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WEBINAR SERIES

Characteristics, best practices, preparation and approach of intra-regional massive flows

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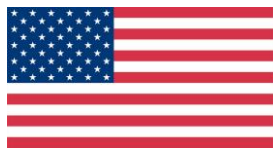
CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

Since 2018 there have been massive migratory flows called migrant caravans in Central America and Mexico, according to the data from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the number of migrants that make up each caravan varies widely. It is unknown how many caravans and migrants have left since October 2018. The caravans have been kept over time, the most recent being registered on October 1, 2020, this migrant caravan left Honduras and according to OCHA on that occasion between 3,500 and 4,000 people were counted, this happened within the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, the need to generate a dialogue between the Countries is imminent to analyze the challenges in the current context regarding the caravans of people, including the role of transnational organized crime in these human movements and the needs for humanitarian assistance and protection linked to the presence of mixed flows.

An orderly and comprehensive approach to this type of scenario can be strengthened through the Migration Crisis Operational Framework (MCOF), this document was established at the request of IOM Member States, due to the growing interest shown



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by the Countries in the impact of crisis situations on migration. The MCOF was approved at the Hundredth first Meeting of the Council of the Standing Committee on Programs and Finance (CPPF) at IOM; in November 2012.

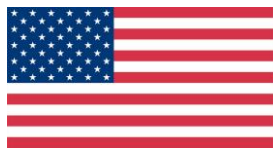
With this tool as indicated in its introductory section, subparagraphs b) and d), it seeks to help populations affected by crisis, including displaced persons and stranded international migrants in crisis situations in destination or transit countries, to enjoy their fundamental rights to protection and assistance through the support that IOM provides to States in order to consolidate IOM's partnerships with States, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders in relation to humanitarian response, migration, peace and security, and development.

This work of respect for the safety and dignity of people in crisis situations is shared by other agencies of the United Nations System, that is why UNODC in coordination with IOM offered support to carry out a series of webinars on characteristics, best practices, preparation and approach of massive intra-regional flows. This activity was established within the recommendations of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), during the virtual meeting held on September 29 and 30, 2020, with the participation of representatives of Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic.

The Working Group on Irregular and Mass Migration during its virtual meeting on September 28, had the participation of representatives of Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic. They agreed to request the support of the IOM in the preparation of the Regional Guide for attention to massive flows to present a progress at the next meeting of the Working Group, in the first week of December.

Also, in the area of migrant smuggling, the RCM has a Work Plan (2019-2025), it was developed with technical support from the IOM and UNODC. The approved Plan has an implementation period of five years, and although it is non-binding in nature, it shows the existence of commitment and political will on the part of the States to coordinate efforts in the fight against this scourge.

Additionally, it has the participation of the Joint Border Intelligence Group, in its acronym GCIF (in Spanish), which is constituted as a multinational and multidisciplinary center that promotes collaboration and coordination of criminal intelligence against Transnational Criminal Organizations and their participants, currently It has 6 participating countries and



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5 collaborating countries. The Joint Border Intelligence Group was created in May 2018, with the purpose of facilitating collaboration between national and international institutions throughout the region to coordinate Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) issues, as well as the development of activities for the prosecution of information, profiling and intelligence products, aimed at detecting people involved, or allegedly involved, in various crimes of Transnational Organized Crime that operate in the country and at the regional level.

In this way, it is proposed to carry out this series of webinars on characteristics, best practices, preparation and approach of the massive intra-regional flows that will allow to respond to the need expressed by the member countries of the RCM in the matter.

OBJECTIVE

Promote technical dialogue among the RCM Member Countries, in order to strengthen knowledge of the massive intra-regional movements of people, from a comprehensive and coordinated perspective, which generates a rapid response and standardized criteria to respond to the phenomenon.

METHODOLOGY

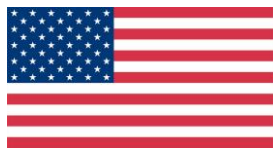
The modality is virtual, in Webinar format. The activity will take place in 2 sessions of 2 hours, on November 16 and 17. It is expected to have the participation of representatives of the Cross-Border Intelligence Group, UNODC and IOM, in the development of the sessions, followed by a guided space of exchange between the attendees, representatives of the RCM Member Countries.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The Workshop is aimed at the representatives of the RCM Member Countries, and in particular the technical members of the Working Group on Irregular and Mass Migration.

The presence of the following participant profiles from each of the countries is expected. Being in virtual mode, the number of participants is not restricted:





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- At least two officials, prosecutors or solicitors, with judicial functions in crimes associated with the smuggling of migrants.
- Minimum of two officials in charge of immigration control.
- Minimum of two officials in charge of border control.
- At least two officials, representatives of the investigation units in charge of crimes associated and related to the Smuggling of Migrants.

SESSION CALENDAR

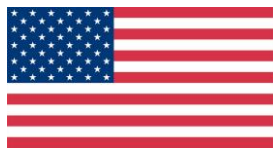
Day	Thematic content
Monday, November 16	TOPIC 1: Context and challenges of the massive movements of people called caravans.
09:00 – 09:20	<p>1. <u>Opening remarks</u> <i>Presidency Pro-Témpore, Working Group on Irregular and Mass Migration</i></p>
09:20 -09:30	<p>2. <u>Panel of Experts: Moderator: UNODC</u></p> <p>Brief contextual summary to guide the session / key points to be addressed by the facilitator</p>
09:30-10:30	<p>Panelists: Raúl Fuentes y Gisselle Pérez, Strategic Analysis Team of the Joint Border Intelligence Group.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Factors that influence the motivation of mass movements of people 2. Profiles of the organizers 3. Modus operandi 4. Effects of massive movements of people



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10:30 – 11:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Good practices in institutional response 6. Vulnerability of the people who are the object of the smuggling of migrants, due to the massive movement of people. <p><u>3. Questions and answers</u></p>
<p>Tuesday, November 17</p> <p>9:00 - 09:10</p> <p>9:10 - 9:40</p>	<p>TOPIC 2: Presentation of potential practical tools to guide the preparation and approach of massive intra-regional flows.</p> <p><u>1. Introduction:</u> Brief recap of the previous day</p> <p><u>2. Presentations:</u> <i>Moderator: IOM</i></p> <p>a) Efraín Guerrero, Migration and Crisis Technical Specialist, IOM Western Hemisphere Program</p> <p>MIGRATION CRISIS OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK (MCOF).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IOM's approach to migration crises. 2. What is the MCOF? 3. Interrelation between <i>Migration Governance Framework</i> (MIGOF) and MCOF. 4. Types of populations affected by crises. 5. Structure of the MCOF. Stages, Sectors, Links. 6. Strategic Crisis Response Plan. MCOF. (8 steps) 7. Example: practical case. 8. Conclusions on how the MCOF provides key guidelines (good practices) in the preparation and approach of international massive flows <p>b) Cy Winter, IOM Senior Regional Specialist in Migration Management.</p> <p>Lessons learned in responding to massive flows in the region:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation



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9:40 – 10:10	2. Operations 3. Existing tools
10:10 - 11:00	3. Guided dialogue: PPT suggests a dialogue on the experiences of the countries receiving these flows (United States, Mexico, Guatemala, etc.), analysis of the tools presented and relevance / next steps for the development or adaptation of a tool in the RCM framework