INCREASING ENGAGEMENT IN THE UK ON THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is currently involved in a project to enhance stakeholder engagement in the United Kingdom on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The project aims to support a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to GCM implementation by increasing awareness and engagement of UK stakeholders – notably migrants, civil society, the private sector and government – on the Compact.

The project will support:

- The development of informational materials on what the GCM is and how it can be used

- Multi-stakeholder coordination and cooperation on GCM-related issues in the UK

- Connecting UK stakeholders to resources and engagement events taking place globally with the United Nations Network on Migration

- The celebration of International Migrants Day in December 2021

- Multi-stakeholder consultations ahead of the International Migration Review Forum in May 2022

- The development of policy briefs on climate and mobility and safe and legal pathways that highlight policy options for the UK government

The project will run until March 2022, is funded by the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and is implemented in partnership with the Centre for Global Development and IMIX. The project is coordinated with a UK GCM Engagement Group of interested agencies including UN, civil society organizations and the Government.

What is the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration?

The Global Compact for Migration (GCM) is the first comprehensive UN framework adopted through inter-governmental negotiations to enhance international cooperation in global migration governance. While voluntary and non-binding, the GCM is based on international law, the 2030 Agenda and upholds States' commitments to human rights.

The GCM defines 23 objectives covering all aspects of migration with an array of possible actions, drawn from best practice, that States may choose to implement in their national migration policies.