Civil Society models of engagement in the Global Compact for Migration

Civil Society Action Committee

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Context
Following its work around the High Level Summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants in 2016, the Civil Society Action Committee (AC) played a key role in building upon and amplifying civil society’s strategy, content, and political work around the Negotiations on the Global Compact for Migration, at the same time closely tracking parallel developments around the Global Compact for Refugees. The Action Committee’s mandate will be extended for a transitional period through 2019, a year which also marks the start of the Global Compacts implementation. This means important ‘homework’ for civil society: not only will civil society need to think of how it will organise itself in this new era, it will have to be prepared to think of its role and priorities in the monitoring, follow-up and review process and collective action going forward. This is an exercise that needs time, consultation and extensive dialogue with civil society across sectors, regions and themes, and will need action through 2019. The Action Committee has started collecting first ideas around models of engagement. Drawing on the preliminary findings from this first phase, the civil society Action Committee will outline and communicate next steps for further and wider consultation and dialogue in 2019 (phase 2).

Phase 1: Research Question:
How will civil society organise in this new era of international migration governance, including in the Global Compact for Migration follow-up and review process? Which areas could it collectively prioritize and how do we effectively and transparently connect in this?

Phase 1: Scope and methodology
This research will be mainly collecting input from civil society engaged in the Global Compact for Migration. Recognizing the importance of reflection on the same topic around Global Compact for Refugees, et al., this work will endeavour to identify linkages and encompass perspectives where there are overlaps. It will aim to broaden input and opportunities for feedback to the extent possible within the limitations of this first phase.

The methodology is as follows:
Between end of October 2018 and end of January 2019:
• Set number of individual interviews with key civil society leaders;
• Set number of individual interviews with leadership in other civil Society networks from other processes;
• Set up number of webinars (regional and thematic) to discuss the Research Question in an open forum format
• Open online survey
• Two moments of interaction at the GFMD Civil Society Days

Phase 2: timeline and scope
To be defined early 2019.

More info:
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