

International Dialogue on Migration

Inclusive and innovative partnerships for effective global governance of migration

Statement on behalf of the Global Migration Group (GMG)

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Global Migration Group (GMG). The GMG is an inter-agency body bringing together 22 UN entities with a wide variety of mandates and focus areas, to promote the adoption of more coherent, comprehensive and better coordinated approaches to international migration. I would like to share with you a couple of reflections on behalf of the GMG membership at this occasion.

The GMG was created as a coordination mechanism precisely to promote inclusive and innovative partnerships to improve global governance of migration. Its growth has demonstrated the relevance of migration to many areas of governance. The GMG brings together specific migration expertise from the UN system as a whole, to share and disseminate information, expertise and advice on migration issues, based on the solid experience and competencies of the participating agencies. Over the years it has produced a large repository of policy tools, guidance materials, handbooks, analyses, publications and reports covering issues such as human rights, gender equality and protection of migrants, production and use of data for development, remittances, financial inclusion, women's economic empowerment, youth, and diaspora contributions, to name but a few. A list of these tools is available together with this statement, or on the GMG website.

In 2017, as mandated by the modalities resolution for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, the GMG, then Chaired by the UN University, provided assistance to the Office of the President of the General Assembly with organizing the thematic sessions, and to the SRSG by drafting inputs to the issue briefs prepared in advance of each of the sessions. GMG colleagues worked in an excellent spirit of collaboration

to provide consolidated inputs for the issue briefs that were accessible, evidence-driven, concrete, human rights-based and gender responsive, recognizing the distinct experiences, needs of women, men, girls and boys in migration as well as situations of vulnerabilities they can face. Additionally, individual GMG members participated in each of the thematic sessions.

As you may know, in 2018, the GMG is co-chaired by FAO and IOM, and it continues to be supported by an active and dynamic membership.

At its strategic retreat held last month, the GMG members committed to supporting Member State-led efforts to promote safe, orderly, and regular migration through the Global Compact for Migration process. The GMG is committed to supporting the co-facilitators, if and when required, in a coordinated manner, through the Office of the SRSO. For example, GMG stands ready to provide technical inputs, such as suggestions on language, evidence, and data on drafts of the Global Compact. In addition, within GMG, we will mobilize existing expertise of our members to provide input as needed. We are holding a number of side-events during 2018, focusing on raising awareness on relevant issues, in close coordination with the Office of the SRSO and other relevant partners.

For example, one event was held this month on the margins of the 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, and focused on the contributions of rural women migrants to development.

Another – jointly organized with the Global Forum on Migration and Development – is being held here in the framework of the International Dialogue on Migration, with expert panelists presenting ways to support policy making and achieve country-level results in addressing the drivers of forced migration and harnessing the development potential of orderly migration, including the role of climate change in this context.

The GMG is fully committed to supporting Member States, in collaboration with stakeholders, to work towards the adoption of a concrete, action-oriented and forward-looking global compact in

Morocco in December of this year, that builds on the commitments agreed to in the New York Declaration and ensures that this first blueprint for international migration is truly people-centered, human rights-based, and gender responsive.

