**Objet :** Champion Countries events agenda

Dear Colleagues,

We’re writing to share with you the updated list of Champion countries, in light of Cambodia, Chad and Colombia recently joining this group.  Please find the current list of Champions attached.

You’ll see that while there is a reasonable geographic balance, some regions/sub-regions are poorly represented or absent.  We would highlight, in particular perhaps, Europe and Central Asia.

Further, and as mentioned in our EC meeting in January, while we hope the Champions initiative will continue to strengthen, it is important that our focus is not only on them but rather reflects the global nature of our work.  This will become even more important, in all likelihood, in the course of this year as some of the politics around the GCM looks set to improve.  In this regard, for example, we can consider opening up some of our meetings with Champions to others, where there is interest.

From recent discussions with a number of Champions there is a clear appetite to move to the next stage and actually develop concrete ways in which we might use this initiative to generate momentum behind specific aspects of GCM implementation.  In this regard, we’re very much looking forward to the meeting on 26 February, with its particular focus on the guidance materials under development by CWGs 2.1 and 2.2.

Please also find here, our [common calendar for this year](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmigrationnetwork.un.org%2Fcalendar-events-2021&data=04%7C01%7Ckparco%40iom.int%7C0137d7dd37fe47fc0a3f08d8d2686888%7C1588262d23fb43b4bd6ebce49c8e6186%7C1%7C0%7C637490693811024040%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BqkAkIv3HyC4ibhAzVxULDkev7lAkntxKBR6rRlF03M%3D&reserved=0). We hope that these events can also help provide our various workstreams with specific opportunities to interact with GCM Champions, seek their feedback and promote peer to peer learning.  In this regard, the list of forthcoming thematic Working Group products (attached) might also help us in determining how best to plan for these engagements with Champions.

Very best,

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**Subject:** Invitation: Technical meeting with Champions 26 Feb. 3pm to 5pm

Dear Colleagues,

Further to the below message, we are pleased to announce a technical meeting on **Friday 26 February 2021 from 3pm to 5pm (CET)** bringing together Champions and colleagues from the Network to discuss next steps. Please see below the Webex call-in details.

You will find as follows the meeting agenda with dedicated time for **core working groups 1.2 & 2.2** engagement with Champions. The meeting will include a discussion on the draft guidance material *Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM): Guidance for governments and all relevant stakeholders,* a tool developed by the Network (through its Core Working Group 2.2 on GCM National Implementation Plans).  This will also be an opportunity to launch an online discussion on this topic to engage Champions and other partners in the use of the Migration Network Hub. The Guidance material, in English, French and Spanish, as well as well as the discussion note to help steer the conversation as shared with Champions are hereby enclosed.

We offered the **possibility to Champions to invite their colleagues from capitals** – given the topic – and believe it would be great for you and your field agencies to participate as well, in a listening mode. Grateful if each EC member could limit their participant **to 1 per Champion country** – attached is the updated list of Champions for easy reference. Please do let us know whether your offices are supporting their respective Government in preparation of this meeting or if they receive any requests related.

Agenda

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|   3.00 – 3.30  | **Welcome and Introduction to the 2021 Action Plan** Opening remarks, by Jonathan Prentice, Head of the UN Network on Migration Secretariat  Champions feedback   |
|   3.30 – 4.30    | **Technical discussion on the draft guidance material *Implementing the GCM: Guidance for governments and all relevant stakeholders*** Setting the Scene: introduction to the Guidance material, by IOM Champions feedback and discussion: Please see guiding questions to steer the conversation, discussion moderated by QUNO   |
| 4.30 – 4.50  | **Technical discussion on Champion countries’ discussion space (ongoing discussion)** Introduction to the Champion’s discussion space on the Migration Network Hub, including how to provide written feedback on the draft guidance material, by IOM Champions feedback, moderated by UN Network on Migration Secretariat  |
| 4.50 – 5.00  | **Conclusion and way forward** Closing remarks by Jonathan Prentice, Head of the UN Network on Migration Secretariat  |

Technical meeting with Champions: 2021 action plan

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