

KEY MILESTONES AND PROGRESS

#5 – LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN CIVIL SOCIETY AND OTHER

STAKEHOLDERS OPEN AND PERMANENT DIALOGUE MECHANISM - JUNE 2023



The [Latin America and the Caribbean Civil Society and other stakeholders Open and Permanent Dialogue Mechanism](#) (“The Mechanism”) is a space for dialogue, advice and consultation within the framework of the [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) (“GCM”). It is composed of more than 80 civil society organisations from the region. Since its creation in February 2022, the Mechanism has made progress in consolidating its working architecture and governance, as well as identifying priority areas, challenges, good practices, lessons learned and opportunities for action, while strengthening its commitment in GCM implementation, follow-up and review and the [Progress Declaration](#).

WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE?

As platform for promotion, consultation and exchange of information and knowledge on the GCM, the Mechanism has taken concrete actions that have allowed:

- The inclusion in the Mechanism of a wide range of members belonging to civil society and other stakeholders from across the region;
- The consolidation of four Working Tables (WTs) per thematic area with appointed secretaries and delegates;
- The creation of a Liaison Table (LT) responsible for articulating efforts between the WTs and the UN System.
- The creation of a Technical Table to ensure operations of the 4 WTs through developing and implementing Annual Operational Plan 2023-24 (AOP).

- Inclusive consultation processes to identify priority areas in the region toward organizing the First Forum with Civil Society and governments. The Forum will be held in the second semester of 2023, as part of the pledge by the United Nations Regional Network on Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean (“Regional Network”).
- Successfully organizing a hybrid workshop on Migration Narratives and Migrant Contributions to Sustainable Development in Santiago, Chile.
- Capacity building of the LT by sharing studies on migrants’ narratives and their contributions to sustainable development.

WT 1

DRIVERS OF MIGRATION AND REGULAR PATHWAYS



- Coordinating the Technical Table during the first trimester of 2023.
- Voting and electing the Table’s secretariat, principal, and alternate delegates.
- Creating a Fact Sheet on the Table’s progress and milestones in 2022-23.

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WT 2

BORDER GOVERNANCE, SAVING LIVES AND SUSTAINABLE REINTEGRATION



- Prioritising GCM objectives 4 (legal identity), 8 (saving lives), and 13 (alternatives to detention) in the agenda.
- Developing the 2023 Operational Plan.
- Creating and strengthening of internal and external communication and coordination strategies.
- Voting and electing the Table’s secretariat, principal, and alternate delegates.

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WT 3

INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS



- Prioritising GCM objectives 16 (inclusion and social cohesion); 19 (migrant and diaspora contributions) and, 20 (social protection) in the agenda.
- Developing the 2022-23 Operational Plan.
- Creation of a Manual of Procedures and Technical Coordination of the Table.
- Voting and electing the Table's secretariat, principal, and alternate delegates.

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WT 4

DATA, INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING



- Identifying working areas and activities (seminars, courses and workshops) divided into three sub-tables, namely, data reliability; public policy advocacy; and international cooperation.
- Developing a communication strategy and dissemination of the Table's mandate.
- Voting and electing the Table's secretariat, principal, and alternate delegates.

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WHAT OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN SET FOR 2023?

Three strategic areas of work have been identified, which will contribute to strengthening the collaboration among the Mechanism, government representatives and the Regional Network:

1. Significantly improving **communication and visibility** regarding the Mechanism and its mandate, particularly toward government representatives, new civil society actors and stakeholders at local, national and regional levels.
2. **Expanding – both sectorally and geographically – the Mechanism's outreach and membership** to other civil society actors and stakeholders throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. **Promoting the Mechanism's impact** on migration public policies in the region throughout the implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM.

WHAT RESULTS ARE EXPECTED BY 2023?

Communication and visibility

- Identifying and systematising good practices to be published in the [Network's Hub](#) and promoting their replication.
- Promoting the Mechanism's participation in activities organised at regional level as well as in other dialogue spaces.
- Creating communication products and knowledge materials.
- Articulating efforts between the Mechanism at regional level and other stakeholders at national level.
- Creating a digital site dedicated to the Mechanism.

Expansion, coordination and scope

Engaging partners from sectors and geographical areas that are currently under-represented in the Mechanism.

Impact and influence

- Consolidating the Mechanism's inputs with a view to organising the Forum with Civil Society and governments and contributing to the regional and global review of the GCM.
- Strengthening the capacities of the Mechanism's members in communication and migration related thematic areas.
- Formulating new commitments within the framework of the GCM 'pledges' initiative.

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