Session one:
The GCM: from Theory to Practice

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The relationship between migration and development is complex and context-specific. It is two-way, in that:

- Migration impacts development
- Development impacts migration
Migration and the 2030 Agenda

Migration governance will be a success factor for the achievement of all SDGs. Migration affects and is affected by all areas of governance and is therefore relevant to ALL SDGs. Migration is a global phenomenon affecting all countries worldwide and its effective governance needs global partnerships and a ‘whole-of-government approach’ if we want to make the most of its benefits.
Partnership for Development

- Strengthen the capacity of migrants themselves to be development partners
- Mobilize all migration-related financial resources, including remittance flows and diaspora investment
- Encourage the practice of migration mainstreaming in development planning

Goal 17 calls to “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development”.

- Migration is an important factor for development, and migrants are actors for development and poverty reduction for themselves, their families, and communities of origin and destination.
- To effectively mobilize and improve possible partnerships for development, migration must be included in development planning.
Whole of government approach: a core principle of the GCM

Sectoral policies can facilitate or impede the contribution of migration to sustainable development, and there is a need for policy coherence and cooperation across all development sectors.

Integrating migration into planning frameworks and connected with budgeting.

Cooperation across all levels of governance in countries.

Whole-of-society approach.
Policy coherence in practice

Example – GCM 15
“Provide access to basic services for migrants”
Group exercise – 30 mn

Using the SDG lens, how does migration contribute to development in your country? Which GCM objectives do you think are a priority to capitalize on migration for development?

What are the relevant sectoral policies that you think should be reviewed from a migration lens? Which capacities are needed and should be strengthened in your country?

Financing for migration governance: have you adopted any measures to mobilize (additional) resources? Where are the most immediate financing needs?