

Special Meeting on Inter-Regional Cooperation

Participating RCPs: Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD), African Union (AU), Arab Regional Consultative Process (ARCP), Bali Process (BP), Budapest Process (BuP), Colombo Process (CP), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC), International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Khartoum Process (KP), Prague Process (PP), Puebla Process (PuP)

DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

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Representatives from thirteen state-led Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs) met in Dubai on 16 October 2019 to discuss matters relating to strengthening inter-regional cooperation between RCPs, coordinating RCP input to global Processes, and the UAE's 2020 Vision for the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).

To that end the following has been informally discussed:

1. Inter-Regional Cooperation

Participating Processes concluded that they will endeavour to explore mechanisms for improving inter-regional cooperation, in order to benefit the governance of human mobility and amplify the development returns of migration, to include, where relevant, the following:

 Grant observer status to other Regional Consultative Processes, with a particular focus on those Processes that have a geographic or thematic overlap or share a common interest



- Exchange information among one another on the outcomes of regional meetings, including work plans and the circulation of joint communiques
- Share good practices, including research, information on policy development and partnerships, and outcomes and evaluations of pilot programmes
- Extend invitations to technical thematic meetings, wherever relevant and deemed appropriate, to representatives of other Processes
- Provide space for online connections, including web links, document hosting, and details of events with other interested Processes
- Explore options for developing a shared RCP online space for circulation of information relating to meetings, outcomes, experiences and best practices
- Make available good practices in managing RCPs as a means of building capacity to enhance outcomes (for example, agenda development, inputs on policy development, as well as exchange in the knowledge of experts etc.)
- Explore ad hoc joint meetings of pairs or groups of RCPs and joint programmes

2. Regional Inputs to Global Processes

Participating Processes concluded that they will explore mechanisms to discuss inputs to global mechanisms, in order to integrate regional experiences into global discussions, including:

- Meeting informally on the margins of the yearly GFMD summit
- Requesting space be allotted to RCP consultations during the GFMD's preparatory meetings and at the Summit

3. RCP Support to the Organisation of GFMD 2020

Initial expressions of interest in convening regional meetings for GFMD 2020 were sought and the UAE will follow up with Processes to further address the organisation of GFMD regional thematic meetings during 2020.

4. Next Steps

Attending RCPs will provide feedback after consultation with Member States or headquarters: please send feedback to <u>ad.dialogue@mohre.gov.ae</u>