

**Addendum to 14th Steering Committee Meeting
(January 2026 virtual consultations)
Summary of Decisions**

DECISIONS ENDORSED BY

Chair of the Steering Committee:

- **Catalina Devandas**, (IOM - Special Envoy for the IMRF)

Member States:

- **H.E. Mr. Tareq Md. Ariful Islam** (Bangladesh – Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **H.E. Rina Yessenia Lozano Gallegos** (El Salvador - Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)
- **H.E Dr. Fancy Too**, (Kenya – Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva)

Donors:

- **Ms. Annabel Gerry**, (United Kingdom – FCDO, Head of Migration and Demining)
- **Mr. Kasper Thams**, (Denmark - Head of Department for Migration, Peace and Stabilisation)

Stakeholders:

- **Ms. Stella Opoku-Owusu** (African Foundation for Development - Deputy Director)
- **Ms. Ellene Sana** (Migrant Forum in Asia / Center for Migrant Advocacy)
- **Rev. Jack Amick** (UMCOR - Director of Global Migration)

United Nations:

- **Mr. Máximo Torero CULLEN** (FAO - Chief Economist)
- **Mr. John Brandolino** (UNODC – Director of Treaty Affairs)
- **Mr. Nicolas Brass**, (UNHCR - Senior Policy Advisor and Head of the Global Compact on Refugees Section)

Ex-officio members:

- **Mr. Bavo Christiaens** (UNDP MPTF Office – Portfolio Manager)
- **Mr. Philippe Grandet** (Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit - Head)

STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

The following is a summary of decisions reached, all by consensus.

Funding allocation and Programme Selection

Allocation of Resources and Identification of New Priorities

Fund Allocations

Taking into consideration the volume of resources available, the donor earmarking, and thematic balance, it was agreed to allocate resources to one Joint Programme from among the approved priority Joint Programmes.

Allocation of Resources to Joint Programme					
Thematic Area	Country	Region / Sub region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)
4	Belgium-Senegal-Morocco	Africa/ West and Central Africa; Europe; MENA	Boosting the contribution of diaspora to climate action in rural areas	FAO, IOM	3,000,000

Identification of a New Priority Joint Programme

In line with agreed practice, following the funding of the Belgium-Senegal-Morocco proposal, a new priority Joint Programme was identified under TA4 to maintain an equal number of priorities under each Thematic Area:

- “Integrated approach to sustainable cocoa production, transboundary forest management, and migration management in Liberia” submitted by IOM and FAO in **Liberia** – USD 3,000,000.

Overall, the ten priority Joint Programmes and their respective status in the approval process are summarised below:

Priority Joint Programmes						
Thematic Area	Country, Countries	Region / Sub-Region	Joint Programme Title	PUNOs	Budget (USD)	Status of Joint Programme document
1	Botswana	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening of Migration Data Collection, Analysis and Management Systems in Botswana	IOM, ILO, UNDP	1,700,000	Approved
1	Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand	Asia / East and Southeast Asia	Safe Labour Migration and Decent Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in the ASEAN Region	UNDP, ILO	2,700,000	Approved
2	Guatemala, Mexico	Americas/ Central and North America	Address vulnerabilities and save lives of people on the move through coordinated cross-border efforts along the Guatemala – Mexico border	IOM, UNICEF, WFP, UNHCR	4,000,000	Requested
2	Namibia	Africa / Southern Africa	Strengthening protection and assistance services to migrants, including children in vulnerable situations in Namibia	IOM, UNICEF, FAO	2,800,000	Approved
3	Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso	Africa / West and Central Africa	Enhance Border Management and Combat Transnational Crime at the Northern Border of Côte d'Ivoire and Cascades region of Burkina Faso	IOM, FAO, UN Women, UNODC	4,000,000	Approved
3	Colombia, Costa Rica and Panama	Americas / South America	Strengthening the capacity of the Governments of Colombia, Costa Rica, and Panama to provide effective and coordinated responses to transnational organized crime, while enhancing access to protection for migrants and community members in vulnerable situations	IOM, UNODC	4,000,000	Approved
4	Liberia	Africa / West and Central Africa	Integrated approach to sustainable cocoa production, transboundary forest management, and migration management in Liberia	IOM, FAO	3,000,000	Requested
4	Sri Lanka	Asia / South Asia	Promoting decent employment opportunity and gender equality in the	IOM, ILO	1,400,000	Approved

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			care economy for Sri Lanka migration workers			
5	Peru	Americas / South America	Strengthening socioeconomic inclusion and access to comprehensive quality healthcare and protection of refugees and migrants and receiving communities in the COVID-19 context in the district of San Juan de Lurigancho-SJL, Lima, Peru	ILO, IOM, UNFPA, WHO	2,053,567	Approved
5	Thailand	Asia-Pacific / East and Southeast Asia	Ending Childhood Statelessness in Thailand through Civil Registration of Vital Life Events	IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNESCO	3,000,000	Approved

Joint Programme Revision

The Steering Committee approved the budget revision of the Thematic Area 1 Serbia Joint Programme.

Revision of the updated Terms of Reference and Operations Manual

The Steering Committee approved the revision of the Terms of Reference and Operations Manual in line with the decisions taken on 14 October 2025 at the 14th Steering Committee meeting.

Fundraising strategy leading up to IMRF

The Steering Committee approved the fundraising strategy leading up to IMRF.