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In the City of San José, Republic of Costa Rica, on October 15 and 16, 2025, the VI Plenary Meeting between the RCM and the SACM was held, in which representatives from 15 countries of North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean participated.

In this edition, the Government representatives, Observer Organizations, representatives of the Regional Network of Civil Organizations for Migration (RNCOM) and Special Guests, addressed different issues of common interest, such as comprehensive border management, the prevention and combating of human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants, regularization pathways, consular protection and coordination, support for migrant children, risk management due to natural disasters, labor migration, economic and educational integration, return and development, among others.

Likewise, under the leadership of Costa Rica and Brazil as Presidencies Pro-Tempore (PPTs) of the RCM and the SACM respectively, through the implementation of several activities in 2025, the roadmaps that both Conferences committed to carry out during the V edition of this bi-regional meeting, in October 2024 were completed. The joint activities that were developed were: the Webinar on the experience of the RCM in the protection and comprehensive assistance to migrant children and adolescents; the III Face-to-Face Course on Human Rights Protection and Humanitarian Border Management, held in Panama; and the Virtual Webinar on the SACM's experience in Migrant Integration. These activities contributed to strengthening technical capacities and promoting approaches based on human rights, gender, and inclusion, which are cross-cutting themes of bi-regional cooperation.

Because of the above, both Conferences intend to continue working together so that, during 2026, new roadmaps and commitments are completed that will include bi-regional activities with the aim of maintaining active dialogue and specific actions between the RCM and the SACM. The topics and possible activities were identified at this VI Plenary Meeting and will be led by Guatemala and Uruguay as PPTs during the next year and will be an integral part of the Work Plans of both Conferences.

As on previous occasions, both Conferences agree on the importance of maintaining and strengthening dialogue and mutual cooperation, recognizing the need to promote regular migration pathways, as well as the full exercise of migrants' rights, addressing cooperation from a comprehensive perspective and understanding orderly, safe, and regular migration as a driver of development for host societies.



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The participating countries thank the international organizations for providing their perspective on human mobility trends in the region and for actively participating in the various thematic sessions, particularly in relation to the prevention and combating human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants, as well as the follow-up on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, in view of the Second International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), which is expected to be held in the first half of 2026.

In this framework, both Conferences reaffirmed their commitment to actively participate in the preparatory process for the IMRF, preparing their respective voluntary reports on the implementation of the GCM and regional positions that reflect common progress, priorities, and challenges. This process will be accompanied by technical support from the Regional Network on Migration and the Executive and Technical Secretariats of each Conference, in order to strengthen its visibility in global spaces for reviewing the Compact.

Special recognition is also given to the participation of the RNCOM, which emphasized the important perspective gained from the field and the primary assistance they provide to migrants.

Likewise, special recognition is also given to the participation of the Regional Platform against Human Trafficking and the Smuggling of Migrants, and the Regional Coalition against Human Trafficking and the Smuggling of Migrants, as regional coordination bodies for authorities dealing with human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants between the Member Countries of the two Regional Conferences. Efforts and actions on these two issues are encouraged to be channeled through these bodies, and dialogue between them should continue to be promoted in order to develop regional responses.

The countries from both Conferences participating in this meeting are aware of all the efforts made in protection and integration policies for migrants, refugees, and returnees, as well as the challenges that lie ahead. To this end, international cooperation has been, and continues to be, key in supporting these efforts. These two conferences call on donor countries, international development banks, and the private sector to continue supporting these regional spaces in identifying and implementing protection, migration regularization, and integration programs for migrants, refugees, and returnees, as well as the communities that welcome them in solidarity.

The participating countries and organizations thank the People and Government of the Republic of Costa Rica for their hospitality and for their efforts in hosting the VI Plenary Meeting between the RCM and the SACM, the Secretariats of both regional processes, the International Organization for Migration for supporting the realization of the event, and mainly to all the delegations that with their participation made the development of this meeting possible.