

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

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

April 19, 2022

Concept note and Agenda

Round table 3: Inclusion of migrants



The International Migration Review Forum (IMRF or Forum) is the primary global intergovernmental platform where Member States can discuss and showcase 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 third session of this regional webinars series will be held on April 19, 2022, and will offer an open space to discuss progress in the implementation of GCM objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22. It also acknowledges that the GCM is based on a set of ten cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles ¹.

The economic, social, public health and protection crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities and threats to the rights of migrants. As such, it has aggravated the difficulties for an effective inclusion of migrants into their communities due to the lack of or inadequate access to legal identity, public health services, protection, support, and opportunities for decent work, as well as the exposure to stigma and discrimination. Similarly, the capacities to guarantee effective socioeconomic integration, access to documentation and basic services, and protection, particularly of those migrants in vulnerable situations, have been considerably affected.

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.

Regularization and socioeconomic integration of migrants reduce their vulnerability and enhance their contribution to the sustainable development of their communities of origin, transit, and destination. Migrants and diasporas in Latin America and the Caribbean have great human, social, cultural, economic, and financial capital that must be recognized to realize their potential as agents of change.

As part of it, the Regional Review process in Latin America and the Caribbean identified progress not only in terms of bilateral and regional migration governance frameworks, but also specific policies related to documentation as a strategy to guarantee access to rights and policies for labor inclusion. However, regularization - an inexorable requirement for sustainable inclusion - remains a challenge. Likewise, the Regional Review highlighted the importance of sharing good practices in terms of access to documentation and integration developed at the national level, with the commitment of subnational authorities, particularly local governments.

2. Guiding questions

- a. How to strengthen the capacity of consular authorities, cooperation and national resource allocation mechanisms to ensure that consular services appropriately protect its nationals abroad and facilitate access to legal identity, portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits for all?
- b. What measures might local governments implement to guarantee migrant communities' effective access to basic services and to promote their sustainable inclusion into their host communities? How might these practices support, encourage and empower the participation of migrants in decision-making processes?
- c. What opportunities do migrants represent for the private sector, and how might effective and sustainable integration be promoted in a mutually beneficial way?
- d. From your experience, what are the main challenges that hinder social cohesion and inclusion in immigrant host communities? How might sustainable socio-economic inclusion be better ensured in these populations, particularly for those in conditions of vulnerability?
- e. What innovative programs and mechanisms might enhance the contribution of migrants and diasporas to sustainable development? What initiatives have been and might be implemented in the region to facilitate remittance transfers by migrants and diasporas? What experiences might you mention and how might these practices be improved?

3. Agenda

<p>Date: April 19, 2022 9:00-10:30 A.M (Costa Rica) 12.00-13.30 P.M (Argentina) Platform: zoom</p>	
10 minutes	<p>Moderator: Ms. María Gabriela Sarmiento, President, Save my Identity, Venezuela.</p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Linda Maguire, Deputy Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Luisa Cabal, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UN AIDS.
30 minutes	<p>Panel</p> <p>The panel will discuss good practices, challenges, lessons learned and emerging priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Raquel Vargas Jaubert, Director General, General Directorate of Migration and Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica. ● Mr. Hugo Cuevas, Director of Community Development (DIDECO), Municipality of Santiago, Chile. ● Ms. Juliana Manrique, Labor Director, National Business Association of Colombia (ANDI) Colombia. ● Mr. José Fernando López Forero, National Director, Jesuit Migrants Service, Ecuador ● Ms. Julissa Landaverde, Director of Analysis and Human Mobility, Vice-Ministry of Diaspora and Human Mobility, El Salvador. ● Moderator: Ms. María Gabriela Sarmiento, President, Save my Identity, Venezuela.
40 minutes	<p>Discussion / Q&A</p>
5 minutes	<p>Rapporteur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andrés Alejandro Rosales, President of the Uruguay Chapter, Red Global MX, Uruguay.