

XVIII REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)

**Park Inn Hotel**

**San Jose, Costa Rica**

# June 25-28, 2013

**AGENDA**

**Monday, June 24th**

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| Todo el día | Arrival of delegations to the Hotel |
| 17:00 – 18:30 | Registration and delivery of nametags for participants for the XVIII Meeting of the Regional Conference on Migration  **Venue: Little Room** |

**Tuesday, June 25th**

**MEETINGS OF THE LIAISON OFFICERS NETWORKS**

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| 07:30 – 08:30 | Registration and delivery of nametags for participants for the XVII Meeting of the Regional Conference on Migration continues.  **Venue: Second Floor Lobby** |
| 08:30 – 13:00 | Parallel meetings.   * Liaison Officers Network for Consular Protection   **Venue: Rooms Blue A&B (Second floor)**   * Liaison Officers Network to Combat Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling   **Venue: Red Room (Third floor)**  **Note**: **Refer to the specific agendas of these meetings** |
| 13:00 - 15:00 | Lunch |

MEETING OF THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION GROUP ON MIGRATION (RCGM)

Red Room (Third floor)

***Note: Statements scheduled in the program until the break time are open to participants of the RNCOM***

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| 15:00 – 15:15 | Opening Remarks by the Presidency Pro-Témpore (PPT)  ***Lead: PPT.***   * Approval of the agenda * Logistical Information * Designation of representatives for the Drafting Committee * Designation of a Rapporteur to lead both the RCGM and RCM Drafting Committees (PPT) |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Report by the Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat (TS)   * Activity and Financial report for the period November 2012 – May 2013 |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Report on events:   * Global Meeting of Chairs and Technical Secretariats of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (RCPs). Lima, Peru, May 22-23, 2013 ***[Lead: PPT/TS]***   *Every two years this Global Meeting takes place, the ST which has always attended accompanying the formal PPT's: Bangkok, Thailand (2009, accompanying Guatemala) and Gaborone, Botswana (2011, accompanying Dominican Republic)*  *This report will be addressed more broadly inside discussions on Topic of Migration and Development.*   * First Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group for the Definition of a Common Agenda and its Coordination Mechanisms. San Salvador, February 20-21, 2013. ***[Lead: TS]*** * *During the XVII Vice-Ministerial Meeting, held in Panama, in June 2012, Vice-Ministers decided to approve RNCOM’s proposal to hold a meeting of the Ad-Hoc RCM-RNCOM Working Group for the Definition of a Common Agenda and its Coordination Mechanisms.* ***(Decision #7)*** * *During the most recent meeting of the RCGM, held in Panama, in December 2012, the Government of El Salvador stressed its offer to host this meeting.* |
| 16:30 – 16:45 | Presentation by the RNCOM and dialogue with Member Countries. |
| 16:45 – 17:00 | Coffee Break |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Update on advances regarding the Ad-hoc Working Group to discuss, analyze and define objectives on the topic of Extra-continental Migration Flows in the Region. ***[Lead: Mexico/El Salvador]***   * *During the most recent meeting of the RCGM, held in Panama, in December 2012, countries agreed to update the database of countries of origin and that the TS would update the calendar of activities as needed.* |
| 17:30 – 17:50 | Feedback on the dialogue between the RCM and the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) ***[Lead: TS]***  *During the most recent meeting of the RCGM, held in Panama, in December 2012, the SACM’s Troika expressed its willingness to submit to the other members of the Conference the interest shown by the RCM on the exchange of information regarding extra-continental migration flows coming from some South American countries.*  *During the 4th Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration, held in Lima, Peru, on 22 and 23 May 2013, the PPT and the TS were able to talk with Colombia and Chile, two members of the SACM Troika. These countries reported that CSM Troika will hold a meeting on June 11, which will address the issue of the relationship with the RCM. The PPT will send them a special invitation to participate in this space on the agenda so they can report on how the issue is being addressed within the SACM.* |
| 17:50 – 18:00 | Report of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on the projects related to the RCM. ***[Lead: IOM]*** |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Meeting of the Drafting Committee (Conclusions and Recommendations)  Lead: PPT  **Venue: Rooms Blue A&B** |
| 19:30 – 21:30 | **Cocktail for delegates hosted by (to be determined)**  **Venue: Hotel Park Inn, Restaurant RBG** |
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**Wednesday, June 26th**

**Red Room (Third floor)**

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| 08:30 – 08:45 | **Meeting begins:** Report of the Liaison Officers Network for Consular Protection. ***[Lead: PPT]*** | |
| 08:45 – 09:00 | Report of the Liaison Officers Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons.  ***[Lead: PPT]*** | |
| **Topic: Policies and Migration Management** | | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Analysis of the impact in the region of new immigration provisions in Cuba, which entered into force in January 2013, in order to rethink the strategy of the Ad-hoc Group to develop a regional proposal in response to the concern of some Members of the RCM on irregular migration of Cuban nationals from other countries in the region, and the vulnerability of these movements.  ***[Lead: Costa Rica]***   * *During the XVII Vice-Ministerial Meeting, held in Panama, in June 2012, Vice-Ministers decided to approve the creation of this Ad-Hoc Group.* ***(Decision #5)*** * *During the most recent meeting of the RCGM, held in Panama in December 2012, it was agreed that the Group would observe the impact of the new Cuban immigration provisions in order to rethink a new strategy for addressing this issue.* | |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | | Time slot for country delegations to present progress on their migration policies and migration management.  *• Costa Rica: Progress on Comprehensive Immigration Policy in Costa Rica*  *• Canada: Brief update on policies and programs*  *• Nicaragua: Information System on Labor Migration*  *Dominican Republic: Good Migration Practices* | |
| **Topic: Migration and Development** | | | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | | Reflections toward the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development to be held in New York on 3 and 4 October 2013, and Development Agenda Post 2015.  **[Lead: PPT]** | |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | | Coffee Break. | |
| *11:15 – 12:15* | | Time slot for country delegations to present progress on migration and development. | |
|  | | * *Costa Rica: National Plan for Social Integration and Migration Fund* | |
| 12:15 – 13:45 | | **Lunch** | |
| **Topic: Human Rights** | | | |
| 13:45 – 14:00 | | Progress report on mechanisms for the identification of missing migrants. ***[Lead: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras]***  *The possibility of having a regional mechanism for the identification of missing migrants has been discussed during the most recent meetings of the RCGM. El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras have been working on the implementation of domestic mechanisms that may be the base for a regional mechanism in the future.* | |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | | Protocol for the Operation Fund of the Regional Conference on Migration to Assist Intra-Regional Migrants in Highly Vulnerable Situations. ***[Lead: TS and IOM]***  *During the RCGM meeting held in Panama in December 2012, countries asked IOM to draft a new document including the comments and suggestions given by the delegations. This draft was distributed among Member Countries and their comments were included in the new proposal.* | |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | | Analysis of the ICRC's request to be permanent observer of the RCM. ***[Lead: PPT]***  *During the last meeting of the RCGM, the ICRC sent through the TS a formal request addressed to the Vice ministers of the RCM asking to be considered as a permanent observer. This request was submitted at the time by the TS to all member countries.* | |
| 14:45 – 15:30 | | Time slot for country delegations to present progress on Human Rights.   * *Costa Rica: Immigration and Natural Disasters* * *United States: “Dangers of the Journey to Cross the Border”. Public Service Awareness Campaign for Unaccompanied Minors* | |
| 15:30 – 15:50 | | Coffee Break | |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | | Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the progress related to the international protection of refugees within the region.  ***[Lead: UNHCR]*** | |
| 16:00 – 16:10 | | Report of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the protection of migrants within the region. ***[Lead: ICRC]*** | |
| 16:10 – 16:20 | | Proposals of new activities  *• Regional Workshop on Policies, Practices and Recommendations for the Return, Reintegration and Integration of Migrants, to be held in San José, Costa Rica, on 30 and 31 July 2013.*  *• Seminar on Migrant Children and Adolescents, to be held in Antigua, Guatemala, in August 2013.* | |
| 16:20 – 17:30 | | Meeting of the Drafting Committee **(Conclusions and Recommendations)**  ***Lead: PPT***  **Venue: Rooms Blue A&B** | |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | | Discussion and Approval of Conclusions and Recommendations **(Lead:PPT)**  **Venue: Red Room (Third Floor)** | |

XVIII VICE-MINISTERIAL MEETING

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION

Theme of the Conference: “Migrations and Social Integration: Migration with a Human Face”

Venue: Red Room (Third floor)

**Thursday, June 27th**

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| 08:00 – 09:00 | Private breakfast for the Vice-Ministers  **Venue: Rojo Carmesí Room**  Participation: Vice-ministers or Heads of Delegations  **\* During the last part of the breakfast a time slot will be given to the First Lady of Guatemala.** |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Official Photograph  Participation: Vice-Ministers or Heads of Delegations |
| 09:30 - 10:00 | Opening   * Authorities of the Government of Costa Rica in their capacity as Presidency Pro-Témpore. |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee Break and time to adjust agenda for authorities and press departure. |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Statement by Costa Rica on the topic of the PPT: “Migrations and Social Integration: Migration with a Human Face.”  ***[Lead: PPT]*** |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Interventions of the Member Countries Heads of Delegation and general discussion on the theme proposed by Costa Rica.  ***[Lead: All Delegations]*** |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Meeting with representatives of the RNCOM.  ***[Lead: PPT]*** |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch. **Hotel’s Restaurant**  *Participants: All delegates*  *Lunch for Vice-Ministers and Directors:* ***Venue to be determined.***  Meeting of the Drafting Committee **(Declaration)**  ***Lead: PPT***  **Venue: Rooms Blue A&B** |
| 14:30 – 17:00 | Review of the Recommendations presented by the RCGM and the Declaration draft  ***[Lead: PPT].*** |
| **Closed-door Meeting of Vice-Ministers. Refer to separate agenda.**  **Venue: Red Room (Third floor)**  Participation: Vice-Ministers can be accompanied by up to two representatives of their respective delegations | |
| 14:30 – 18:00 | Parallel Drafting Committee meeting to work on the Declaration and Decisions.  ***Venue: Rooms Blue A&B*** |
| 19:30 – 21:30 | **Welcoming cocktail for the Vice-Ministers**  ***Venue: Teatro de la Danza, CENAC San José*** |

**Friday, June 28th**

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | The Closed-door Meeting of Vice-Ministers continues. Refer to separate agenda.  ***Venue: Red Room (Third floor)***  Participation: Vice-Ministers can be accompanied by up to two representatives of their respective delegations. |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | Parallel Drafting Committee meeting to work on the Declaration and Decisions.  ***Venue: To be determined*** |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Statements by:   * Observer Countries * Observer International Organizations * Special Guests |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Coffee Break |
| 11:15 – 12:30 | Final review of the Declaration and Decisions by the Vice-Ministers (Closed-door Meeting). |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Closing Remarks for the XVII Meeting of the RCM (open to Observers and RNCOM). |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch  All delegations |

**END OF THE PROGRAM**