November 18th**

**MEETINGS OF THE LIAISON OFFICERS NETWORKS**

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| 07:30 – 08:30 | Registration and delivery of nametags continues  **Venue: Real III Room** |
| 08:30 – 13:00 | Parallel meetings.   * Liaison Officers Network for Consular Protection   **Venue: Laurel I Room**   * Liaison Officers Network to Combat Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling   **Venue: Real III Room**  **Note**: **Refer to the specific agendas of these meetings** |
| 13:00 - 15:00 | Lunch (Arboleda Room) |

MEETING OF THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION GROUP ON MIGRATION (RCGM)

Venue: Real III Room

***Note: Statements scheduled in the program until the break time are open to participants of the RNCOM***

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| 15:00 – 15:15 | Opening Remarks by the Presidency Pro-Témpore (PPT)  ***Lead: PPT.***   * Approval of the agenda * Logistical Information * Designation of representatives for the Drafting Committee * Designation of a Rapporteur to lead both the RCGM and RCM Drafting Committees (PPT) |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Report by the Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat (TS)   * Activity and Financial report for the period May 2013 – October 2013 * Report of the Coordinator’s participation in the Regional Latin American and the Caribbean Meeting of Experts on International Migration, in preparation for the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in July in Santiago, Chile. * Route of action for the election of the new Coordinator of the TS |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | Report on events:   * Seminar on Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Adolescents, held in La Antigua, Guatemala, 27-28 August, 2013. ***[Lead: Guatemala/TS]*** * Regional Workshop on Policies, Practices and Recommendations for the Return, Reintegration and Integration of Migrants, held in San José, Costa Rica, on September 17 and 18, 2013. ***[Lead: PPT/TS]*** * Meeting of the Regional Coalition to Combat Trafficking in Persons, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, October 11th, 2013. ***[Lead: PPT/TS]*** |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Presentation by the RNCOM and dialogue with Member Countries.   * *During the previous meeting of the RCGM, held in June, 2013 in Costa Rica, the RNCOM presented a Proposed Action Protocol for the RCM-RNCOM Ad-Hoc Group. Countries were requested to submit to the TS their considerations and proposals by September 30, at the latest. (Conclusion #3)* * *During the same dialogue space of the past meeting of the RCGM, the RNCOM committed to share a new proposal for working together with the RCM, which would be analyzed before this meeting of the RCGM. This document is now available to would be discussed in this space.*   ***Reference documents****: Proposal for Joint Actions (submitted by the RNCOM’s Technical Secretariat to the RCM TS).* |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | Coffee Break |
| 16:45 – 17:00 | Update on advances regarding the Ad-hoc Working Group to discuss, analyze and define objectives on the topic of Extra-continental Migration Flows in the Region. ***[Lead: Mexico/El Salvador]***   * *During the XVIII Vice-Ministerial Meeting of the RCM, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, 27-28 June, 2013, the Vice-Ministers encouraged Member Countries that haven’t done so, to submit the matrix on extra-continental migration flows to help on the systematization of this information in the RCM* ***(Decision #3)****.They also decided to hold a meeting in Washington, DC, between consuls of countries of origin, transit and destination, organized by IOM* ***(Decision #2)****.* * *IOM will address the details of the meeting in DC.* * *It will also be discussed the RCM position regarding a possible participation in the XIII South American Conference on Migration to be held in Colombia, December 4-5.* |
| **Topic: Policies and Migration Management** | |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Analysis of the impact in the region of new immigration provisions in Cuba, which entered into force in January 2013, in order to rethink the strategy of the Ad-hoc Group to develop a regional proposal in response to the concern of some Members of the RCM on irregular migration of Cuban nationals from other countries in the region, and the vulnerability of these movements. ***[Lead: Costa Rica]***   * *During the previous meeting of the RCGM, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, 25-26 June, 2013, countries agreed to continue observing the transit, detection and irregular entrance of Cuban nationals and recognized, based on the statistics provided by Member Countries, the change in the dynamics of these movements. Also, Costa Rica committed to prepare a matrix for the systematization of information on the movements of Cuban nationals, which will be shared through the Technical Secretariat in no more than three months.* ***(Conclusion #8, paragraphs b) and c))*** |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Migration and Natural Disasters ***[Lead: Costa Rica]***   * *During the previous meeting of the RCGM, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, 25-26 June, 2013, countries decided to include the topic of Migration and Natural Disasters in the RCGM’s agenda. They also requested the TS to compile inputs from Member Countries, Observer Counties and Observer Organizations so the PPT presents a work proposal during this meeting.* ***(Conclusion #14 of the RCGM)*** * *The TS requested Member Countries to submit their inputs by August 31st, at the latest, but no information was received.* |
| 18:00 – 19:00  19:30 – 21:30 | Meeting of the Drafting Committee **(Conclusions and Recommendations)**  ***Lead: PPT***  **Venue: Laurel I Room**  **Cocktail for delegates hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**  **Venue: Arboleda Room** |

**TUESDAY, November 19th**

**Cedro Room**

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| 08:30 – 08:45 | **Meeting begins:** Report of the Liaison Officers Network for Consular Protection. ***[Lead: PPT]*** | |
| 08:45 – 09:00 | Report of the Liaison Officers Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons.  ***[Lead: PPT]*** | |
| **Topic: Policies and Migration Management** | | |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Space for country delegations to present their progress on policies and migration management   * *Costa Rica: Comprehensive Migration Policy in Costa Rica.* * *Presentation by the United States.* * *Presentation by the Dominican Republic.* | |
| **Topic: Migration and Development** | | | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | | Discussion on the results of the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development held in New York, 3-4 October, 2013.  ***[Lead: PPT]*** | |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | | Coffee break | |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | | Presentation of the results from the Regional Workshop on Policies, Practices and Recommendations for the Return, Reintegration and Integration of Migrants, to be held in San José, Costa Rica, on 17 and 18 September, 2013.  ***[Lead: PPT]*** | |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | | Space for country delegations to present their progress on migration and development.   * *Costa Rica: Immigration Advisory on Negotiations of Free Trade Agreements.* | |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | | **Lunch (Arboleda Room)** | |
| **Topic: Human Rights** | | | |
| 13:00 – 13:30 | | Update on progress regarding mechanisms for the identification of missing migrants. ***[Lead: TS]***   * *During the previous meeting of the RCGM, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, 25-26 June, 2013, Member Countries requested the TS to prepare a document with inputs provide by El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, regarding their mechanisms for the identification of missing migrants.* | |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | | Presentation of results from the *Seminar on Unaccompanied Migrant Children,* held in Antigua, Guatemala, 27-28 August, 2013.  ***[Lead: Guatemala]***  *• Best practices when dealing with unaccompanied children*  ***Presentation requested by Canada*** | |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | | Review to recommend for Vice-Minister's approval the “Guide for Secretariats and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Central America and Mexico to Address Trafficking in Persons.” | |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | | Space for country delegations to present their progress on human rights.   * *Costa Rica: Regularization of indigenous populations.* | |
| 15:30 – 15:50 | | Coffee break | |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | | Report of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on the projects related to the RCM. ***[Lead: IOM]*** | |
| 16:00 – 16:10 | | Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the progress related to the international protection of refugees within the region.  ***[Lead: UNHCR]*** | |
| 16:10 – 16:20 | | Report of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the protection of migrants within the region. ***[Lead: ICRC]*** | |
| 16:20 – 16:30 | | Proposals of new activities | |
| 16:20 – 17:30 | | Meeting of the Drafting Committee **(Conclusions and Recommendations)**  ***Lead: PPT***  ***Venue: Laurel I Room*** | |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | | Discussion and Approval of Conclusions and Recommendations **(Lead: PPT)**  ***Venue: Cedro Room*** | |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | | Ceremony to formally hand over the PPT of the RCM from Costa Rica to Nicaragua. | |
| **END OF THE PROGRAM** | | | |