

Global Migration Group

Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Strategies

Terms of Reference

The GMG established a Working Group (WG) on mainstreaming migration into national development strategies, designed to facilitate enhanced inter-agency coordination at the country level. The WG is co-chaired by UNDP and IOM, and will develop tools and resources to enhance the value added of the GMG Handbook on Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning following the launch of the Handbook at the fourth Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico by the IOM Director General and UNDP Resident Coordinator of the Mexico UN Country Team (UNCT).

The WG shall support the GMG priorities with a view to strengthening policy processes and practical approaches to migration and development with UNCTs, governments, civil society partners at country level. Drawing on the expertise of the GMG, the WG will provide support to RCs and UNCTs (including IOM) in developing coherent strategies with national partners.

The Working Group has identified the following key priorities:

1. Promoting full respect for human rights, labour rights and gender equality of migrants as well as the protection of vulnerable migrants including asylum-seekers, refugees, unaccompanied or separated children, stranded migrants and victims of exploitation and trafficking; by promoting the adoption and effective implementation of international instruments pertaining to the protection of migrants' rights.
2. Promoting a human rights and human development lens in migration and development research, analysis and policy development at the country level.
3. Fostering a common approach by the UN, IOM and other international agencies to mainstream migration into development planning at the country level. The WG will support UNCTs as needed, drawing on technical expertise and relevant experience in the GMG.
4. Supporting country level capacities for improving migration-related data and analysis, with a view to augmenting evidence-based policy making. The WG will share research and policy findings of GMG members at the country level and with focal points. The WG will keep abreast of activities and initiatives of the **GMG WG on data and research** and the GFMD Ad hoc Working Group on Policy coherence, data and analysis in order to enhance synergies where possible.
5. Enhancing the capacity of UNCTs to advise and support countries that wish to integrate migration into their national development strategies and ensuring that UNCTs are aware of available expertise, technical support and resources, including opportunities for training and knowledge sharing.
6. Providing guidance to UNCTs to operationalize a rights-based approach to migration and human development.
7. Providing countries, through the UNCTs, with tools to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the links between migration and human development at the national and regional levels.
8. Supporting through the UNCTs, the incorporation of migration and development into policy planning by government in collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders.
9. Promoting where possible, coordination and collaboration between countries, including through support to regional economic communities.

10. Exchanging information on agencies' activities at country and regional levels, on migration and development and supporting global knowledge management initiatives to harness good practices and lessons learned.
11. Making available findings and best practices at the national level to a wider audience.

Working modalities of the Working Group:

12. The WG will convene through the GMG focal points as designated by each GMG member.
13. The WG will structure support through the existing UNDG coordination mechanisms at the national (UN Country Teams) and regional levels.
14. Participation in the WG is open to all GMG members that wish to participate. The WG will facilitate work processes that promote joint approaches and common milestones.
15. The WG will develop annual work plans in coordination with the GMG Chairs.
16. The WG will meet as necessary, but at least three times a year.
17. Meetings will be convened in a way that allows agencies in various locations to effectively participate in the meetings. Minutes and key action points will be made available to the GMG members by the co-chairs following each meeting.
18. The WG will provide regular updates on its activities at the GMG working-level meetings through the co-convenors of the WG, including information on country level work.
- 19. The co-convenors of the WG will closely coordinate its work plan with that of the GMG WG on data and research, and will regularly consult with the convenors of that WG (UNDESA & IOM) to ensure synergies and avoid duplication of efforts.**