



Regional Conference on Migration or Puebla Process



Presidency Pro-Tempore

- I Mexico (1996)
- II Panama (1997)
- III Canada (1998)
- IV El Salvador (1999)
- V United States (2000)
- VI Costa Rica (2001)
- VII Guatemala (2002)
- VIII Mexico (2003)
- IX Panama (2004)
- X Canada (2005)
- XI El Salvador (2006)
- XII United States (2007)
- XIII Honduras (2008)
- XIV Guatemala (2009)
- XV Mexico (2010)
- XVI Dominican Republic (2011)
- XVII Panama (2012)
- XVIII Costa Rica (2013)
- XIX Nicaragua (2014)
- XX Mexico (2015)

Mandate

The Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) is an inter-governmental regional migration forum in which countries with contrasting migration realities, discuss migration issues of regional interest. Its primary objectives are to exchange information, experiences and best practices, and promote regional cooperation on migration.

Tenets

- To create a forum for frank and honest discussion on regional migration issues, leading to greater regional coordination and cooperation.
- Undertake regional efforts to protect the human rights of migrants and strengthen the integrity of each member state's immigration laws, borders, and national security, as well as to strengthen the links between migration and development.

Technical Secretariat

Assists the Presidency Pro-Tempore by coordinating RCM meetings and monitoring related activities. The Technical Secretariat was created by decision of the Vice-Ministers in 2001

Meeting of Vice-Ministers

The decision-making body of the RCM is the annual meeting of Vice-Ministers (Foreign Affairs and Interior), who carry out their deliberations with full respect for the sovereignty of each member country. The decisions of Vice-Ministers are adopted, after plenary meetings, in a closed-door setting to facilitate informal and frank discussion. While non-binding, the Vice-Ministers' decisions provide a framework for regional cooperation.

Recommendations for the Vice-Ministers

Regional Consultation Group on Migration

The Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), which represents the technical and operational level of the RCM, makes recommendations to the Vice-Ministers, implements and monitors the decisions of the Vice-Ministers.

Report to RCGM
Network to Combat Trafficking and Smuggling
Network for Consular Protection

- Declaration (Political)
- Decisions (Executive)

- ### Plan of Action
- Information Exchange
 - Seminars
 - Training
 - Projects

Results

- Public and private Internet sites
- Multitude of projects and Initiatives
- Fluid communication between officials
- Cooperation in the return of migrants
- Regional cooperation in combating trafficking in persons
- Training exercises on migration subjects

Regional Network of Civil Organizations on Migration (RNCOM)

The RNCOM participates actively in the Regional Conference on Migration through annual presentations before and dialogues with Vice-Ministers. Non-exhaustive list of RNCOM umbrella organizations:

- Canadian Council for Refugees and la Fundación Canadiense para las Américas (FOCAL) en Canada
- CRS de Estados Unidos
- Foro Migraciones de México
- Belize Migration Forum
- Instituto de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Centroamericana Simón Cañas (IDHUCA) en El Salvador
- Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Sociales y Desarrollo INCEDES y la Pastoral de Movilidad Humana en Guatemala
- Foro Nacional para las Migraciones en Honduras (FONAMIH)
- Red Nicaragüense de la Sociedad Civil para Migraciones (RNSCM)
- Red Nacional de Organizaciones Civiles para las Migraciones en Costa Rica (RNOCM)
- Mesa Nacional de Migrantes y Refugiados en Panamá (MENAMIRE)
- Mesa Nacional para las Migraciones en República Dominicana (MNM-RD)

OBSERVER COUNTRIES

- Argentina**
- Colombia**
- Ecuador**
- Jamaica**
- Peru**

OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS

- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)**
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)**
- United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean/Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (ECLAC/CELADE)**
- Ibero-American Secretariat General for the Ibero-American Summit (SEGIB)**
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**
- UN Special Rapporteur for the Human Rights of Migrants**
- Central American Integration System (SICA)**
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**