

GOOD PRACTICES OF MEXICO IN ITS NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION (GCM)

Comprehensive Development Plan

The implementation of the **Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP)** started in June 20, 2019. This initiative launched jointly by ECLAC, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico aims to promote development opportunities in the sub-region and address the root causes of migration, through four pillars: economic development, social wellbeing, environmental sustainability and good migration management. The CDP contributes to the effective implementation of the GCM, particularly **Objectives 2, 6, 11, 19, 22 and 23**.

Some of the initiatives to be developed in the framework of the CDP are: construction of a gas terminal in Puerto Cortes, Honduras; the interconnection of Mexico and Central America's electrical system; construction of a touristic corridor between El Naranjo and Flores, in Guatemala, and Tenosique, in Mexico; an improved railroad connectivity between countries of the sub-region; and construction of a 600 km-pipeline between the south of Mexico and Central America. Other initiatives aimed at achieving a universal social protection system, fair salaries, food security and universal secondary education, which will be promoted under the principles of environmental sustainability and human security.

International cooperation and global partnerships

Regarding GCM **Objective 23**, Mexico presented its candidacy for the 2021 pro-tempore presidency of the Regional Migration Conference (CRM). The CRM offers a platform to discuss regional migration issues, exchange information and experiences, improve coordination, and promote cooperation in order to achieve coherent migration legal frameworks and strengthen the migration-development nexus.

Data for evidence-based policies

On attaining GCM **Objective 1**, on June 2019, the government of Mexico established a GCM national implementation mechanism. One of the first outcomes of this group is an assessment and compilation of all existing government policies, programs and good practices in the area of migration. As a result, 35 federal agencies provided relevant information from June 2018-June 2019, resulting in the identification of 177 related actions, programs and policies.

More recently, academia and civil society joined the follow-up mechanism to ensure a whole-of-society approach.

Pathways for regular migration

Regarding GCM **Objective 5**, the Ministry of the Interior, through the National Migration Institute, has made efforts to increase the beneficiaries of Regional Visitor Cards. For the past 20 years, Mexico has implemented migration facilitation measures for visitors not seeking gainful employment in border areas. These measures have been evolving to respond to changing migration dynamics, particularly in the southern border. As a result, the time of stays and the geographic areas covered have been expanded, as well as nationalities that can apply (applicable to nationals and residents of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador).