

# Special update on Quito Process: IV Technical Meeting on Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region



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## PARTICIPATION

The Quito IV meetings brought together 14 participating countries from the region – the highest level of participation to date – as well as key cooperating States and actors in the regional humanitarian response (United States, European Union, Canada, Sweden, Netherlands, among others) in addition to the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank.

Participants of the Regional Interagency Coordination Platform, including UN agencies (ILO, IOM, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNHCR and WHO), representatives from civil society organizations and the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement were also in attendance and played an active role across the two-day meeting.

## AGENDA & KEY TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

### 1 Regional context and advances in the Quito Plan of Action.

### 2 Registration, Data, Documentation and Human Mobility.

- Regional Mobility Card and database for Venezuelan nationals.
- Protection safeguards in regular stay arrangements.

### 3 Protection of migrants and refugees.

- Regional overview of situation related to human trafficking and smuggling.
- Proposal for regional guidelines on protection of migrant and refugee children and adolescents.
- Proposal for strengthening national asylum systems in the region.
- Presentation of civil society organizations.

### 4 Socio-economic integration of migrants and refugees.

- Facilitating measures for recognition of educational qualifications and certifications.
- Best practices for integration of refugees and migrants (Argentina & Brazil).
- Overview of regional health situation and best practices in relation to HIV/AIDS prevention and response.
- Population characterization and challenges in relation to labor insertion.

### 5 International cooperation and responsibility-sharing mechanisms.

- Presentation of project profiles related to reception services and assistance and information and orientation networks.
- Cooperation experiences and opportunities with international financial institutions (World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank).
- Advances and proposals for bilateral cooperation.

## MAIN OUTCOMES

The Quito IV meeting resulted in the adoption of two documents – “Quito IV Declaration” and “Road Map of the Buenos Aires Chapter of the Quito Process” – which reaffirmed the importance of regional coordination to facilitate human mobility in line with human rights standards and outline prioritized issues and actions for the coming weeks and months.

### Key Messages

- Reinforce regional coordination for reception, assistance, protection and integration of Venezuelan refugees and migrants.
- Increase international cooperation and responsibility-sharing.

### Creation of Technical Working Groups

#### Registration and documentation



Regional Mobility  
Card and database

#### Protection



Child protection



Human trafficking and  
smuggling



National asylum systems

#### Integration



Education  
(incl. recognition of  
qualifications)



Health  
(incl. HIV prevention and  
response)



Labor insertion

#### Cooperation

Strengthen technical and financial support from the international community including the creation of a “**Friends of the Quito Process**” group.





## Quito IV Agreements

- Both agreements, Quito IV declaration and the Road map
- Road map only

## KEY DOCUMENTS

Joint Statement by the Fourth International Technical Meeting on Human Mobility of Venezuelan Nationals. July 2019 [SPA] [🔗](#)

Buenos Aires Chapter Road Map. July 2019 [SPA] [🔗](#)

UNHCR and IOM, Latin American countries agree road map for integration of Venezuelans. July 2019 [🔗](#)

# THE QUITO PROCESS

The Quito Process is a government-led initiative that aims at creating a collective strategy to harmonize policies and practices of countries in the region, coordinate the humanitarian response and improve access to services and enjoyment of rights.

Some of its priorities includes developing regularization procedures, fostering economic and social integration, encouraging international cooperation and guaranteeing full access to rights and social service.



\* Adopted by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.  
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## NEXT STEPS

### Preparatory Meetings

In follow up to the above-mentioned, coordination and technical meetings will be organized over the coming months with national authorities from the region, international cooperation actors, as well as other key stakeholders including the Regional Interagency Coordination Platform.

### Colombia Chapter

**Colombia** will assume the rotating leadership of the Quito Process for the next round of meetings tentatively planned for **5-6 December 2019**. The upcoming round of meetings aim to review and endorse the results of the technical working groups in order to strengthen the operationalization of the regional response as well as the formalization of support from the international community.