

Regional Conference on Migration

UNDP as an International Observer Organization

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Why?

1. The need to integrate migration as a factor of sustainable development;
2. The institutional commitment of UNDP to contribute to the two Global Compacts derived from the New York Declaration;
3. The relevance of migration processes in contexts that are key to the stability of the region.

Why?

The need to integrate migration as a factor of sustainable development

- The importance of migration to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- The Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) as a key forum to understand the interactions between migration and development in the region.

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The institutional commitment of UNDP to contribute to the two Global Compacts derived from the New York Declaration

1. To strengthen the available evidence base on migration;
2. To discuss and address the primary causes of displacement and migration;
3. To support governments at the national and local level in the design of relevant strategies, institutions, and policies;
4. To support receiving communities and local integration and innovation processes;
5. To generate favourable conditions for voluntary return and community-based reintegration.

Why?

The relevance of migration processes in contexts that are key to the stability of the region

- A high relative impact of migration on the social and economic dynamics in Central America;
- Migration as a potential factor of instability and/or economic development;
- The RCM as an ideal platform for coordinating efforts with key government agencies, institutions and international organizations addressing the topic of migration.

For what purpose?

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2. To strengthen current regional processes;
3. To make significant contributions in the medium and long term in regard to migration matters.

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- To take into account the efforts that other actors (government actors, regional bodies, civil society organizations, United Nations agencies) are implementing in matters of migration;
- To add value, complement current efforts and close existing gaps that we can help resolve.

For what purpose?

To strengthen current regional processes

- The urgency of joining efforts to seize the historic opportunity represented by the two Global Compacts derived from the New York Declaration;
- Joint Initiative for the Northern Triangle Countries of Central America: Coordination with UNICEF, UNHCR and IOM to more effectively support the governments of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador in providing assistance and protection to returning migrants and migrants in transit and addressing the causes of violence.

For what purpose?

To make significant contributions in the medium and long term in regard to migration matters

- To reduce migration out of necessity, addressing the driving factors of migration and the causes of displacement through the reduction of poverty, adaptation to climate change and the strengthening of governance and administration of justice;
- To potentiate the benefits of migration for development by improving the flow of remittances, supporting the provision of services for migrants at the local level and facilitating local (re-) integration of returning migrants;
- To develop comprehensive policy frameworks that incorporate the aspects of migration in national and local development plans, taking into account migration as a key factor for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

Questions?