

## **National Statement**



Mister President, I am proud to indicate that St. Kitts and Nevis has been improving and advancing its legislative architecture to

St. Kitts and Nevis advocates for the empowerment of the diaspora as a catalyst to sustainable development

The government believes that shaping the public discourse on perceptions of migrants is vital, if we are to continue to harness the benefits of migration.

Further, Mister President St. Kitts and Nevis does not prohibit access to social services for regularized migrants within our borders. In fact, we encourage migrants to pay taxes, subscribe to social security, regularize their status and abide by the laws of our land. We acknowledge that maximizing the benefits of international migration will be difficult to achieve without a constructive approach towards irregular migration.

Mister President,

As explicitly stated in this Global Compact, no one country can achieve any of these commitments and ultimately address international migration on its own. For small island developing states, such as St. Kitts and Nevis, with limited resources and particular economic and environmental vulnerabilities, we welcome the commitment to strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships in order to achieve the objectives contained within this Compact.

Many of the objectives would require official development and technical assistance as well as capacity building support if we are to achieve what we agree to do here today. For commitments regarding data collection, provision of relevant information and documentation, coordinating migration procedures as well as the provision of the wide range of social services for migrants amongst others, international cooperation is crucial.

Therefore, we welcome objective twenty-three and the call to increase regional and international cooperation to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda particularly in areas where irregular migration systematically originates.

