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1. Whole-of-government and whole-of-society inclusive approach

Migration and migration governance cuts across several dimensions. In order to fully implement the commitments in the Global Compact on Migration will require a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, always ensuring that the process is inclusive and optimally designed to respond to the needs of migrants throughout the migration cycle.

The following are some concrete and actionable recommendations for consideration and inclusion in the GCM:

- Establish sound national systems and strengthen institutional mechanisms that involves all relevant agencies of the government, from national to the sub-national (local), and other stakeholders working on migration and related issues;
- Reinforce inter-state and multi-stakeholder cooperation and continued dialogue to exchange experiences and effective practices as basis for comprehensive and coherent migration policies and actions;
- Build the capacities and broaden common understanding of the cross-cutting issues of migration among key actors at all levels.

2. Concrete and doable commitments of states should go beyond the conventions

Challenges and gaps in facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration remain despite a number of international human rights and labor conventions, regional and sub-regional frameworks, bilateral and national policies. The Global Compact should strive for able commitments of States, and other stakeholders, that goes beyond the conventions. The Global Compact should lead to concrete doable and practical guidelines that are action-oriented and implementable. An example of this is the Migrants in Countries (MICIC) Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Crisis or Natural Disasters.

It is in this context that the following non-exhaustive list of additional recommendations is submitted for consideration and inclusion in the GCM:

- Ensure an effective governance mechanisms for follow-up and review the implementation of the commitments set in the Global Compact; and
- Maximize the roles of existing regional and sub-regional platforms, mechanisms, and institutions in the implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM.

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