



**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)
WORK PLAN OF PANAMA
AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE 2018**

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A NEW VISION OF DEVELOPMENT BASED ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- On 25 September 2015, within the framework of the 70th United Nations General Assembly, the Assembly approved, through Resolution A/RES/70/1, **“Transforming our world: The 2030 for Sustainable Development”**, the Sustainable Development Goals for the period of 2016-2020, which constitute the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- All the countries in the region are familiarized with and have signed the 2030 Agenda as part of their administration. Therefore, the topic is linked to and specified in efforts to strengthen and follow up on migration management within the framework of the Global Compact and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

THE SDGs AND THE MANAGEMENT OF MIGRATION

- Unlike the 2001-2015 Millennium Development Goals, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development does include, in its preamble and its 169 goals, specific contents concerning international migration. In fact, one paragraph of the preamble and one target of Resolution A/RES/70/1 are exclusively focused on the topic of migration; that is, Paragraph 29 of the preamble and Target 10.7.
- Considering that the development of the **Sustainable Development Goals** related to migration and the **Global Compact for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration** are processes that will be carried out in the following years, and particularly in 2018, Panama as President pro tempore (PPT) considers that both processes are crucial for the improvement of the management of migration at the global level.

THE 2030 AGENDA AND MIGRATION

Target 10.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals

There is a general agreement on the fundamental principle of the 2030 Agenda, “**Leave no one behind**”. Based on this principle, Panama as PPT seeks to make specific reference to migrants and communities of countries of origin, transit and destination.

Goal 10: *“Reduce inequality within and among countries.”*

This target expresses the commitment of the members of the United Nations General Assembly to *“Facilitate **orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobilization of people**, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.”*

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The resolution through which the SDGs were adopted does not include definitions or conceptualizations of what the terms and concepts used in the statements mean or represent. Thus, the resolution does not include a definition of the meaning of “*orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people*”, or what should be understood as “*planned and well-managed migration policies*”.

While Target 10.7 is the only target of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that focuses exclusively on international migration,

other targets, such as Target 4.b, 5.2, 8.7, 8.8, 10.c, 16.2, 17.16, 17.17 and 17.18, make direct reference to migration, migrants or international trafficking in persons.

In addition, other targets, such as Target 3.8, 1.5, 11.b, 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3, address topics that are strongly linked to migration and migrants.

Given the contents of these targets and the relevance of the 2030 Agenda for the global management of phenomena such as migration that are essential for the international community, clearly the SDGs play a crucial role in the definition and development of the management of these phenomena at the global level.

A New Vision of Migration Management in the Region

What new opportunities does the inclusion of migration in the SDGs involve?

Panama, aware of the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration (GCM), takes on the role of President pro tempore of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) in 2018 and proposes the following as its central theme for this period:

The Sustainable Development Goals – Toward the Management of Migration

Based on this proposal, the Member Countries of this regional forum will have an opportunity to continue exchanging information on best practices and experiences in migration matters and the main challenges in the achievement of the aspects relating to migration that are included in the Sustainable Development Goals.

OBJECTIVES OF PANAMA AS PPT

General Objective of Panama as PPT:

To promote the improved management of migration through the mainstreaming and regionalization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the work of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM).

Specific Objectives

- To consolidate the efforts of the RCM that have the greatest potential of improving migration management at the regional level, particularly in regard to the following topics: migrant smuggling, extraregional migrants, migrant boys, girls and adolescents and migrant women;
- To promote the exchange of information and experiences related to the link between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and migration management;
- To facilitate the regionalization of the SDGs on migration management;
- To assess the possibility of regionalizing a Migration Management Index.

EXPECTED RESULTS FROM PANAMA AS PPT

- A seminar on migration and the SDGs, conducted;
- Guidelines to link the SDGs to the work of the RCM, developed;
- Regional guidelines on linking the SDGs to migration management and regionalizing them, developed and approved;
- A work plan of the RCM to address migrant smuggling, developed and approved;
- A workshop on consular protection for migrant workers, developed;
- A work plan of the RCM on extraregional migrants, consolidated;
- A roadmap to regionalize the Migration Management Index;
- Strengthening mechanisms to follow up on the Networks of the RCM to achieve the goals established for 2018.

ELEMENTS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE DESIGN OF THE LOGO



**BIRDS AS A SYMBOL
OF MIGRATION**



**THE AMERICAN
CONTINENT**



**COLOURS OF THE
SDGs**



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