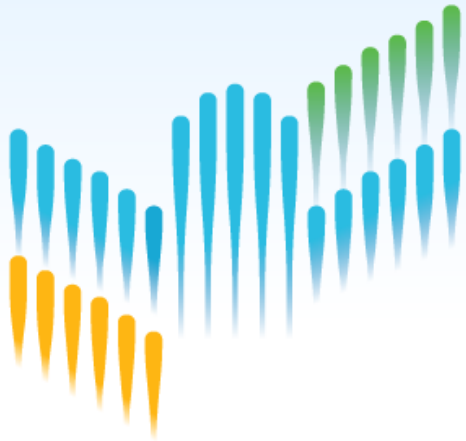




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Progress Declaration

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The 2026 Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) reaffirms global commitment to the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) through strengthened international cooperation, rights-based migration governance and sustainable reintegration approaches. The declaration highlights persistent migration challenges linked to labour migration governance, climate change and trafficking and smuggling, while recognizing emerging opportunities for coordinated action and partnership.

➤ Climate Change and Migration

- The declaration recognizes climate change, environmental degradation, and natural disasters as key adverse drivers compelling people to migrate. Expansion of regular migration pathways responsive to climate-related vulnerabilities. **(Page 3, Paragraph 13)**
- It emphasizes the need to create conducive environmental, social, and economic conditions that allow people to live safely and with dignity in their countries of origin. **(Page 3, Paragraph 13)**
- Member States acknowledged the expansion of regular migration pathways responsive to climate-related vulnerabilities and environmental pressures. **(Page 3, Paragraph 13)**

➤ Labour Migration

- The declaration recognizes the value and contribution of migrant workers to sustainable development in countries of origin, transit, and destination. **(Page 2, Paragraph 4)**
- It acknowledges progress in expanding bilateral, regional, and multilateral labour mobility agreements and regular migration pathways. **(Page 4, Paragraph 13)**
- Strong emphasis is placed on fair recruitment, decent work, and the protection of migrant worker's rights. **(Page 4, Paragraph 15)**
- The declaration recognizes persistent challenges including labour exploitation, informal employment, wage theft, and lack of labour protections. **(Page 4, Paragraph 15) (Page 8, Paragraph 37)**
- It highlights the need to prohibit recruiters and employers from charging recruitment fees and related costs to migrant workers. **(Page 10, Paragraph 43)**

- The declaration welcomes progress in skills development, mutual recognition of qualifications, and skills mobility frameworks to facilitate labour market integration. **(Page 4, Paragraph 17)**
- It further emphasizes strengthening pre-departure information, post-arrival support, and access to ethical recruitment systems. **(Page 4, Paragraph 16)**
- The declaration promotes digital and fintech-enabled services, remittance access, and social protection mechanisms for migrant workers and their families. **(Page 7, Paragraph 33) (Page 7, Paragraph 34)**
- The declaration highlights the importance of skills development, mutual recognition of qualifications and competences, and digital credentialing systems to facilitate labour market integration and mobility opportunities for migrant workers. **(Page 4, Paragraph 17)**
- The declaration emphasizes reducing remittance transfer costs, strengthening engagement with financial institutions and private sector actors, and promoting financial inclusion for migrant workers and their families. **(Page 11, Paragraph 56)**

➤ Counter-Trafficking and Protection

- It recognizes that poverty, inequality, violence, and irregular migration increase vulnerabilities to trafficking and exploitation. **(Page 6, Paragraph 25)**
- Strong emphasis is placed on victim-centred, gender-responsive, and child-sensitive protection approaches. **(Page 6, Paragraph 25)**
- The declaration highlights the need for strengthened identification, referral, and protection systems for victims of trafficking. **(Page 8, Paragraph 37)**
- It acknowledges emerging risks related to digital exploitation, forced labour, and forced criminality linked to trafficking networks. **(Page 6, Paragraph 28)**
- The declaration stresses enhancing cross-border cooperation, information-sharing, and coordinated law enforcement efforts to dismantle trafficking and smuggling networks. **(Page 6, Paragraph 25)**
- It further emphasizes ensuring access to justice, psychosocial support, healthcare, and reintegration assistance for survivors of trafficking. **(Page 10, Paragraph 46)**

Overall Recommendations

1. Strengthen rights-based and non-discriminatory migration governance through international cooperation and shared responsibility.
2. Expand safe, orderly, and regular migration pathways linked to labour mobility, skills recognition, and decent work.
3. Improve systems for migrant identification, documentation, and legal identity protection.
4. Enhance cooperation on missing migrants, humanitarian assistance, and protection-sensitive responses along migration routes.
5. Strengthen prevention of trafficking in persons through victim-centred, gender-responsive, and child-sensitive approaches.
6. Intensify coordinated efforts to combat migrant smuggling while ensuring protection of migrants' rights.
7. Ensure safe, dignified, and rights-based return, readmission, and sustainable reintegration processes.
8. Promote responsible use of digital technologies in migration and border management with appropriate safeguards.
9. Develop gender-responsive and child-sensitive migration policies ensuring participation and leadership of women.
10. Strengthen prevention and response mechanisms for violence, exploitation, and abuse against migrant women and girls.
11. Prioritize non-custodial alternatives to migration detention in line with international human rights obligations.
12. Advance efforts to end child detention in migration contexts through child-sensitive alternatives.
13. Improve migrants' access to healthcare, education, psychosocial support, and other essential basic services.
14. Facilitate access to social protection and portability of social security benefits for migrant workers and their families.
15. Reduce remittance transfer costs and strengthen migrants' financial inclusion and diaspora engagement.
16. Combat racism, xenophobia, discrimination, hate speech, and misinformation targeting migrants and diasporas.
17. Strengthen migration data systems and evidence-based policymaking through improved data disaggregation and analysis.

18. Encourage measurable national pledges and commitments to support implementation of the Global Compact.
19. Enhance regional and cross-regional collaboration along migration routes through multi-stakeholder engagement.
20. Strengthen the Capacity-Building Mechanism and Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund to support implementation of the Global Compact.
21. Deepen linkages between the Global Compact and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
22. Promote route-based and whole-of-government approaches for comprehensive migration governance.
23. Strengthen collaboration among countries of origin, transit, and destination through practical guidance and coordinated implementation.
24. Continue global review and monitoring of Global Compact implementation through future IMRF and UN-led reporting processes.