Partnerships, frameworks in upholding migrants and refugee rights

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Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)
Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM): Existing framework on migration

- Non-legally binding framework to guide governments in addressing migration challenges
- Adopted in 2018 by 164 governments
- Contains 23 objectives on data, regular pathways, decent work, social inclusion, access to services
- Monitoring of implementation by UN Network on Migration, IOM as secretariat
Processes

**Asia Pacific Regional Review**

Happens every 4 years starting 2020

Held in 2021

Multi-stakeholder consultations from 2020-2021

Statements from consultations were submitted and read during the APRR

Next is 2024

**International Migration Review Forum**

Happens every 4 years starting 2022

Interactive multi-stakeholder hearing

Next is 2026
Defining partnership and cooperation

- Human rights-based
- Grassroots-focused
- Accountability to people
- Open and inclusive
- Transparent
Challenges

Advocacy spaces like the GCM are **closed/invited spaces**. They are state-led.

Gatekeeping

**Perception** of migrants as second-class or third-class citizens, easy targets of scapegoating

More...

Language, visa, time, digital divide, resources

**Shrinking space**
Good examples

Include Migrants in State Response to COVID-19
Supporting campaigns on the ground, conducting national advocacies and campaigns

Advocating and realizing migrants’ meaningful participation

| Acquainting migrants on the GCM, finding its relevance to their struggles | Asserting that the GCM is a space for migrants to engage | Resourcing migrants’ capacity and agency | Partnering with them all throughout the process | Redefining victories in advocacy spaces |