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Mesoamerica Program Newsletter



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Central, North American Countries Worked on Joint Strategy Against Migrant Smuggling with IOM, UNODC support

Sixty representatives from the 11 Member States of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) gathered in San Jose, Costa Rica, Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) estimates that two of the principal smuggling routes – leading from East, North and West Africa to Europe and from South America to

March to promote medium and long-term joint strategic policies and actions to tackle the multi-billion illegal industry of migrant smuggling.

North America – generate about USD 6.75 billion a year for migrant smugglers

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United Nations visited the border area of The Darien, Panama

A team from the United Nations Organization for Migration (OIM) and other UN agencies in Panama visited the province of Darien, to monitor the migrant situation in this border area with Colombia.

The Darien plug, as this jungle region of Central America is known, is one of the most dangerous passages for migrants in the world, with the presence of natural obstacles as well as criminal groups associated with arms and drug trafficking.

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Youth and Local Communities Learn about Safe Migration with IOM's Pedagogical Suitcase

Teachers and community leaders from Central America and Mexico will be able to teach safe and regular migration to young people and local communities, thanks to the [Pedagogical Suitcase](#) on Migration,

an online repository developed by the UN Migration Agency (IOM) which brings together more than 100 resources, methodologies, and educational activities.

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Testimony: A glance at the work of Nicaraguan communities

Honduran and Salvadoran Women Promote Productive Activities to Prevent Irregular Migration

Reyes Martínez is one of the dozens of women from Honduras and El Salvador who, in the framework of the commemoration of International Women's Day and with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), held the Binational Entrepreneurs Fair in Nacaome, Honduras, with the objective of promoting productive activities as an alternative to irregular migration.

The Fair also served as an opportunity for the institutions of the central governments, city halls and civil society of El Salvador and Honduras to provide information to the community about the services available for girls, adolescents and women who reside, or transit, along the border.

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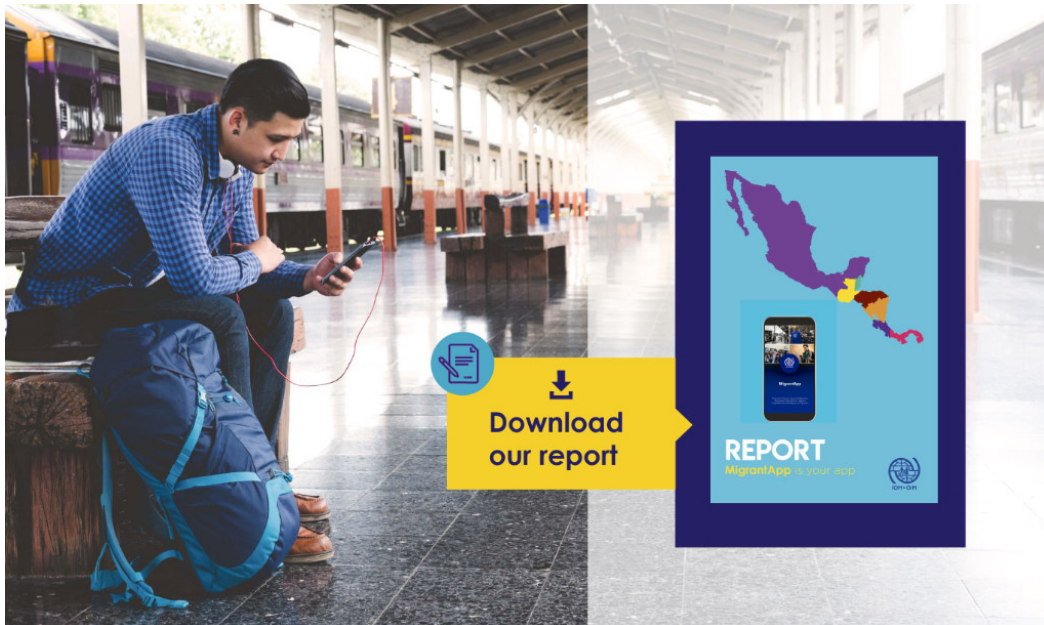
The Government of Costa Rica and IOM join forces to promote MigrantApp

The United Nations Organization for Migration (IOM), together with the General Directorate of Migration (DGME) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, presented the mobile application [MigrantApp](#) in an event that took place on March 13th with the participation of more than 150 attendees, among which were senior representatives of the government, diplomatic corps, international organizations, delegates from countries of the Regional Conference on Migration, the private sector and the media.

MigrantApp is a pioneering IOM application that provides information on regular migration options to combat the risks associated with irregular migration, such as human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants throughout the region. In Costa Rica alone, it has more than 400 centers for migrants geo-localized.

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