

## GCM Update: stocktaking meeting in Puerto Vallarta, 4 - 6 December 2017

From 4 to 6 December, in Puerto Vallarta (Mexico), the preparatory stocktaking meeting took place.

The meeting marked the beginning of phase II of the preparatory process – the stocktaking phase – towards the adoption of a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). The stocktaking meeting provided a unique opportunity to review and distil the wealth of information, data and views gathered in phase I of the process – the consultation phase-, as well as to engage in comprehensive analysis to inform the process going forward, namely the intergovernmental negotiations in the first semester of 2018.

In the stocktaking phase, the aim was to build on the inputs from phase I by considering a series of dimensions of migration, from the individual level to the global level in six action groups.

The six action groups focused on six dimensions of international migration:

1. **Human dimension.** The consultation phase recognized that migrants should be at the core of the GCM process and that the GCM should be people-centred and human rights based.
2. **Community dimension.** The community level is key to many aspects of migration dynamics. In particular, the role of communities relating to issues of integration, inclusion and promoting social cohesion is especially important. Host communities need to recognize and harmonize the needs of migrants and the local community, and play a key role in providing access to services and making the most of contributions of migration. Meanwhile, origin communities play a key role in informing migration choices and promoting safe migration opportunities, and in connecting with diaspora.
3. **Local/sub-national dimension.** Local or sub-national level authorities often have the largest role to play in everyday engagement with migration dynamics, and form a crucial component of migration governance. Local and sub-national institutions address the daily needs of migrants and local communities – particularly in integration, service provision, migration information, labour market access and diaspora engagement as also recognized at the community level. They are increasingly playing key roles to manage migration more effectively and for the benefit of all stakeholders.
4. **National dimension.** The role of sovereign States is central in the context of international migration. States have sovereign rights regarding their territories and borders and have the ultimate legislative authority to set national policy relating to migration, in line with international law. The GCM is a key opportunity for States to identify and promote effective, concrete ways to enhance safe, orderly and regular migration that are based on existing principles and frameworks with effective implementation mechanisms.
5. **Regional dimension.** Most international migration is intra-regional and it is therefore essential that regional institutions and agreements can play a key role in facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration. The GCM offers an opportunity for greater engagement of

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regional platforms on migration, which in this context may act in particular as an important link between global standards and their implementation at other levels.

6. **Global dimension.** The GCM process constitutes a crucial opportunity to forge effective and coherent international cooperation between Member States and all other relevant stakeholders to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration. For this purpose, it will need to be anchored in existing relevant frameworks and agreements. Further, the GCM is an opportunity to strengthen cooperation between global institutions regarding migration issues, particularly within the UN system, as well as between regional organizations and processes.

The results of the stocktaking phase will be: i) a chair's summary of the meeting and ii) the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, *Making Migration Work for All*, with concrete recommendations for the GCM. These two documents will inform the co-facilitators' zero draft of the GCM, which marks the beginning of phase III.

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