

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Regional webinars in Latin America and the Caribbean towards the International Migration Review Forum

March 29, 2022

Concept Note and Agenda

Round table 1: Drivers and regular pathways



The International Migration Review Forum (IMRF or Forum) is the primary global intergovernmental platform where Member States can discuss and showcase the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). In efforts to support Member States, civil society and other relevant stakeholders towards the IMRF, the United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNNM-LAC) organizes a [regional multistakeholder webinars series](#) as of late March until late April 2022. These webinars, which replicate the structure of the global dialogues facilitated by the United Nations Network on Migration Secretariat, offer an open, inclusive space with a regional focus to discuss approaches to achieving a rights-based migration for the benefit of all in compliance with the guidelines of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. They are also designed to help Member States, civil society and other stakeholders prepare for the Forum's roundtables and policy debate.

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1. Background

The first session of this regional webinars series will be held on March 29, 2022, and will offer a space to discuss progress in the implementation of GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18. It also acknowledges that the GCM is based on a set of ten cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles¹.

This first round table covers a wide variety of topics. Objective 2, focused on minimizing the adverse drivers of migration, is an area where many countries face challenges. Objective 5 and 12 focus on ensuring that people can migrate through regular pathways and with predictable procedures. Objectives 6 and 18 cover key issues related to ethical recruitment and decent work as well as the development and recognition of the skills of migrant workers.

¹People-centered, international cooperation, national sovereignty, rule of law and procedural guarantees, sustainable development, human rights, gender perspective, child perspective, whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach.

Labor migration currently accounts for more than half of migratory movements worldwide, with migrant workers reaching almost 5 per cent of the global labor force (169 million) and around 2 per cent of the global labor force regionally (5.9 million). The COVID-19 pandemic has reaffirmed the essential role of migrants² as a means to drive progress, create decent jobs for all and improve living standards.

The GCM Regional Review process once again stressed that attention to the structural factors that determine migratory processes continues to be limited, despite the efforts made by the countries. Likewise, it recognized the importance of working further on migratory regularization as a priority to promote access to rights, decent work, the enhancement of the contributions of migrants to development and the prevention vulnerabilities. To this end, it is important to address regularization through a holistic approach from the registration process of irregular migrants to their integration into society, both at the level of education, protection, health and access to the labor market.

2. Guiding questions

- a. What actions could be implemented to prevent the displacement of populations and mitigate the vulnerabilities that people - particularly women and children-, face as a result of climate change and environmental degradation? What are the main challenges that persist?
- b. Considering the different South/North migratory flows that take place within the Americas, how can progress be made through a regional strategy that minimizes the drivers that lead to irregular migration and which actors, in addition to governments, should engage? What regularization mechanisms, in addition to those already in place, could be implemented in response to these migratory flows?
- c. What good practices have been implemented to expand the regular pathways of admission, stay and access to legal identity and adequate documentation for migrants? How to ensure rights-based migratory regularization pathways?
- d. What good practices of collaboration between different sectors of government, civil society, the private sector and other relevant actors can be highlighted to improve the implementation of fair and ethical recruitment and ensure safe, orderly and regular labor migration?
- e. The Global Compact for Migration calls for skills development and the recognition of qualifications and skills of migrants. Although progress has been achieved in this regard across the region, according to you, what are the challenges that persist and potential recommendations to address them?

3. Agenda

² ILO, 2021, ILO Global Estimates on International Migrant Workers – Results and Methodology – Third edition

Date: March 29, 2022

9:00-10:30 A.M (Costa Rica) | 12.00-13.30 P.M (Argentina)

Platform: zoom

20 minutes	<p>Moderator: Juan Viloría, Regional Coordinator, Coalition for Venezuela.</p> <p>Opening remarks to the webinar series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Marcelo Pisani, Regional Director for South America, IOM.• Mr. Rudi Maxwald, Senior Regional Policy and Liaison Officer, IOM Regional Office Central America, North America and the Caribbean.• Mr. Simone Cecchini, Director of the Population Division, CELADE, ECLAC. <p>Opening remarks to the first Round Table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, ILO.
25 minutes	<p>Panel</p> <p>The panel will address good practices, challenges, lessons learned and emerging priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Gloria Joseph, Permanent Secretary, Planning, Economic Development, Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development and Renewable Energy, Dominica.• Mrs. Daniela Arias, Daniela Arias, Director of International Affairs of the National Migration Service, Panama.• Mrs. Guadalupe Árbelaez, Head of the Legal Office of Migration, Colombia.• Mrs. Rosanna Lamonaca, Head of the Migration Unit, Ministry of Labor and Social Security (MTSS), Uruguay.• Mr. José Rafael Navarro, General Secretariat of the Confederation of Workers Rerum Novarum, Costa Rica. <p>Moderator: Mr. Juan Viloría, Regional Coordinator, Coalition for Venezuela.</p>
40 minutes	<p>Discussion / Q&A</p>

5 minutes	Rapporteur <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Helena Olea, Associate Director for Programs, Alianza Americas.