

RECOMMENDATIONS

OF THE 9TH FORUM OF INTERNATIONAL NGOs IN OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO "ANOTHER LOOK AT HUMAN MIGRATION", TUNIS, 26-27 / 09/2018

FOR THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY, AND REGULAR, MARRAKECH, 10-11 / 12/2018

Considering the fundamental rights on which the Global Compact on Migration (hereinafter "GCM") is based, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Convention against Organized Crime and Trafficking in Persons, the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Labor Organization Conventions for the Right to Decent Work and Mobility, Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (see GCM §2 and notes);

Considering the will expressed by the GCM to ensure to all migrants (male and female), throughout their journey, whatever their migratory status, the protection and respect of the same human rights and fundamental freedoms as refugees, confronted that they are facing the same challenges and vulnerabilities (see GCM §3);

Considering the GCM's global and cross-sectoral vision of migration ; its roots in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the importance of maximizing the positive impact of migration as a source of development and innovation, without obscuring the risks and challenges for countries of origin, transit, destination and return (see GCM §2, §5, §7);

Considering the crucial issue of reducing irregular migration and preventing the structural causes of migration, by providing individuals and communities with the means to live decently and safely in their country and young people to build a project for the future (see GCM §10, §11);

Considering that the GCM cannot achieve its goals without shared responsibilities and solidarity, without a unity of project based on common principles of respect for the human person and his/her rights, without a concerted governance at all levels, and without development of civil society and the broad partnership it promotes with all of its actors (see GCM §12-14)

the participants of the 9th International Forum of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, organized by the NGO-Unesco Liaison Committee with the UNESCO Secretariat and in partnership with the Arab Institute for Human Rights, support the GCM and make the following **15 recommendations** for its adoption and implementation:

To change the way migrants (male and female) are seen and promote inclusive societies rich in their cultural diversity

Migrations historically a source of economic and cultural enrichment are more often perceived in recent years as a threat. In a context of crisis of reception, it is more than ever necessary to implement the following actions, *with reference to objectives 1 and 17 of the PMM and in addition:*

1. Develop scientific and academic studies showing the contribution of migrants to the gross domestic product of host and home countries; to systematically collect sex-disaggregated data and to highlight the increasing participation of migrant women, particularly in the care professions and in the informal economy; to create research, training and information centers on migration, integrating good practices of integration of migrants and assistance for the return of refugees.
2. The human behind the numbers: to encourage another look at migrants by giving an understanding of the human dimensions of migration. NGOs contribute by helping migrants to appropriate and share their stories with a wide audience (books, documentaries, theater).
3. Inclusion, the key to collective enrichment: to increase the recognition and integration of migrants' social and professional skills, and to give them the means to appropriate the laws and cultural codes of the country of arrival; support the initiatives of civil society (NGO, network of inclusive cities) to ensure their reception and create artistic, cultural and sporting events valuing their heritage and creating social ties.
4. Education for conviviality around the world: in line with SDG4, develop in all educational sectors, formal and non-formal, education for global citizenship, education for human rights, inter-religious and intercultural education, and living together in plural societies.
5. Promote an ethics of media communication that articulates freedom of expression and sense of responsibility and contributes through the truth of the reported facts and the critical spirit to deconstruct xenophobic, racist and sexist stereotypes, sources of hatred and violence.

To ensure migrants (male and female) respect and effectiveness of their human rights and fundamental freedoms

Recognition of the same fundamental rights to migrants and refugees is not only a political choice, but an ethical requirement to protect the most vulnerable as a criterion of civilization. *Consistent with objectives 3, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 15 of the GCM and in addition:*

6. Conduct a merciless struggle, at all levels, against criminal networks, smugglers and traffickers of human beings who enrich themselves by exploiting migrants, particularly women and unaccompanied minors.
7. Decriminalize the actions of NGOs and citizens who help migrants, save lives and provide first aid for humanitarian purposes.
8. Ensure in the countries of departure and throughout the migratory journey information on the conditions of regular emigration and on the rights of migrant workers; and support the work of NGOs working in sending countries with families and community leaders to warn against the misleading rhetoric of smugglers and to inform about the risks of irregular emigration: exploitation through labor, domestic slavery, prostitution, systematic rape of women and sexual exploitation of children.
9. Guarantee to all migrants, throughout their journey and regardless of their migratory status, access to basic services and care, while respecting confidentiality and paying particular attention to the specific needs of women; to ensure equal rights to work and a decent wage for all.
10. Not to separate families and siblings, and to ensure that unaccompanied minor migrants, irrespective of their migratory status, respect children's rights to protection, care and education,

their rapid educational support in specialized institutions partnering with national educations, their vocational training and their social integration.

To increase the capacity of migrants (male and female) and communities left behind to be actors of human, social and economic development

Build a world in which a chosen mobility prevails, rather than migration forced by vital necessities, engages the responsibility of States and international cooperation in preventing the structural causes of migration. *In line with GCM objectives 2, 16, 18, 19 and 21, education and capacity-building should be put at the center of sustainable human, social and economic development for all.*

- 11** Support the capacity of migrants (male and female) to overcome trauma by drawing on their own resources; train socio-educational actors and teachers in resilient, creative and participatory methods, transferable in the different host countries, transit and origin (NGOs give the example). Integrate this training objective into SDG4.
- 12** Promote access for migrants (male and female) and the diaspora to lifelong learning; train migrant students in research on migration, its causes and impacts, and in the development of projects involving actors from their countries of origin; organize regular seminars and forums.
- 13** Ensure by bilateral inter-university and intergovernmental agreements the recognition of the skills and knowledge acquired by migrants (male and female) at all levels of qualification in accordance with national diplomas, including doctorates, and the professional reinvestment of these skills in their home country.
- 14** Support associations of former migrants and refugees who, in contexts ravaged by armed conflict, provide victims of violence, including women, girls and teenage mothers, with the means to achieve economic self-sufficiency and to work for social reconciliation.
- 15.** Stay or leave, be an actor and actress of change rather than endure: on the basis of good practices of NGOs mobilizing local communities to serve their social and economic development, implement pilot projects focused on young people, needs of their country and its cultural resources, and which arouse in them the desire to invest in them by relying on their creativity and mastery of ICT for collaborative projects.