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Global Compact
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RESPECT, SAFETY AND DIGNITY FOR ALL

What are the Global Compacts?

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants on September 19, 2016, which set commitments to enhance the overall protection of refugees and migrations. The Global Compacts asserts the importance of international cooperation when it comes to protection, along with member nations' commitment to the strengthening and enhancement of mechanisms to protect migrants. The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees reflects the States' commitment to adopt said practices. Although the documents are not legally binding, it is an important opportunity for the international community to improve its response to refugees and migrants.

What is the Global Compact on Refugees?

The Global Compact on Refugees is a document that will continue to be revised throughout the consultation process, however it sets out four main goals:

1. An improved system of burden and responsibility-sharing
2. Strengthened national protection systems and response capacities world-wide
3. Enhanced socio-economic conditions for refugees and host communities
4. Greater efforts to resolve protracted refugee situations

Additionally, the Compact is composed of two (2) main sections: a Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) and a Programme of Action. The CRRF was adopted as an annex to the New York Declaration, which has four main areas of focus: rapid and well-supported reception and admissions; support for immediate and ongoing needs (eg. protection, health, education); assistance for local and national institutions and communities receiving refugees; and expanded opportunities for solutions. The Programme of Action, which has been the main focus of the consultations, is composed of two (2) main parts. The first part addresses the mechanisms to achieving more equitable and predictable responsibility-sharing amongst States. In addition, new proposals include a Global Support Platform to mobilise support and solutions for specific refugee situations, and convening of global refugee summits to encourage States to pledge new forms of support.

What is the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration?

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration expresses the collective commitment among States to improve cooperation on international migration, focusing on twenty-two (22) objectives, to be completed through numerous actionable commitments:

1. Collect and utilise accurate, disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
2. Minimise the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
3. Provide adequate and timely information at all stages of migration
4. Provide all migrants with proof of legal identity, proper identification and documentation
5. Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
6. Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
7. Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
8. Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants
9. Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants
10. Prevent and combat trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
11. Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner
12. Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures
13. Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives

14. Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
15. Provide access to basic services for migrants
16. Empower migrants and societies to realise full inclusion and social cohesion
17. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote fact-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
18. Invest in skills development and facilitate recognition of skills, qualifications and competencies
19. Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries
20. Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
21. Cooperate in facilitating dignified and sustainable return, readmission and reintegration
22. Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits

What role does the International Centre on Nurse Migration play?

There are five (5) principle objectives that are of great importance and align with the mission and goals of the International Centre on Nurse Migration. The objectives are:

1. Objective 1: Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies

- This area is about harmonizing methodologies, developing global programmes and global data portal, improving data collection, using administrative records-visas etc.
- ICNM can use their resources to bolster these efforts.

2. Objective 3: Provide adequate and timely information at all stages of migration

- This type of information can be provided and publicized by ICNM for nurses attempting to migrate throughout the world, including at CGFNS Centres of Excellence.

3. Objective 5: Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration

- ICNM and its resources can help facilitate information sharing between stakeholders and nurses wishing to migrate.

4. Objective 6: Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work

- This portion of the Compact is about reviewing existing recruitment mechanisms.
- CGFNS International's Alliance for Ethical International Recruitment Practices has the capability to spread awareness and facilitate change in the international nurse recruitment industry.

5. Objective 17: Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote fact-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration

- ICNM and its affiliate organizations have the resources to promote a positive image of nurse migration and the wonderful benefits that come along with foreign-educated nurse migration. This is partially being accomplished through the Nursing Now campaign.