

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM): Impact for the Arab Region

Regionalizing the GCM, Zero Draft, Rev 1 for the Arab Region

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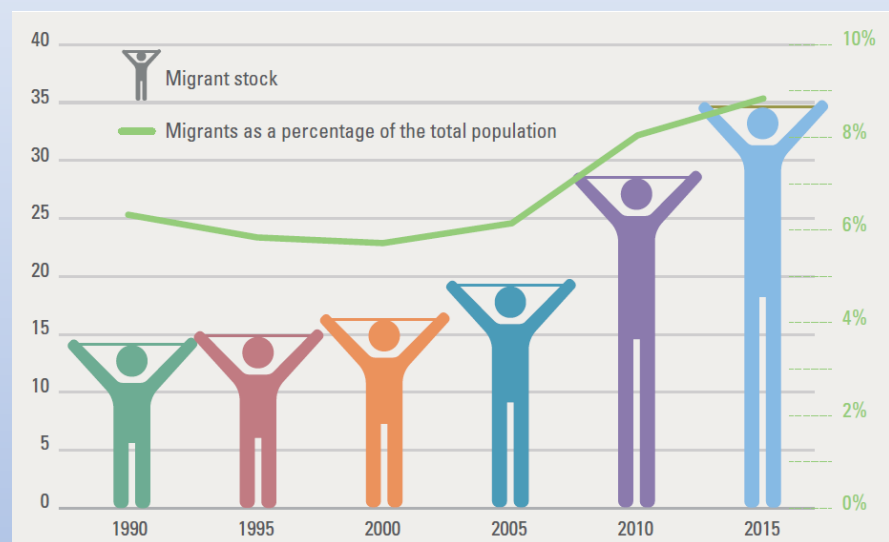
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GCM: Impact & Importance for the Arab Region

1. Migration is a prominent feature of the Arab region.
2. Migration is transnational in nature, requiring international, regional and bilateral coordination.
3. Migration is key to achieving the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.

Increasing Number of Migrants in the Arab Region



38 million in 2017, 14% of all migrants in the world SRIM 2017



MIGRATION AND SDGs

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Arab States' Engagement with the GCM

Arab States have played an active role in informing and negotiating the GCM from the beginning.



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GCM Zero Draft, Rev. 1: Contents

10 Guiding Principles

to underpin the GCM, reflecting common understanding of migration, shared responsibilities, and unity of purpose among participating Member States.

22 Objectives

to form a cooperative framework to achieve safe, orderly and regular migration

Implementation

includes global, regional, national and subnational cooperation, plus technical expertise of the UN system

Follow-Up and Review

relies on a multi-stakeholder approach and forums for review at the global and regional level.

GCM Zero Draft, Rev. 1: 10 Guiding Principles



GCM Zero Draft, Rev. 1: Cooperative Framework

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5. Enhance pathways for regular migration

6. Support fair and ethical recruitment & decent work

7. Reduce migrant vulnerabilities

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9. Counter migrant smuggling

10. Prevent and combat human trafficking

11. Manage borders

12. Strengthen migration procedures

13. Find alternatives to migrant detention

14. Enhance consular protection

15. Ensure basic services

16. Empower migrants

17. Eliminate discrimination

18. Invest in skills

19. Engage diasporas

20. Promote fast, cheap remittances

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The GCM includes key priorities of Arab Member States

Human rights of migrants

Ethical recruitment and decent work, relating to the sponsorship (kafala) system

Migrants in **crisis** and **conflict** situations

Combatting **migrant smuggling** and **trafficking in persons**

Reducing **adverse drivers** of migration and addressing **brain drain**

Engaging the **diaspora** in **sustainable development** in Arab countries

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GCM: Implementation by States

Through the GCM, Member States commit to work towards the 22 objectives through:

- **Coordinated efforts at the global, regional, national and subnational levels**
- **Aligning national actions and priorities with the commitments**
- **Aligning coordination efforts with the 2030 Agenda and Addis Ababa Action Agenda**
- **Establish a capacity-building mechanism**
- **Implementing in coordination with migrants, civil society, migrant & diaspora organizations, cities and local communities, and other stakeholders**

GCM: UN Support for Implementation

The GCM calls on the UN system to support implementation of GCM commitments. The UN is committed to assisting Member States through supporting:

**National
Capacity
Building**

**Regional
Cooperation**

**Global
Support**

GCM: Follow-Up and Review

Global Forum for Review: 2022 and beyond

➤ **International Migration Review Forum in 2022**

- *Recurring every fourth session of the General Assembly*
- **(formerly the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development)**

Regional Processes, Platforms, and Organizations

- Including the UN Regional Economic Commissions, Regional Consultative Processes

Value of the Reviews for States

- Peer-learning, best practices, sharing progress

GCM: Success Factors for States

- ❖ Institutional capacity and preparedness
- ❖ Centralized coordination under the umbrella of a designated body
- ❖ Focal points and ownership in all migration-related sectors
 - Clearly defined migration portfolios and responsibilities
- ❖ Whole-of-government approach & mainstreaming
 - Broad-reaching awareness of migration issues and focal points for expertise
- ❖ Whole-of-society considerations
 - Policies consider migrants and local communities
- ❖ Data for evidence-based decision-making



Through the GCM, your State-led actions can help change the future for States and migrants alike, building towards inclusive and sustainable social and economic development.



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Thank you