

KEY MILESTONES AND PROGRESS

#1 – A SNAPSHOT OF THE REGIONAL REVIEW

NOVEMBER 2021



OVERVIEW

The Regional Review for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration was held from 26 to 28 April 2021, co-organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in its capacity as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration, and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (see <https://pactomigracion.cepal.org/en>).

The agencies, funds and programs that integrate the Regional Network on Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean participated in the high-level meeting, together with ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials from 29 ECLAC member States and three associate members, as well as representatives of intergovernmental organizations, the United Nations System, civil society, and other stakeholders.

The Regional Review Meeting on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean was inaugurated by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC; António Vitorino, Director General of IOM, and Felipe González, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants.

Representatives from civil society and other stakeholders included Nancy Perez from the Major Group for Children and Youth, and Berenice Valdés, Representative of the Latin-American Bloc.

During the meeting, representatives of the Latin American and Caribbean countries reiterated their commitment to the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration and called for viewing migration as a contribution to democracy, diversity, and sustainable development, respecting, protecting and ensuring migrants' rights and supporting them in vulnerable situations.

Government representatives also committed to implementing the Global Compact on Migration and ensuring that migration is a choice rather than an obligation.

The results of this meeting will constitute an important input for the preparation of the final report that Latin America and the Caribbean will submit to the International Migration Review Forum in 2022.

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

- Governments in the region reaffirmed the importance they assign to the Global Compact for Migration as a multilateral instrument for contemporary migration governance.
- Throughout the round tables, as well as in the debate, it was highlighted that the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected migrants, aggravating structural inequalities in an already very unequal region. It was also noted that migration is an opportunity for economic recovery and sustainable development.
- The importance of rights, gender, and child-sensitive approaches was reaffirmed, along with whole-of-society and whole-of-government approaches, as well as other guiding principles of the Global Compact for Migration. They also underlined the need to strengthen international cooperation and produce high-quality data to combat xenophobia and improve evidence-based policymaking. The exchange of perspectives, experiences and good practices was very well received.
- The Regional Review in Latin America and the Caribbean represents a crucial first step on a long road to safe, orderly and regular migration and towards the first International Migration Review Forum to be held in 2022.
- The Regional Review meeting has created expectations for continued engagement and interaction among and with all stakeholders.



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MEETING STRUCTURE

APRIL 26
Review of the progress and challenges in the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean

APRIL 27

- **Thematic Round Tables, Area 1:**
Promoting evidence-based migration narratives, policies and planning
- **Thematic Round Tables, Area 2:**
Protection of migrants' human rights, security and well-being, through addressing factors of vulnerability in migration and mitigation of situations of vulnerability, among others
- **Thematic Round Tables, Area 3:**
Addressing irregular migration, including through border management and the fight against transnational crime

APRIL 28

- **Thematic Round Tables, Area 4:**
Facilitating regular migration and decent work, and enhancing the positive impact of human mobility on development
- **Thematic Round Tables, Area 5:**
Enhancing migrants' social inclusion and integration

691 PARTICIPANTS VIA ZOOM

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782 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE SESSIONS VIA YOUTUBE

ORGANIZATION AND PREPARATION TIMELINE

REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
April 26 to 28, 2021

More than 980 registered representatives.

INFORMATIVE SESSION WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS AND GOVERNMENTS
March 25, 2021

200 civil society representatives, other stakeholders, and government authorities, and 57 people from 21 countries.

OCT 2020

NOV 2020

DEC 2020

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

SIX THEMATIC WEBINARS

Between October 2020 and January 2021

750 representatives of governments, migrants and civil society organizations, trade unions, human rights institutions, academia and UN agencies.

CONSULTATIONS WITH REGIONAL PROCESSES AND PLATFORMS
April 12, 2021

- 47 representatives from 11 regional, subregional, and intraregional entities.
- 20 UN agency representatives in the interactive discussion.

CONSULTATIONS WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AND OTHER PARTNERS
From April 13 to 15, 2021

200 participants per session.

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IN THE REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING

228

GOVERNMENTS

192

AGENCIES, FUNDS AND PROGRAMS

19

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

13

PARLIAMENTARIANS

93

DIASPORAS

137

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

12

WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS

82

ACADEMIA

16

AUTHORITIES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

10

REGIONAL PROCESSES AND PLATFORMS

10

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

170

OTHERS

ALL SESSIONS WERE RECORDED AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE BY VISITING

