

IOM'S INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW UNIT (IML UNIT)

INTRODUCTION TO THE IML UNIT

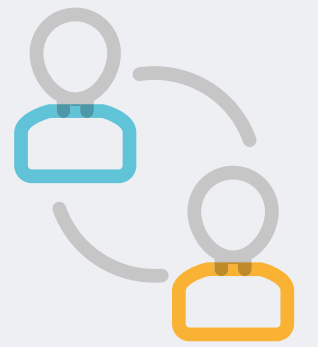
The International Migration Law Unit was established within IOM to strengthen and promote the Organization's involvement in International Migration Law (IML).

A key objective of the Unit is to encourage dissemination and understanding both within and external to IOM, of the international legal standards that govern migration and aim to respect, protect and fulfill the rights of migrants. In doing so, the IML Unit promotes and encourages a rights-based approach to migration governance.



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WHAT DO WE DO?

- IML trainings and capacity development
- Legislative and policy development and review
- Project development and programming support
- Liaison with UN Treaty Bodies
- Research and publications on IML
- Knowledge management on IML

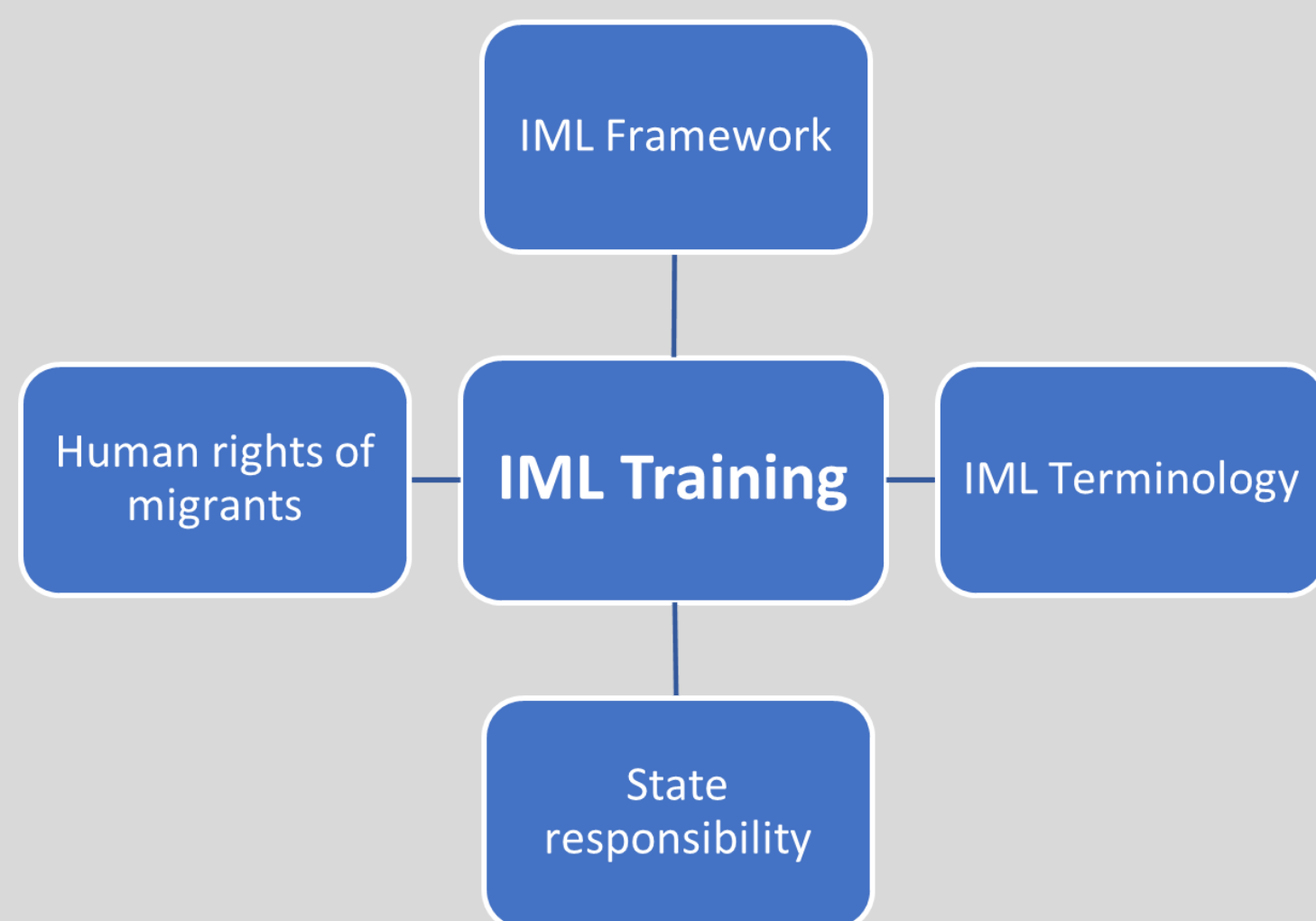
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HOW CAN THE IML UNIT SUPPORT?

Training and Capacity Building

The IML Team undertakes capacity development activities covering the IML framework and terminology, and providing an overview of the international law standards protecting migrants' rights and defining State authority and responsibilities thereof. The IML team also provides trainings on specific IML thematic areas, including alternatives to detention, rights of migrant children, migrant workers' rights, trafficking and smuggling, law of the sea, business and human rights, among others.



Moreover, since 2005, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, Italy (IIHL) and IOM jointly deliver the IML Course each year. Currently, the IML Course is delivered in English, French, and Spanish, in-person and online, having reached already more than 1.800 beneficiaries around the world, mainly Government counterparts.

Legislative and Policy Development and Review

Through the national IOM mission, the IML Unit can assist you upon request, in:

- **reviewing and supporting the development** of policies and legislation, in compliance with international standards;
- **assessing** current policy or legislation in line with IML;
- **conducting** IML workshops on policy and legislative development;
- **advising** and providing information to governments that are considering the ratification of relevant international and regional treaties.

UN Treaty and Charter Bodies

The IML Unit also undertakes the following:

- Liaising with **UN Treaty Bodies** on implementation of respective treaties in the country;
- Submitting **inputs to the Universal Periodic Review** highlighting States achievements in implementing accepted recommendations to advance the fulfillment of migrants' rights;
- **Facilitating cooperation** with the **Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures**.

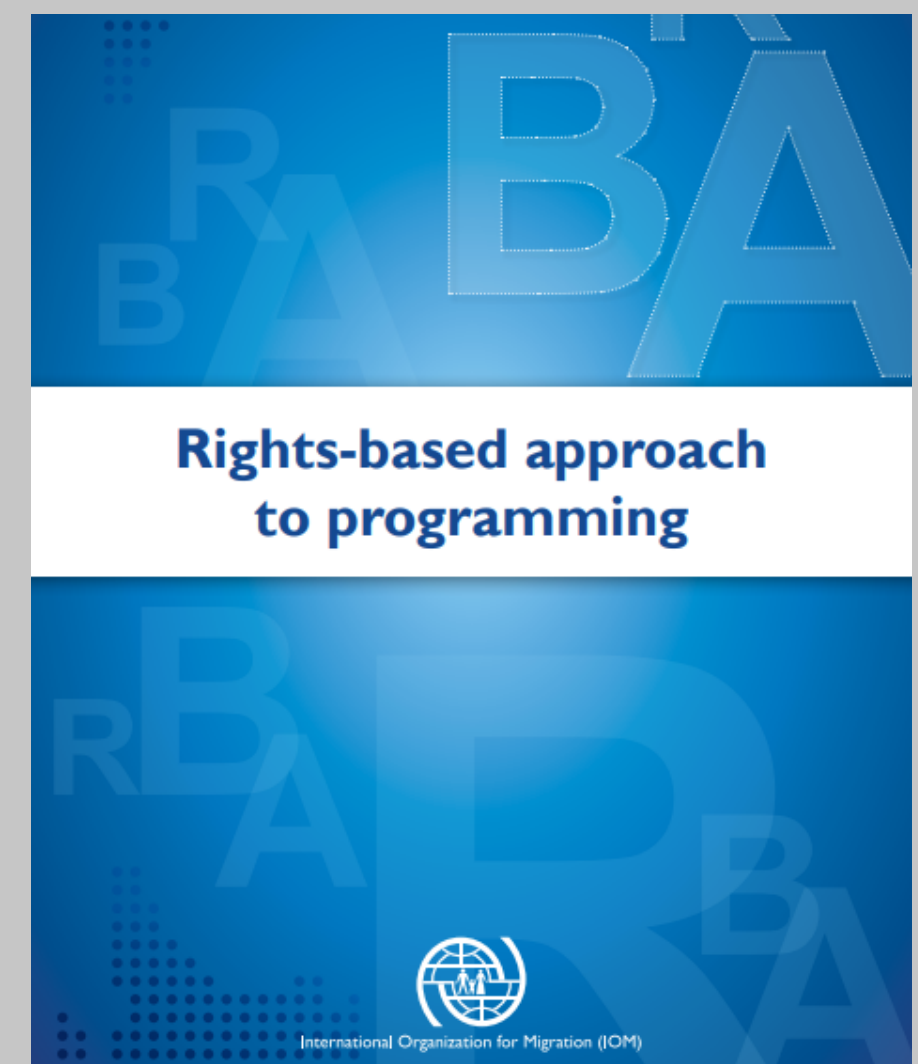
IML RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Research and Publications on International Migration Law

The IML Unit conducts research on migration law and current migration issues to analyse and evaluate the various facets and interplay of international, regional and national migration law. The Unit seeks for better governance of migration through research activities that improve awareness and knowledge of migration law. The Unit is responsible for the International Migration Law Series (Green Series), other legal publications, as well as IML Information Notes.

A Rights-Based Approach to Programming (2016)

This handbook has been developed to assist all IOM staff on how to take a rights-based approach (RBA) to projects and programming. It goes through each relevant stage of the project cycle and explains how RBA can be applied throughout the entire process of programming, as well as within the results of the project. The handbook's Annexes include examples, tools and sources that may be of assistance and provide practical guidance for a variety of projects.



Glossary on Migration (2019)

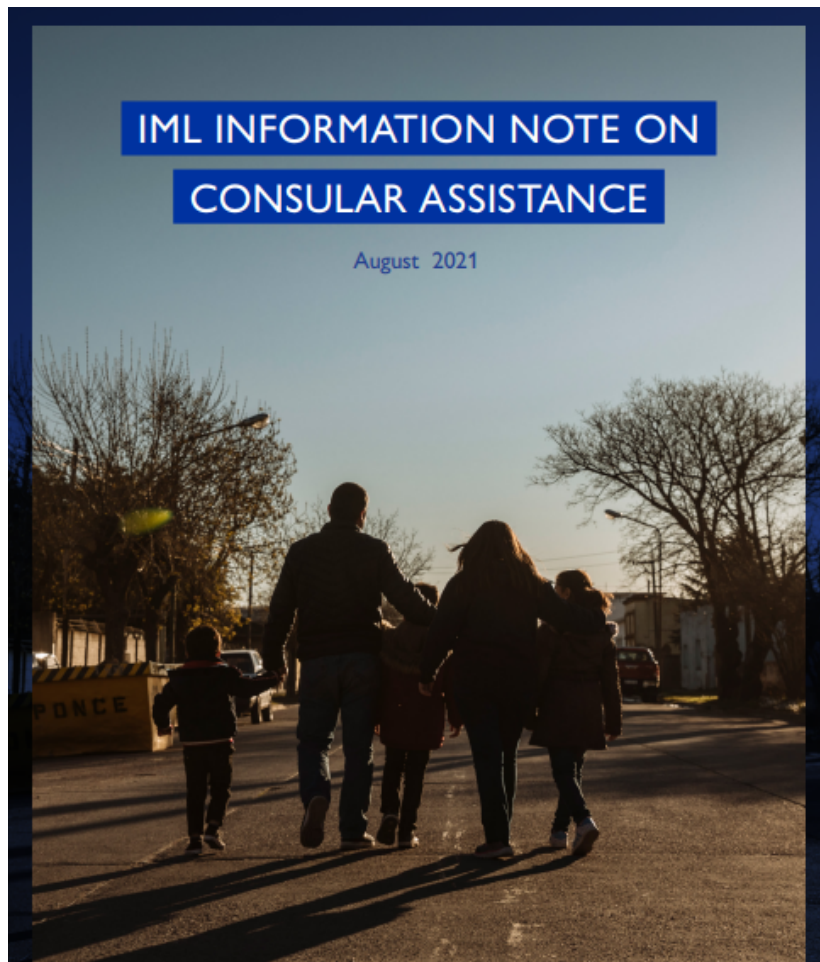
The IOM 'Glossary on Migration' is an accessible and comprehensive collection of migration related terminology. Designed for everyone dealing with migration issues, the Glossary aims at creating a common understanding of migration terms. This glossary provides a wide-set of terms pertaining to conceptual, legal, theoretical or practical matters of migration. It is designed for policy makers, practitioners, scholars, students as well as to anyone who is interested in migration issues. The Glossary is available in English and Spanish, and will be soon available in French. It will also be made available in other languages in due course.



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Latest IML Publications



IML Information Note on Consular Assistance (2021)

Provides an overview of the international legal framework governing consular assistance, the extent of both the State of origin and the host State's obligations to provide and facilitate access to such assistance. It also describes the legal and practical implications for States, migrants, international organizations and civil society. This Information Note also focuses on specific situations, such as detention, expulsion or emergencies where access to consular assistance protects the rights of migrants in vulnerable situations.



IML Information Note on International Standards on the Protection of People with Diverse Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC) in the Context of Migration (2021)

Provides an overview of how international law applies to people with diverse SOGIESC in the context of migration and discusses the specific protection issues, risks and needs of migrants with diverse SOGIESC from a legal perspective, in particular under international human rights law.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION AND SEX CHARACTERISTICS (SOGIESC) IN THE CONTEXT OF MIGRATION



Migrants Access to Justice: International Standards and How the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration Helps Paving the Way (2022)

Provides an overview of the meaning and scope of the right to access justice for migrants, as enshrined in international law, regional law and jurisprudence, also in light of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM).



MIGRANTS' ACCESS TO JUSTICE: INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND HOW THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION HELPS PAVING THE WAY

SUMMARY

This paper presents an overview of the meaning and scope of the right to access justice for migrants, as enshrined in international law, regional law and jurisprudence, in relation to the framework of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM). It explores the central elements of this right and relevant standards for its protection and guarantee in the context of migrants' effective access to justice, highlights some of the challenges in implementing this right, and provides some of the measures that States can take to respect, protect and fulfil the right of migrants to access justice, through the commitments in the GCM and the new opportunities that measures taken under these commitments entail.

IOM ATD Series

The IOM ATD Series is a set of tools aimed at guiding all relevant stakeholders in conceiving, developing, implementing and advocating for alternatives to immigration detention (ATD).

- **IOM Road Map on Alternatives to Migration Detention: Tools Series N°1 (2020)**
- **Advocating for Alternatives to Migration Detention: Tools Series N°2 (2021)**

