Towards the Cross Regional Peer Learning Platform on Alternatives to Child Immigration Detention

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Moving from detention to adequate reception and care through peer learning and exchange
A global multi-stakeholder initiative

IDC and UNICEF are pioneering a global initiative to support governments across regions in phasing out child immigration detention in accordance with Objective 13(h) of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. This initiative is the **Cross-Regional Peer Learning Platform on Alternatives to Child Immigration Detention**.

Since 2018, the Platform has held a framing meeting in Geneva, and several regional peer learning events co-hosted by governments, IDC and UNICEF. These exchanges among States have helped develop the Platform, tailoring it to actual needs on the ground.

What is the Platform?

The Platform is an open space that provides a global umbrella for government experts to come together and engage in peer learning with the support of all relevant stakeholders, through the following central elements:

- identifying and discussing challenges
- sharing progress and setbacks
- exchanging on positive practices and effective implementation
- exploring opportunities for international cooperation and peer support
- advancing together in a collaborative manner

How does the Platform work?

As a global multi-stakeholder and solution-oriented initiative supporting States in addressing the practical challenges of putting in place alternatives to child immigration detention, the Platform will:

- support and amplify ongoing national and regional processes
- build a global network of government experts and stakeholders
- create capacity building and training opportunities
- host peer learning exchanges and site visits at global, regional & national levels
- foster multi-stakeholder partnerships

Additionally, the Platform has the potential to identify State needs, and channel those needs into the new UN Migration Network, particularly its recently established Working Group on Alternatives to Detention.

Pioneering the development of a global initiative to support governments across regions

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