



## Minutes of the Virtual Meeting to discuss on the thematic consultations of the Global Compact RCM-SACM

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Attendees:

Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, United States, Uruguay, TS RCM, TS SACM

### Topics Approached:

- The agenda is submitted to approval of the participants.
- Vice-Minister Magarín reviews the final act signed between the RCM and the SACM March 30 meeting of Washington D.C
- Chile reaffirms their willingness keep working on the task entrusted to them and would like to know the contact point of Panama in order to start working together on their task. On the other hand, they would like to confirm the meeting to be held in Berlin before the Global Forum and they mention that the CELAC-EU meeting will be held in the second semester of this year.
- The Vice-Minister requests Panama to confirm if they will work together with Chile in the Ad-hoc Group to advance in the preparation of a proposal of bi-regional inputs to the GCM.
- IOM's Director for the Regional Office for Central America, North America and the Caribbean, Mr. Marcelo Pisani, affirms his commitment to collaborate with SACM and the RCM towards the construction of a joint declaration that serves as an input for the GCM to be presented during the Preparatory meeting in Mexico later this year.
- Vice-Minister Magarín mentions that a period of time has been established within the RCM for the Member Countries to carry out the respective national consultations, in addition a meeting with the SICA has been established, and mentions that an internal RCM declaration is being worked on.
- Panama agrees to be the RCM focal point with the SACM to advance a proposal of bi-regional inputs to the GCM.
- Chile suggests that the Technical Secretariats exchange the contact information of the focal points of the Ad-hoc Group to start the corresponding communications.



- Mexico anticipates that the preparatory meeting in Mexico will be the first week of December, Mr. Sergio Zapata has mentioned to the coordinator of the preparatory meeting (Sub-Secretary) that the SACM and the RCM are working on a contribution for this meeting, in addition the meetings of the thematic consultations that will take place throughout the year will serve as input to the preparatory meeting. The inputs that can be provided either jointly or separately are very much welcomed, but if there is consensus between the two Conferences, it would be much stronger.
- Mr. Marcelo Pisani mentions that IOM has just released the documents that will be the basis for the consultation meetings and that could feed the process that is being carried out in the framework of RCM and SACM. In addition, he mentions that OIM has created a website to follow up on the consultation process of the GCM.
- Chile highlights and welcomes the participation of IOM in the GCM debate process and in the UN system, and welcomes the statements issued by the IOM DG who calls on the countries to participate actively in the preparation of the GCM 2018. Chile also mentions the importance of having the presence of concepts from the perspective of Latin America and the Caribbean in the debate towards the construction of the GCM based on best practices in the region, and finally mentions the need to have a glossary of terms.
- Mexico announces that, as a country, significant progress has been made in addressing vulnerable groups (NNA) and refugees, which may be worth putting on the table as inputs to the development of these activities as part of best practices, for example, the Program of Alternatives to the Accommodations in Migratory Stations for Refugee Applicants. Mexico is willing to share a report of their progress within the framework of the commitments established in the GCM.
- Vice-Minister Magarín inquires if there is information about the next thematic session to be held in New York, Mexico mentions that this information is being handled by the colleagues of multi-lateral affairs mentions that they will send the information in writing.
- Chile proposes to take as basis the main definitions that the RCM and SACM have and suggests that both troikas start elaborating the basic list of elements that identify them.
- Vice-Minister Magarín suggests sending to the Ad-Hoc Group (Panama and Chile) the inputs that each country has, particularly regarding the concepts related to the GCM.
- Panama mentions that regarding what is being worked with the missions in the thematic sessions, the inputs that can be provided to see the vision of each of the missions of the Member Countries of the SACM and the RCM will be appreciated, also Panama confirms that they will send their contact points.



Panama inquires if IOM knows about any other Regional Consultative Process that has already started this negotiations and if the already have any concrete product.

- Paraguay asks Chile that since there is a work group Panama-Chile, what they think about moving forward with the presentation of what the countries of the SACM already have and then arrange it with what the RCM has.
- Chile agrees to share the documents that are ready and can serve as inputs and mentions the importance of sharing best practices with regard to the GCM, and considers that both Conferences should prioritize the best practices that they have as regional process in the thematic sessions.
- The TS of the RCM suggests to consider including in the update of the document of best practices a space to add why is it consider a best practice and how it contributes to the process of elaboration of the GCM.
- Vice-Minister Magarín requests IOM to collaborate with a proposal of a coordination mechanism between both Conferences, and inquires if they have a mechanism that could be used to this end.
- Mr. Marcelo Pisani proposes a meeting in the short term of the Ad-hoc Group to generate a work plan, and proposes to create a repository of information to keep the information that is generated in the process, and the third proposal would be to take advantage of the scenarios that are already arranged to meet, for example to hold a parallel meeting during the meeting of the Parlatino. He also mentions that Costa Rica is organizing a consultation with IOM and OAS, by which the Caribbean can be included in these consultations.
- Panama accepts Chile's proposal of holding a meeting before the Parlatino, on June 8<sup>th</sup> in Panama's Chancellery and proposes to both Secretariats to elaborate an updated calendar of the meetings related to the GCM.
- Paraguay mentions that is had already been agreed to hold an annual ordinary meeting taking advantage of other spaces already agreed and the extraordinary meetings necessary.
- Panama proposes to meet in Panama the Ad-hoc Group to work on bi-regional inputs to the GCM and then the troikas of both Conferences in Chile.
- Chile suggests that the troikas meet at the end of August, the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in Chile.
- It is propose to hold a meeting one day before the Global Forum in Berlin.
- Mexico invites the SACM to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Extra-regional Migrants.



### Agreements:

- The RCM will send to the SACM the questionnaire elaborated to collect inputs for the development of the GCM and the document of best practices worked within the framework of the RCM for the GCM.
- The Technical Secretariats will exchange the information of focal points of the RCM and the SACM for the Ad-Hoc Group to elaborate inputs for the
- A meeting will be held in the Chancellery of Panama on June 8<sup>th</sup> between Panama and Chile to develop a proposal of inputs of Latin America and North America.
- A meeting will be organized previous to the Global Forum to be held in Berlin in order to follow up the construction of inputs for the GCM.
- It was decided to organize the annual meeting of the troikas before the regional consultation meeting of ECLAC in the Chancellery of Chile the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of August.
- It was agreed that the troikas of the SACM and the RCM will meet at least once a year
- The Technical Secretariats in coordination with IOM will work on an updated chronogram of meetings within the framework of construction of the GCM.
- To work in coordination with the Ad-Hoc Group, build an information portal and take advantage of the agreed meetings to hold encounters between RCM and SACM.