

**SANTIAGO DECLARATION**  
**XX SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION**  
**PRO-TEMPORE PRESIDENCY OF CHILE**

**“MIGRATION, INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION: TOWARDS A REGIONAL  
MIGRATION AGENDA”**

*Santiago de Chile – October 12, 13 and 14, 2022*

In the city of Santiago, Republic of Chile, on October 12, 13 and 14, 2022, the XX South American Conference on Migration (SACM) was held, with the Pro Tempore Presidency of the Republic of Chile. The regional meeting was attended by the delegations of the Governments of the Republic of Argentina, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Ecuador, of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of Peru, the Republic of Suriname, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as representatives of International Organizations, Observers and Special Guests, and with the support of the Technical Secretariat exercised by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

With the motto “Migration, Integration and Cooperation: Towards a Regional Migration Agenda”, the Pro Tempore Presidency of Chile, promoted a joint Regional Migration Agenda with the Member Countries of the South American Conference on Migration (SACM), to address the complex challenges arising from the regional migration landscape and the multidimensional consequences of the post-COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

Consequently, the Member Countries of the South American Conference on Migration:

1. **Reaffirm** the South American Conference on Migration as an intergovernmental space that promotes respect for and protection of the human rights of migrants and their families, valuing its contribution to social, cultural and economic development in the countries of origin, transit and destination, as well as host communities.
2. **Recognize** that the South American Conference on Migration is one of the consolidated regional instances for the exchange of experiences, regulations and public policies, as well as the preparation of content for the governance of migration in South America.
3. **Pay attention** to the problems arising from human mobility processes, recognizing the importance of cooperation and coordination from an intersectoral perspective, to address challenges such as human trafficking and smuggling of migrants, irregular migration, comprehensive management of borders, socio-labor integration, climate change and the protection of women, girls, boys, adolescents and diverse gender identities.

4. **Take into account** the multidimensional impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on human mobility at the regional level, which is why they consider it relevant to address these challenges from a responsible, joint perspective that respects human rights.
  5. **Agree** on promoting a Regional Migration Agenda, proposed by the Pro-Tempore Presidency of Chile, based on a **regional cooperation axis; an axis of international cooperation; a humanitarian axis; a migratory axis; and an axis of social cohesion.**
  6. **Emphasize** that the agenda of the XX South American Conference on Migration was guided by a democratization process, under the principles of solidarity and responsibility, promoting the generation of consensus, dialogue and communication among the Member Countries.
  7. **Welcome** the commitment to update the South American Plan for Human Development of Migration (PSDHM), incorporating a prospective vision to guarantee safe, orderly and regular migration in the region.
  8. **Promote** the participation of the South American Conference on Migration in the various instances for multilateral migration governance, recognizing the SACM as the South American migration forum for coordination with other Regional Consultative Processes.
- I. **PROGRESS AND PROJECTIONS OF THE XX SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (SACM)**
- A. **STRENGTHENING OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (SACM)**
1. In accordance with the "Regulations for the Organization and Operation of the South American Conference on Migration (SACM)," the management of the Troika was revitalized and strengthened, under the need to articulate and promote dialog among its members, with the participation of the Republic of Argentina and the Republic of Peru.
  2. The Member Countries began the process of updating the **South American Plan of Human Development for Migration (PSDHM)** - approved in 2010 - through the formation of the Working Group that will propose the corresponding road map for the XXI WSC. This process will be supported by the project "*Development of a Comprehensive Regional Plan to Address Migration in South America*" and the IOM Development Fund (IDF).

3. Following up on what was achieved at the XIX SACM, it was proposed to strengthen the Work Networks, responding to the challenges of the regional migration landscape and incorporating an intersectoral, holistic, comprehensive and prospective view, whose debates and products are detailed in Annex N°1.
  - A) Work Network on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants;**
  - B) Work Network on Migrant Children and Adolescents;**
  - C) Work Network on Comprehensive Border Management;**
  - D) Work Network on Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Disasters;**
  - E) Work Network on Gender and Migration;**
  - F) Work Network on Social and Labor Integration: Work and Education.**
4. The South American Conference on Migration highlights the role played by host communities and local governments in migration management and social integration processes, whose knowledge of the local reality should be considered in the development of national, regional and international migration initiatives.
5. The Member Countries approved an addendum to the "Regulations for the Organization and Functioning of the South American Conference on Migration (SACM)," which will allow the regulated participation of civil society in the framework of the SACM, under the criteria and delimitations to be agreed upon in the XVI Intersessional Meeting, safeguarding the intergovernmental nature of this space.
6. The Member Countries request the Technical Secretariat to resume the preparation of the report mentioned in the Buenos Aires Declaration of the XIX SACM, referring to the mechanisms for the participation of civil society, for the evaluation of the subject by the Member Countries.

#### **B. INTERNATIONAL PROJECTION OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (SACM)**

1. The South American Conference on Migration supported the efforts made by the PPT Chile to strengthen the link with the United Nations Network on Migration and the United Nations System at the regional level, promoting synergies and cooperation alliances that benefit the agenda and South American migration governance.
2. The South American Conference on Migration highlighted the contributions made at the First International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), through the Extraordinary Declaration of the South American Conference on Migration before the IMRF, which reflects the convergence with the principles of a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (Annex N°2).

3. The South American Conference on Migration prepared the Joint Position Statement of the South American Conference on Migration before the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), in which it calls on the international community on the importance of joint treatment of human mobility linked to climate change (Annex N°3).
4. The South American Conference on Migration stressed the importance of coordinated dialog with regional integration mechanisms and consultative processes to address the joint challenges of the Regional Migration Agenda, such as Mercosur and the Andean Community of Nations (CAN), the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), and the Ibero-American Forum on Migration and Development (FIBEMYD).
5. The Technical Secretariat is entrusted with fostering, strengthening and continuing these ties for the coordination and development of more and better initiatives between the Conference and international actors for the development of safe, orderly and regular migration.

### C. INCORPORATION OF PRIORITY ISSUES FOR A REGIONAL MIGRATION AGENDA

1. The South American Conference on Migration took up topics of higher interest for the installation of a Regional Migration Agenda and the governance of migratory flows. For the above, different activities were developed in a spirit of dialog and collaboration.
2. The Member Countries discussed the challenges of the regional migratory panorama, the increase in irregular migratory flows and their high vulnerability, the importance of preparing and exchanging statistics and data for migratory management, and access to justice for migrants and their families.
3. Likewise, the importance of the contribution of the South American diaspora to development and joint work for its benefit was reaffirmed, for which the **Regional Workshop on the Empowerment of the South American Diaspora as Agents of Sustainable Development** was held, the result of which is translated into a Route (Annex N°4). In addition, you are invited to participate in the **Regional Training on Diaspora**, which will take place during November 2022.
4. The South American Conference on Migration will advance towards a regional agenda based on five priority axes, inspired by the protection of the best interests

of the child, a cross-cutting gender approach, and the promotion and protection of human rights:

- a) **Regional Cooperation Axis**, focused on strengthening Consultative Processes and existing regional spaces for dealing with migration governance.
- b) **International Cooperation Axis**, under a close relationship with organizations and tools provided by the United Nations System through the preparation of coordinated and transparent plans with the Member Countries, promoting resource mobilization strategies and financial and technical cooperation.
- c) **Humanitarian Axis**, focused on the protection and necessary care that must be provided to migrants and their families throughout the migratory journey and in each of its phases.
- d) **Migratory Axis**, aimed at managing migration in a comprehensive manner, promoting the development of robust institutional frameworks capable of dealing with migratory flows in their different dimensions.
- e) **Migratory Social Cohesion Axis**, understanding the fundamental role played by host communities in the integration processes of migrants and their families, based on reliable information, trust and mutual tolerance.

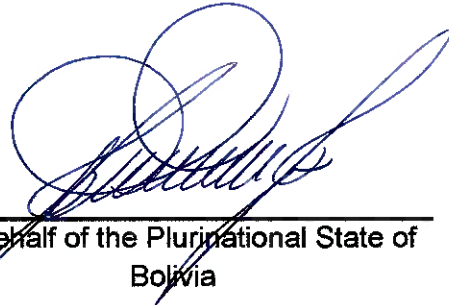
#### D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The South American Conference on Migration thanked the participation and contributions made by other regional processes, the entities of the United Nations System at the regional level and the invited international organizations, which revitalizes the development of alliances with the Member Countries and deepens the cooperation ties between the Conference and the International System.
2. The South American Conference on Migration gave special thanks for the participation in the Plenary Meeting of Mr. Marcelo Pisani, IOM Regional Director for South America, for his permanent support for the development and strengthening of this regional consultative process on international migration.
3. The South American Conference on Migration thanked the Republic of Peru for its offer to assume the Pro-Tempore Presidency of the XXI South American Conference on Migration, whose formal transfer will take place at the end of November at the XVI Intersessional Meeting.
4. The South American Conference on Migration thanked the Chilean Pro-Tempore Presidency for its drive and efforts to bring the Member Countries together in person, resuming the actions initiated under the previous Pro-Tempore Presidency of Argentina.

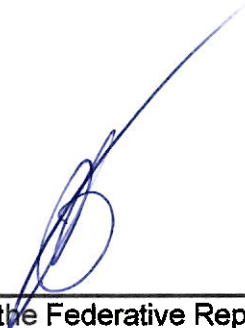
5. The South American Conference on Migration expressed its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Chile, in its capacity as Pro-Tempore Presidency and host country, for the hospitality provided and the excellent organization and development of the twentieth version of the Conference, and to the Technical Secretariat for the permanent support provided.
6. In witness whereof, the Member Countries of the South American Conference on Migration sign this document on October 14, 2022, in the city of Santiago de Chile.



On behalf of the Argentine Republic



On behalf of the Plurinational State of  
Bolivia



On behalf of the Federative Republic  
of Brazil



On behalf of the Republic of Chile



On behalf of the Republic of Colombia

On behalf of the Republic of Ecuador

On behalf of the Cooperative Republic  
of Guyana

On behalf of the Republic of Paraguay

On behalf of the Republic of Peru

On behalf of the Republic of Surinam

On behalf of the Oriental Republic of  
Uruguay

On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of  
Venezuela



## **II. ANNEXES**

1. Report of the Work Networks.
2. SACM Extraordinary Declaration before the IMRF.
3. SACM Joint Declaration before COP27.
4. Road map for the empowerment of the South American Diaspora.