RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GLOBAL COALITION ON MIGRATION

The Global Coalition on Migration calls on the United Nations and member states to put migrants’ human rights at the center and promote coherent policies that offer rights-based, gender-responsive, and permanent regular pathways and regularization for all.

States must take measures to protect the human rights of migrants at all stages of migration regardless of their migratory status.

- Demilitarize all migration policies and procedures, particularly at borders, and shift resources to sustainable development and decent work for all.
- ‘Safe, regular, and orderly’ migration is not a cover to legitimize exploitative temporary labor schemes and heightened enforcement policies.
- Through human rights-based, gender-responsive pathways for regular migration and for the regularization of undocumented migrants, states must provide options for permanent residence, citizenship, and meaningful participation in civic life to facilitate social and family cohesion.
- Address migration through a whole-of-government approach and policy coherence that promotes economic, social, racial, climate, and gender justice and centers the objectives of economic, trade, migration, and foreign policy on the needs of people and protecting the environment.

States must extend equal rights to migrants, including full workers’ rights, social protection, and access to services, regardless of their migration status.

- Address intersecting forms of discrimination in policy: gender identity or expression, race, ethnicity, nationality, class, sexual orientation, age, religion, and disability.
- Recognize the agency of workers to represent themselves and integrate the ILO’s tripartite structure of consultations (between the government, workers’, and employers’ representatives) as a central governance mechanism for economic and social integration of all workers, including refugees and migrants.
- Recognize migrants as right holders and clearly establish migrants’ entitlement to basic services, secondary care, and access to the justice system.

The implementation of the Global Compact on Migration must lead to a new social contract and not to “building back better” the broken and flawed circular global migration edifice.

- Promote a new social contract that ensures quality basic services and universal social protection; community safety; ability to recover from climate impacts; rule of law; mechanisms to end all discrimination, such as by race or gender; and decent, stable, family-sustaining jobs.
- Commit to a priority focus on climate and migration with a gender lens, including creating mechanisms within the UN system to effectively and coherently link global policy in climate, migration, development, and human rights arenas.
- Rethink the concept of development and create national policies to avert, minimize, and address climate-related displacement in a way that is gender-responsive, inclusive, and contributes to building resilience among affected populations.