Connection Hub
and Knowledge
Platform of the UN
Migration Network

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Background

✔ With the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in December 2018, UN Member States agreed to establish a capacity-building mechanism (CBM) in the United Nations.

✔ This mechanism is to support efforts of Member States to implement the Global Compact, and allows Member States, the United Nations and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen capacities and foster multi-partner collaboration and cooperation.

✔ The CBM includes a connection hub (CH) “that facilitates demand-driven, tailor-made and integrated solutions” and a global knowledge platform (KP) serving as “an online open data source”.

✔ As a priority, the Network included both the connection hub and the global knowledge platform in its global workplan in July 2019.
The **connection hub** is intended to do the following:

- Advise on, assess and process country requests for the development of solutions;
- Identify main implementing partners within and outside of the United Nations system;
- Connect the request to similar initiatives and solutions for peer-to-peer exchange and potential replication;
- Ensure effective set-up for multi-agency and multi-stakeholder implementation;
- Identify funding opportunities, including by initiating the start-up fund.
The **knowledge platform** is intended to do the following:

✓ Serve as a repository of existing evidence, practices and initiatives;

✓ Facilitate the accessibility of knowledge and sharing of solutions;

✓ Build on the Global Forum on Migration and Development Platform for Partnerships and other relevant sources.
A number of the activities in the global workplan required the establishment of working groups to make sure some workstreams and their activities are following an implementation plan.

Among those workstreams is: A Connection Hub and Global Knowledge Platform are established and functioning.

Who is leading this working group: IOM

Who are the participating agencies:

From the EC members: DESA, ILO, UNDP, UNODC, OHCHR
From Other Network members: UNITAR, UNU-MERIT
Phase 1: Immediate to short-term (by October 2019)

✓ Take stock of existing platforms and their key resources on data and knowledge to determine how they can be used

✓ Identify key agencies from the Network and beyond who are willing and able to support IOM in setting up the CH and KP through a task team, including linking to the Network data work stream

✓ Develop a concept note in the working group on possible options to be coordinated and discussed with the EC including exploring how to link to the regional KPs, build on existing materials and support other workstreams

✓ Offer the possibility of developing an intranet/upload function for working group and EC members to ensure their ability to contribute and facilitate the work until the CH and KP are fully launched.
Conduct a **needs analysis** of the gaps and how they would need to be addressed

- gathering existing sources of knowledge and research, building on an initial mapping
- identifying experts among partners (and beyond) for the CH
- developing templates for how the other work streams/products of the UNMN feed into the KP and CH
- consider how the different regions can be involved by including representatives from the regional GCM networks and regional entities in the stakeholder interviews
- identifying necessary resources for the next steps
UN Migration Network (UNMN): Knowledge flow architecture

Working group 1.2: led by IOM & other WG members

Provides overall content guidance and oversight

KP/CH core team

Provides day-to-day content curation and user support

IT web support and help desk

Reviews platform outputs/knowledge products for quality

Academic advisory board / Steering committee of partners

Connection Hub (CH), incl. GCM & accessible via UNMN public website

UNMN integrated website

CH provides technical assistance and generates knowledge products to add to KP

Upload knowledge and information

Use the KP/CH to manage their work and generate new knowledge products

UN Member states

Send queries to CH

Use consolidated data, knowledge and expertise

UN Country teams

Other stakeholders / Public

UNMN Workstreams

UNMN Regional Hubs

UNMN Secretariat

UNMN Executive Committee

Supports the workstreams

Web application

User group

Management group
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