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DEVELOPMENT OF LINES OF ACTION OF THE RCM TO MAINSTREAM MIGRATION INTO THE 2030 AGENDA

PANAMA CITY, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

TWO WORKSHOPS, AUGUST 28TH AND 29TH AND OCTOBER 2ND AND 3RD OF 2018

CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

Since its creation in 1996, the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), has worked towards the unification of efforts for the protection of the human rights of migrants, while strengthening the links between migration and development.

Along those lines, and taking as a reference the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Migration Governance Framework that was approved by IOM Member States through Resolution No. 1310, as well as, the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, within which the Global Compact for a safe, regular and orderly migration was developed, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Presidency Pro Tempore, which is held by the Government of Panama for the current year, has set as its general objective the promotion of "improved migration governance through mainstreaming the SDGs into the work of the RCM and regionalizing them."¹

Consequently, the Presidency Pro Tempore held by Panama, has requested IOM's cooperation for the development of lines of actions for the RCM to mainstream migration into the 2030 Agenda.

As a starting point, a regional assessment about the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the mainstreaming of migration in its implementation will be conducted; The assessment findings will be shared during the first of two workshops that will be summoned by the PPT that will take place in Panama City on August 27th and 28th of this year. The workshop will be opportune for the identification of possible lines of actions for the mainstreaming of migration into the 2030 Agenda.

A second workshop will be held on October 2nd and 3rd in Panama City, during which a proposal about the lines of actions will be presented to be taken into consideration and subsequently validated.

Both workshops will be targeted at migration authorities and authorities who lead the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and will be organized with co-funding from IOM, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR); and the collaboration of international observer organizations, such as the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

¹ Concept Note developed by the Government of Panama about the main theme of the PPT for 2018.





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Lastly, a presentation of the lines of action will be made during the Vice-Ministerial meeting, that will take place between the 12th and 15th of November of the current year, with the aim that these lines of action may serve as a reference for the Member States of the RCM.

OBJECTIVE

To develop the lines of action for mainstreaming migration into the 2030 Agenda within the framework of the RCM and with the active participation of and in consultation with the Member States, which will subsequently be presented to the Vice Ministers of the Member States of the RCM.

PARTICIPANTS

The focal points of the migration authorities and the authorities that lead the implementation of the 2030 Agenda of the Member States of the RCM, and the international observer organisms will participate.

METHODOLOGY

The workshops will be in-person and of two days each.

During the workshops the following topics will be covered:

- The terminology of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 objectives, and the general structure of the targets and indicators.
- The SDGs implementation and follow-up mechanisms at the regional level and the global framework.
- The inclusion of migration related topics in the 2030 Agenda along with its specific targets.
- A discussion about the current state of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in relation with the goals and targets that are directly linked with migration. The challenges and opportunities.
- The revision and consolidation of lines of action for mainstreaming migration into the SDGs.

Development of the workshops. The development and facilitation of the workshops will be conducted in coordination with IOM and other interested international observer organisms, such as ILO, ECLAC, UNDP and UNFPA. This will be participative and integrative process.

Work tables. The tables will be organized by core topics, and recommendations and conclusions will be prepared for the development of a proposal of lines of action.

Plenary. Once the work tables process has concluded, the proposals that were developed by core topics will be presented.

Conclusions. During the plenary session the conclusions and recommendations that will be presented during the Vice-Ministerial meeting to be held from the 12th to the 15th of November will be determined.

