**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**PLENARY MEETING OF THE**

**SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (SACM) AND THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)**

1. **BACKGROUND**

In a globalized and interdependent world, the processes of international mobility of persons and migration have become a widely consolidated matter which is prioritized in the policies and agendas of the international community and of each State. According to estimates of the United Nations, the number of migrants reached more than **244 million** in 2015, and recent reports state that an estimated 280 million people are living in a country other than their country of origin.

In this regard, the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene a high-level plenary meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants, and the New York Declaration was adopted at the meeting. Based on the Declaration, a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration is being developed to establish a set of principles, commitments and understandings between the United Nations Member States concerning international migration in all its dimensions, with a comprehensive approach and with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the centre. The Global Compact on Migration (GCM) will be based on international law, international human rights law, international legislation on migrants and other commitments, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Agenda, among others.

The process of the GCM includes a phase of consultations, assessment and negotiation. Six thematic sessions are considered within the framework of the initial consultation phases. Four of the sessions have already been conducted. The following topics have been addressed at the sessions:

* Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance;
* Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crisis through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution;
* International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration; and
* Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits.

During the work sessions the need was identified to adopt a regional perspective on this process, particularly in view of the future scenario of the culmination of the first consultation phase and the beginning of the second phase of assessment. The objective of the second phase is to present perspectives which did not emerge during the previous consultations and to analyse and discuss the inputs received to date and examine means of implementation as well as follow-up and review mechanisms for the development of the Global Compact.

The above requires a regional effort, which has taken the form of a series of meetings between the Troikas of the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) and the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) as well as meetings of the focal points of each process; that is, Chile (SACM) and Panama (RCM). The objective of these work sessions has been to reach general agreement concerning the input that the region wishes to provide for the GCM.

1. **OBJECTIVE OF THE PLENARY MEETING**

The objective of the plenary meeting is to assess the advances of the initial phase of the GCM and to lay the groundwork for a common regional stance on orderly, safe and regular migration expressed in principles, commitments and understandings.

1. **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

The plenary meeting will be held by the Pro-Tempore Presidency of the South American Conference on Migration (CSM) and the Regional Conference on Migration (CRM).

It is expected that the member countries of the SACM[[1]](#footnote-1) and RCM[[2]](#footnote-2), representatives of ECLAC, representatives of the IOM Regional Offices in San José, Costa Rica, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, Technical Secretariats of the SACM and RCM and other specialized international organizations will participate.

The meeting would be held in the first quarter of 2018, in a Member Country of the MCA to be defined, with the participation of at least one delegate per country.

1. **PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**Day 1:**

08:30 - 09:00 **Participant registration**

09:00 - 09:50 **Welcoming remarks, introductory presentation and opening session**

* Remarks by the PPT of the RCM and the PPT of the SACM
* Speech of Panama as the country hosting the event

09:50 - 10:00 Coffee break

10:00 - 11:00 Presentation: The Global Compact on Migration and an Assessment of the Regional Input to the Process

11:00 - 12:30 Work Session 1: *Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance*

Work session developed by:

* Speakers: PPT of the SACM and/or Technical Secretariat (TS) of the RCM;
* Panellists: One RCM Member Country and one SACM Member Country;
* Facilitator: One RCM Member Country or one SACM Member Country.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Work Session 2: *Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crisis through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution*

Work session developed by:

* Speakers: PPT of the SACM and/or TS of the RCM;
* Panellists: One RCM Member Country and one SACM Member Country;
* Facilitator: One RCM Member Country or one SACM Member Country.

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 - 16:15 Work Session 3: *International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration*

Work session developed by:

* Speakers: PPT of the SACM and/or TS of the RCM;
* Panellists: One RCM Member Country and one SACM Member Country;
* Facilitator: One RCM Member Country or one SACM Member Country.

17:00 - 17:45 Final considerations and closing remarks

**Day 2:**

08:30 - 09:00 **Participant registration**

09:00 – 10:00 Second Phase of the Global Compact on Migration: Role and Challenges of the Region in this Process

10:00 - 10:10 Coffee break

10:10 - 11:40 Work Session 4: *Contributions of migrants and diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits*

Work session developed by:

* Speakers: PPT of the SACM and/or TS of the RCM;
* Panellists: One RCM Member Country and one SACM Member Country;
* Facilitator: One RCM Member Country or one SACM Member Country.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Work Session 5: *Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims*

Work session developed by:

* Speakers: PPT of the SACM and/or TS of the RCM;
* Panellists: One RCM Member Country and one SACM Member Country;
* Facilitator: One RCM Member Country or one SACM Member Country.

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 - 16:15 Work Session 6: *Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures*

Work session developed by:

* Speakers: PPT of the SACM and/or TS of the RCM;
* Panellists: One RCM Member Country and one SACM Member Country;
* Facilitator: One RCM Member Country or one SACM Member Country.

16:15 - 17:00 Final considerations and closing remarks (PPT of the SACM and PPT of the RCM)

1. **ESTIMATED BUDGET**

| **RUBRO** | **CANTIDAD** | **VALOR POR UNIDAD** | **INVERSIÓN POR DÍA (O EN TOTAL DE UNIDADES A UTILIZAR)** | **INVERSIÓN TOTAL DURANTE EL EVENTO** |
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| Pasajes aéreos ( 1 representante por país y 5 expertos) | 26 | $1,500.00 | $39,00.00 | $39,000.00 |
| Alojamiento (habitación estándar ) | 26 | $90.00 | $2,340.00 | $4,680.00 |
| Coctel de bienvenida: 50 personas | 100 | $20.00 | $2,000.00 | $2,000.00 |
| Alimentación (incluye coffee break am y otro en pm más almuerzo) | 60 | $30.00 | $1,800.00 | $3,600.00 |
| Comunicaciones | 1 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| Material de apoyo: USB con ponencias y doctos del evento | 50 | $5.00 | $250.00 | $250.00 |
| Papelería | 1 | $500.00 | $500.00 | $500.00 |
| Servicios de traducción simultanea | 2 | $1,500.00 | $1,500.00 | $3,000.00 |
| Elaboración de memoria del evento | 1 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| Transporte | 2 | $1,500.00 | $1,500.00 | $3,000.00 |
| Misceláneos | 1 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| SUB TOTAL |  |  |  | $59,030.00 |
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1. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay y Venezuela [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Belie, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, United States, Guatemala, Honduras México, Nicaragua, Panamá y Dominican Republic. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)