

Call for Voluntary Sharing of Initiatives, Experiences and Lessons Learned The case of Sweden

- Sweden supports the Global Compact on Migration and is already fulfilling the 23 objectives and a number of the more than 170 voluntary actions. A positive example already under way is the regional program to improve migration statistics in Africa coordinated by Statistics Sweden, the national statistics agency, in collaboration with the IOM and the AU. The program covers the period 2019-2021 and has strong links to Agenda 2030 and to objective 1 of the Global Migration Compact. Likewise, Sweden is a strong financial and political supporter of projects aimed at making labour migration safe, orderly and regular in several regional settings, thereby contributing to the fulfillment of objective 6 of the Compact.
- In general, the Swedish government's follow-up of the GCM is integrated in the government's existing Agenda 2030-implementation structure. The idea is to use an already existing interdepartmental structure as a vehicle to facilitate GCM follow-up and implementation based primarily on objective 10.7 of Agenda 2030.
- As a first concrete step the government will conduct a mapping exercise of the range of voluntary actions under the Compact we already support through legislation, practice, international and bilateral cooperation and national policy, both in Sweden and in third countries through capacity building. The result of the mapping will serve as baseline for where we stand today and provide a roadmap for the next steps for follow-up in anticipation of the International Migration Review Forum in 2022.
- In parallel we are looking into ways to strengthen our whole-of-government approach in migration specifically linked to migration and development with a view to launch an interdepartmental working group during spring of 2020. Since at the national level budgets for migration management are mainly sourced from development assistance, we have much to gain from enhanced cooperation within governments and across multiple policy portfolios. Both in terms of increased consistency between priorities in migration policy and other policy areas and for financing of the ODA-consistent actions in the Compact. A stronger whole- of-government approach to migration will also facilitate anchoring the commitments of the Global Compact with non-traditional parties such as local communities, civil society, academia and other relevant stakeholders in migration management.
- Regarding challenges related to financial needs for implementation at the global level, Sweden is providing IOM with core funding. In 2018 we granted

the organization approximately 6.5 million USD, and this year we have provided them with 10 million USD. In part, our core funding for 2019 was lightly earmarked to strengthen IOM's internal capacity to coordinate the UN Network on Migrations, thus contributing to the UN systems support to Member States implementation of the GCM.