

GCM Regional Review for Latin America and the Caribbean
Joint Statement by GCM Champion Countries
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The Champion Countries of the Global Compact for Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean: Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Peru reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) as a collective framework for cooperation that enables us to address the challenges and opportunities of migration.

We reiterate the importance of respecting and promoting migrants' rights, fostering regular pathways, and ensuring that safe, orderly, and regular migration remains a key driver of sustainable development across our region and the world.

We recognize that Latin America and the Caribbean is a region of origin, transit, destination, refuge, and return for millions of migrants, shaping our societies, driving economic growth, cultural exchange, and social development.

We acknowledge that well- governed migration policies play a crucial role in reducing poverty, ensuring access to education, and strengthening health systems, and are essential to maximizing these benefits and ensuring migrants fully contribute to our shared prosperity.

We are committed to strengthening regional and interregional cooperation to improve the care and protection of migrants, always bearing in mind our shared responsibility.

We urge the international community to continue and strengthen its valuable support to countries of origin, transit, destination, and return so that they can continue providing protection and promoting the integration of migrant populations into host communities.

We recognize the efforts made by regional organizations and mechanisms, such as the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), the Quito Process, the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection, and the South American Conference on Migration (SACM), for their crucial role in fostering dialogue, enhancing migration governance mechanisms and building partnerships that safeguard migrants' rights while maximizing their positive contributions to our societies.

We acknowledge the urgent need for greater cooperation to address climate-induced international displacement, ensuring that individuals and communities affected by environmental changes have access to protection, resilience-building measures, and sustainable solutions.

As GCM Champion countries, we seek to scale up efforts to implement the GCM objectives through concrete actions, knowledge-sharing, and best practices. We support the development of strategic roadmaps that include clear commitments, foster collaboration, and align with global frameworks such as the 2030 Agenda for

Sustainable Development. We encourage the United Nations system, through the Network on Migration to continue providing joined-up support in efforts to implement the Compact, including through fully utilising the Capacity-Building Mechanism (CBM) and its Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MMPTF) and Demand-Driven Facility (DDF) to strengthen regional and national responses.

We express our deep concern over the increasing risks faced by migrants, including human rights violations, discrimination, xenophobia, and the dangers associated with irregular migration. We call for redoubled efforts to strengthen protection mechanisms, combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling, and ensure that migration policies are rooted in a human rights and gender-responsive approach, which are cross-cutting principles of the GCM.

We welcome the conclusions of the Secretary-General's report on the GCM and its recommendations for enhancing international cooperation, reinforcing humanitarian assistance, and addressing the structural factors driving forced migration. As a region, we are committed to continuing to work on concrete actions, ensuring that migration remains safe, orderly, and regular.

As GCM Champion Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, we recognize the need for a regional and global perspective on migration, in which all countries address the issue comprehensively, taking into account the structural factors and root causes of migration, as well as support for host communities.

We are committed to continuing to lead and participate in global discussions on migration, particularly in the lead-up to the 2026 International Migration Review Forum. We reaffirm our dedication to working collaboratively to advance policies that uphold the dignity, rights, and well-being of all migrants.

We acknowledge the efforts and work conducted in the region through mechanisms and initiatives such as the Quito Process, the Regional Conference on Migration, the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection, and the South American Conference on Migration. These platforms facilitate the exchange of information and best practices while fostering regional coordination to achieve safe, orderly, and regular migration.

By fostering solidarity and cooperation, we can ensure that migration continues to be a force for development, resilience, and shared prosperity in our region.

Finally, we reiterate our commitment to continue working closely on the implementation of the GCM and on the search for comprehensive and lasting solutions that respond to the humanitarian needs of all migrants.