PRESENTATION on the Issue Based Coalition on Large Movement of People, Displacement and Resilience ECA Region r-UNSDG/RCM meeting Vienna 10-11 December 2019
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Main Goals:

- Platform to exchange the key advocacy messages and practises among agencies related to large displacement of persons of concern.

- **The key focus area:** Inclusion of persons of concern (refugees, internally displaced, stateless and migrants) under the ‘no one left behind’ principle.

- Aims to provide coherent UN support at the country level towards SDGs nationalization inclusive of key issues related to persons of concern.

- While VNR processes are ‘owned’ by the member states, and while SDG monitoring rests with respective custodian agencies, IBC LMPDR advocates to ensure inclusion of persons of concern in respective VNRs and also that SDG monitoring processes are reflective of our persons of concern.
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Specific Objectives:

1. Promote joint UN advocacy statements and common messages in relation to dealing with large movement of people, displacement and resilience without prejudice to the mandates of relevant UN agencies.

2. Support countries in including refugees, internally displaced, stateless persons and migrants in the development of national development plans, as part of the realization of the 2030 Agenda and UNSDCFs where appropriate.

3. Promote common UN approaches to raise awareness of the rights of persons of concern and to counter xenophobia, as well as to improving institutional and community resilience in a manner that meets the needs and rights of both persons of concern, as well as host and transit communities over the short, medium and long-term.

4. Provide regional perspective and strengthen regional partnership and involvement of stakeholders at all levels of governance to support Member States in implementation of relevant targets of the SDGs and of the New York Declaration on refugees and migrants and in line with the Global Compacts on Refugees and Migrations.

5. Improve coordination, communication and information sharing on key lessons and good practices considering the focus to leave no one behind due movement of people and displacement.
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Membership:

- UN agencies and related entities, as well as relevant NGOs and entities from the private sector with an expertise in migration, displacement and resilience.

- Current members: UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNEP, UNFPA, UNWOMEN and IOM.

Leadership/co-chairing arrangements:

- Led by UNHCR and UNDP Regional Directors or an alternate. The Regional Directors nominate agencies’ experts to be part of the IBC.
Main activities 2018-2019:

- Developed the ‘key messages’ addressing common IBC position on issues of large displacement and resilience in the ECA region. The document was distributed to agencies and RC/UNCTs through Regional UNSDG/RCM mechanism.

- One country (Serbia) was supported through MAPS mission, resulting in nine specific recommendations. Prior to MAPS mission, Serbia has adopted the Law on Asylum and Temporary Protection, and UN offered to support the Ministry of Interior in drafting relevant by-laws.

- IBC organized a side event on issues of concern to IBC LMPDR in the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (in March 2019) – on inclusion of IBC LMPDR persons of concern under ‘leave no one behind principle’, with a specific theme on statelessness. The event aimed to promote awareness of the Member States in the ECA region on the importance of inclusion of the persons of concern to IBC LMPDR in VNRs that were presented in the HLPF 2019.

- Analysis of MAPS reports and / Joint Work Plans for countries where large displacement of refugees, migrants and resilience issues are clearly indicated. Proposed reports for review: Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and/or Kosovo and possibly other countries in Europe and Central Asia (in 2020 plans).
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Future plans:

Expanded role of IBCs in the ECA region:

- Ensure regular engagement with country level to provide required technical support;
- Provide expertise and policy knowledge to the RCs and UNCTs, where required;
- Promote joint work with and involvement of partners from outside of the UN, engaging in policy dialogues and exchanges with regional organizations, civil society, the private sector, research organizations, financial institutions;
- Advance evidence-based research and promote better access to regional data banks of agencies;
- Facilitate inter-country knowledge exchange;
- Promote the use of a unified reporting system and define interim milestones;
- Within the area of expertise, act as liaison between policy work at the global, regional and country levels; integrator of multi-sector approaches; and connector with other inter-agency mechanisms.

IBC LMPDR foreseen additional objectives in line with the expended IBCs’ roles:

- Provide regular feedback to RCs/UNCTs on substantive issues related to persons of concern at the regional level. Engage in systematic discussions with RCs/UNCTs to respond to any queries/concerns that they may have/may need to be addressed at the field level with regard to the inclusion of persons of concern.
- Keep RCs/UNCTs updated of the coordinated regional positions among IBC members on persons of concern
- Provide support to RCs/UNCTs as required on inclusion of persons of concern in UNSDCF and national development plans
- Provide required technical support as required;
- Country focal points: planned to nominate staff at the technical/working level to serve as liaison – IBC LMPDR focal points in each UNSDCF 2021 country.
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IBC LMPDR Website:


• 2018-19 Work Plans;
• the ‘Key Messages’ advocacy document;
• Terms of Reference

Information on IBC LMPDR side-event during the RFSD 2019 on ‘Leave no One Behind Principle - Addressing statelessness and enhancing the resilience of vulnerable groups through the Sustainable Development Goals’ is available at the RFSD 2019 website: