

FINAL MINUTES

Working Meeting between the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) and the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) for purposes of generating bi-regional input related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) and following up on efforts regarding extra-regional migrants.

Member Countries of the Regional Conference on Migration (El Salvador, Panama, and México) and of the South American Conference on Migration (Chile), in an encounter held on 08 June 2017 at the Headquarters of the Panamanian Chancellery in Panama City, have agreed as set forth below.

Information Exchange

- 1.** Ensure that the Technical Secretariats (TS) of the RCM and the SACM update and so maintain the calendar of meetings related to the GCM.
- 2.** Exchange between the RCM and the SACM all advances achieved within each process related to generating input for the GCM, in order for same to be communicated to the Member Countries of both Conferences and so that all involved may benefit from the lessons learned and good practices generated regarding said topic.

Efforts of the OAS Committee on Migratory Affairs Concerning the GCM

- 3.** Follow up on the special declaration to be issued within the framework of the Committee on Migratory Affairs (CAM) regarding the GCM, and present, to the extent possible, a common bi-regional position regarding said declaration.
- 4.** Within the framework of the CAM Meeting, announce the Special Declaration which is being formulated within the framework of the RCM. By way of its TS, the RCM shall share said Declaration with the SACM.

Coordination Aimed at Strengthening the Bi-Regional Position in Light of the various Events Related to the GCM

- 5.** Hold a meeting prior to the CELAC-EU meeting on migration (to be held on 07-08 September in Brussels) in order to provide continuity to the efforts for preparing regional input for the GCM.
- 6.** Invite the SACM to the RCM Meeting and vice-versa, in order to take advantage of said spaces to continue working and reviewing the bi-regional input being generated regarding the GCM.
- 7.** Hold an RCM-SACM meeting parallel to the GCM meeting to be held in Guadalajara on 04-06 December, for purposes of coordinating and strengthening the bi-regional position during said meeting.

Strengthening of the Bi-Regional Position through the GCM Thematic Consultations

- 8.** Participate in the parallel event organized for 20 June in Geneva within the framework of the Third GCM Thematic Session, and present the experience of coordination between the RCM and the SACM for purposes of formulating bi-regional input for the GCM.
- 9.** Propose jointly between the RCM and the SACM lists of experts who can represent Latin America as speakers during the thematic consultations. Along these lines, it is agreed that the respective PPTs of the RCM and the SACM shall submit, no later than 12 June, a consensus proposal recommending experts for the Third Thematic Session. For the fourth, fifth, and sixth sessions, both Conferences shall carry out internal consultations to agree upon three experts to be recommended by each Conference for each session, to be submitted to the United Nations Secretariat by the PPTs on behalf of both Conferences.
- 10.** Hold a meeting with Ambassador Gómez Camacho for two purposes. First, to express the concern of both Conferences due to the scant representation of the Latin American reality at the First and Second GCM Thematic Sessions. Second, to report on the process being carried out between the RCM and the SACM to prepare input for the GCM, with the idea being that this experience should be made known. In addition, Ambassador Gómez Camacho will be asked for support and advice on obtaining cooperation from the United Nations to make possible the plenary consultation referred to in the preceding paragraph.



Process for Preparing Bi-Regional Input for the GCM

- 11.** Initiate a consultation process within each Conference so that each Conference and each Member Country of same may bring consensus input to be considered within the framework of an RCM-SACM plenary consultation to be held on 26-27 September in Panama. The definitive version of the bi-regional input for the GCM shall be agreed upon at said meeting. This plenary meeting will be structured around the themes defined for the six Thematic Sessions, such that the bi-regional input will contribute directly to each session. For purposes of ensuring the financing and technical cooperation needed for this meeting, the IOM is asked to continue its cooperation and request support from other interested international cooperation agencies.

- 12.** Move ahead with a process for formulating definitions for some essential concepts for the region, based on the questionnaire that has been developed by the RCM. The RCM-TS shall send said questionnaire to the SACM. Chile shall submit its comments and responses to the questionnaire no later than 20 June, in order to identify the terms to be used for developing a common bi-regional understanding, along with shared criteria with respect to said definitions and, based on same, to develop eventual bi-regional understandings to be presented as input for the GCM.

Joint Efforts Regarding Extra-Regional Migrants

- 13.** The RCM will invite the SACM to participate in the next meeting of its Ad Hoc Group on Extra-Regional Migrants, to be held ideally on 07-08 July at the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs in Mexico City. Likewise, the RCM reiterates its intention to invite the SACM to attend the RCM Meeting to be held in November in San Salvador.

- 14.** Chile and Panama shall present, within the framework of each Conference, their experience regarding the bilateral agreement that exists to exchange biometric data on migrants. This could serve as an option for the development of similar initiatives between RCM and SACM countries aimed at improving the management of extra-regional migrants, as a means for establishing a bi-regional early warning mechanism.