Concept Note for CMC Workshop on Migration Data Collection and Management

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<td>Host Agencies:</td>
<td>International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)</td>
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<td>CARICOM, Global Migration Data Analysis Center (GMDAC), Economic Community for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</td>
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The Caribbean Migration Consultations (CMC) was established by Caribbean countries in 2016 as a Regional Consultative Process (RCP) for migration and refugee protection. This new government-led regional policy dialogue focuses on coordinated, rights-based and effective management of issues related to migration and forced displacement in the region. In January 2016, Belize hosted a Preparatory Meeting, during which key substantive themes were identified in order to be further discussed in the framework of the new regional forum. Eight countries and territories – Aruba, The Bahamas, Belize, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and the Turks and Caicos Islands – were represented.

Since then, several CMC meetings and workshops have been held to create networks of stakeholders from across the Caribbean on various topics related to migration and refugee protection that have been identified as priority issues for the participating countries and territories:

- 1st meeting of the Caribbean Consultations on Refugee Protection and Migration
  - 5-8 December 2016, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
  - Funded by UNHCR and IOM

- 2nd Meeting of the Caribbean Migration Consultations – Refugee Protection
  - 7-8 December 2017, Nassau, Bahamas
  - Funded by UNHCR

- High-level Workshop on Human Mobility and Disasters in the Caribbean
  - 9-10 April 2018, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
  - Funded through IOMs Migrants in Countries in Crisis Initiative, with funds from PRM.

- First Workshop of the Caribbean Migration Consultations Counter-Trafficking Network
  - 26-27 April 2018, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
  - Funded through an IOM project, with funds from PRM.

Caribbean countries face common challenges related to limited data collection, management and analysis, including the inter-institutional sharing of data. In recent years, countries around the world, as well as regional consultative processes, have focused their attention on the production and analysis of migration-related data. In June 2017, a United Nations Expert Group Meeting was held on Improving Migration Data in the Context of the 2030 Agenda. In its recommendations on capacity building, it states ‘International, regional and sub-regional organizations are encouraged to provide technical assistance to enhance the capacity of national statistical systems, to improve international migration statistics, including
statistics required to monitor migration-relevant SDG indicators and the implementation of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to be adopted by the General Assembly in 2018.” It also encourages countries to make an effort to collect and compile data from: populations and housing censuses, household surveys, administrative sources, and non-traditional sources. In addition, it recommends collaboration among countries “so that experiences and new initiatives to improve migration statistics could be shared.” These conclusions also highlight the need to disaggregate data by migratory status, including refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and stateless persons. Additionally, within the Global Compact on Refugees, States and relevant stakeholders, there is an agreement that reliable, comparable, and timely data is critical for evidence-based measures to improve socio-economic conditions for refugees and host communities, assess and address the impact of refugee flows on host countries in emergency and protracted situations, and achieve durable solutions.

In response to the participant countries’ and territories’ acknowledgement of data as a priority for migration governance in the region, and through the generous support of the United States Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, a Workshop on Migration Data Collection and Management will be held in Montego Bay, Jamaica 24-25 September 2018. The International Organization for Migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in collaboration with the Government of Jamaica, will bring together representatives of the national migration agencies and statistical institutes to advance the understanding and utilization of migration-related data in migration refugee protection and development policy.

The workshop will have three primary objectives:

1. Analyze migration data needs within the context of the Sustainable Development Agenda, the Global Compact for Migration, and Global Compact on Refugees
   a. Introduce context of migration data globally and regionally.
   b. Present existing and upcoming initiatives in migration data collection and analysis.
   c. Identify challenges and opportunities in migration data within the Global Compact on Migration and the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals framework.

2. Share migration data management best practices
   a. Identify means, resources and good practices

3. Review and develop mechanisms to improve migration data collection, analysis and sharing

The Workshop will be facilitated by the Government of Jamaica and the International Organization for Migration. Presentations will be provided by the Government of Jamaica, IOM, UNHCR, regional organizations, and experts from participant countries. The workshop will be structured in a series of plenary and breakout sessions.

The IOM will fund up to two people from each State in the Caribbean. The desired profiles of the participants are:

- Representative in a decision-making, policy planning, and training capacity from the Directorate of Migration, Immigration, or Border Management agency,
- Representative from the central national statistics or development agency in a lead and decision-making capacity.

A report on outcomes and recommendations will be developed by IOM and UNHCR and finalized with the participants, including future actions and priorities for the countries and the CMC.