



UN Global Compact on Migration

An Overview

from the Public Service Trade Union Perspective

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Background & Context

2016

Conflict displacement, political instability, climate-driven migration, extreme poverty

Large movements of refugees and migrants trying to cross to Europe

UN High Level Summit on Large Movements of Migrants and Refugees

- New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants
 - UN Global Compact on Refugees
 - UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
- A two-year process, adoption in 2018

UN Global Compact on Migration

Main parts

- Preamble
- Guiding Principles
- 23 Objectives
- Implementation
- Follow-up and Review

UN GCM: Guiding Principles

Cross-cutting and interdependent

- a) People-centred
- b) International cooperation
- c) National sovereignty
- d) Rule of law and due process
- e) Sustainable development
- f) Human rights
- g) Gender-responsive
- h) Child-sensitive
- i) Whole-of-government approach
- j) Whole-of-society approach

UN GCM: 23 Objectives

1. Data
2. Drivers and structural factors
3. Information
4. Migrant identity and documentation
5. Pathways for regular migration
6. Fair and ethical recruitment that ensure decent work
7. Reduce and address vulnerabilities
8. Saving lives and missing migrants
9. Migrant smuggling
10. Trafficking in persons
11. Border management
12. Migration procedures

UN GCM: 23 Objectives

- 13. Migration detention
- 14. Consular protection
- 15. Access to basic services
- 16. Inclusion and social cohesion
- 17. Eliminating discrimination and evidence-based public discourse
- 18. Skills development and mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences
- 19. Migrants and diaspora contributions to sustainable development
- 20. Remittances
- 21. Return, re-admission and reintegration
- 22. Portability of social security and earned benefits
- 23. International cooperation and global partnerships

Priority GCM Objectives for public service unions

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UN GCM: Implementation

Capacity-building mechanism

- Migration Network Hub
 - Practices Repository, Discussion Spaces, Experts Database

UN Network on Migration

- Champion Countries Initiative

Cooperation and partnership with Stakeholders

- Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund
- Trade unions are part of “stakeholders”

GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION – CHAMPION COUNTRIES



UN GCM: Follow-up and Review

Where PSI unions can engage

International Migration Review Forum

- Every four years (Begins 2022)
Date set: *10-13 May 2022*
- Progress Declaration

Regional Review

- Every 2 years (Begins 2020)

National Reviews

Global Forum on Migration and Development – *informal space*

How PSI Unions can Engage in GCM

- Monitor situation at national level – influence/critique the National reports
 - National reports available from MENA(Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan)
- Write our own shadow report as stakeholders
- Publish are own theme-based reports as per GCM Objectives
- Use GCM as advocacy hook – link issues with key GCM Objectives
- Participate/Engage in various processes:
 - National Network on Migration
 - Regional Review Process (Arab Region, 24-25 February 2021)
 - IMRF 2022 (10-13 May 2022, UN New York)
 - 9 May 2022 – Multistakeholder Hearing

PSI MENA Contribution Report to the IMRF 2022

Proposal:

Spotlight on the **3 C's (COVID-19, Climate Crisis, Conflicts)**

- *Why QPS is key – access to basic services & the unique role of public service workers
- *Human rights, trade union rights
- *Right to decent work
- *Fair and ethical recruitment
- *Gender perspective
- *Health and social care

Feature what PSI unions are doing in response to the above

Thank you!!!

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