

Concept Note



Background

Since its establishment, the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (*MIRPS*, as per its acronym in Spanish), has served as an effective framework for promoting a coordinated response to displacement, involving all relevant actors and fostering initiatives from humanitarian and development sectors, as well as public and private actors, based on a whole-of-society approach. At the global level, the MIRPS and its Support Platform are considered a good practice for other regions and an example of shared responsibility as established by the Global Compact on Refugees.

The Government of Panama assumed the MIRPS Pro-tempore Presidency with the firm commitment to strengthen and elevate the MIRPS to the highest level. In 2023, the Pro-tempore Presidency worked hand-in-hand with the MIRPS countries to strengthen dialogue and regional collaboration for the protection and solutions for displaced persons in Central America and Mexico.

The VI MIRPS Annual Meeting will be a forum to analyze the current realities of displacement, progress in the implementation of MIRPS national and regional plans, and persistent challenges. This meeting will mark a milestone for the MIRPS, as States will also approve its Statutory Charter and adopt the Panama City Declaration.

This year, the Annual Meeting features a "High-Level Solidarity Segment" led by the United States as the Chair-in-Office of the MIRPS Support Platform. Building on the momentum of the Solidarity Events held in 2021 and 2022, this segment will convene Members of the MIRPS Support Platform and other relevant stakeholders to re-affirm their commitments and mobilize political, technical, financial and in-kind resources to support the advancement of the MIRPS National Action Plans and regional priorities to respond to forced displacement.



The meeting will have the following specific objectives:

- Highlight the strengths, progress and challenges faced by MIRPS countries in the current unprecedented situation of forced displacement in the region.
- Generate a dialogue between the MIRPS countries and the Support Platform, promoting political support and the mobilization of technical, financial, and material resources from the MIRPS Support Platform, including Member States and development banks, as well as the United Nations System, civil society and the private sector.
- Officially approve the MIRPS Statutory Charter.
- Adopt the Panama City Declaration.



Annual Meeting format

Venue: Intercontinental Miramar Hotel, Panama City

Modality: In-person, with web-stream available.

In-person participants:

- MIRPS States represented at the Ministerial level (format 2+1)
- High-level representatives of the Support Platform's Chair and Past Chair
- High-level representatives of Members of the Support Platform and other invited States
- Other strategic partners, such as civil society, private sector, and the United Nations System

Format of interventions:

The meeting will be divided into the following segments:

- I. Opening session
- II. Presentation of the VI MIRPS Annual Report
- III. Intervention by MIRPS countries
- IV. High-Level Solidarity Segment
- V. Adoption of the MIRPS Statutory Charter and the Panama City Declaration
- VI. Presentation of recognitions
- VII. Formal handover of the MIRPS Pro-tempore Presidency and MIRPS banner

Additionally, the organizers will host a closing cocktail on the same day of the event, including remarks of appreciation and a cultural presentation.