



Conferencia Regional sobre Migración
Regional Conference on Migration



Joint Communiqué

Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) and the South American Conference on Migration (SACM)

V Plenary Meeting Bogotá D.C. Republic of Colombia, October 10 and 11, 2024

In Bogotá, Republic of Colombia, on October 10 and 11, 2024, the V Plenary Meeting between the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) and the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) was held. This event had the participation of representatives from 22 countries from North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. The meeting was co-chaired by Belize, as Presidency Pro Tempore (PPT) of the RCM, and the Republic of Colombia, as PPT of the SACM.

These consultative processes on international migration, which have the longest history in the hemisphere, are established on the basis of fundamental respect for the human rights of migrants and an understanding of the various structural and multidimensional causes that converge in both regions at different stages of the migration process. The conferences facilitate dialogue between governments, observer organizations, the Regional Network of Civil Organizations for Migration (RNCOM) and special guests.

The governments of both conferences, through the PPTs of the Republic of Colombia and Belize, prioritized issues of common interest, such as migration governance; irregular migratory flows; travel documents, early warnings; regularization and legal pathways for socioeconomic integration; international protection mechanisms; voluntary, dignified and safe return; and the fight against Human Trafficking and Smuggling.

Additionally, key topics such as migration, the environment and the potential impacts of natural disasters on the decision to migrate, the reduction of the cost of sending remittances, the assistance and protection of nationals in cases of absence of consular representation, as well as the trends in migratory flows in both regions were discussed and analyzed. All the aforementioned topics were discussed in the presence and with the participation of the RNCOM and international organizations, whose perspectives and humanitarian work made significant contributions to the conversation.

The participants acknowledged the different roadmaps that can be implemented in 2025, so that this V Plenary Meeting advances multilateral cooperation with lines of work in favor of the protection of the rights of migrants and the interests of host communities ensuring comprehensive follow-up by each of the parties, with the support of the technical and financial capacity of the international organizations present at the event.



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Both conferences also reaffirmed their commitment to recognize the contributions that migrant populations offer to the development of countries of origin, destination and return. In this regard, countries confirmed the need to promote the comprehensive exercise of the rights of migrants, as well as their full socio-economic and cultural integration throughout the migratory cycle, according with the national law of each country.

The States agreed to continue addressing migration between the two conferences, through follow-up meetings between Troikas of both mechanisms, with the intention of maintaining a substantive and fluid dialogue between them.

The participating countries and organizations extend their gratitude to the People and Government of the Republic of Colombia for their hospitality and for the efforts to hold the V Plenary Meeting of the RCM and the SACM. They also express their appreciation to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Government of Canada, the secretariats of the respective regional consultative processes, and the observer organizations that have collaborated and supported this event.