Transnational Cooperation in Migration Governance

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By its very nature international migration is a transnational phenomenon that operates beyond the regulation of any one State. And yet paradoxically almost all governance of international migration globally has historically rested with individual sovereign States. Recently, we have witnessed a major milestone in the governance of international migration with the endorsement of the Global Compact for Migration by the vast majority of UN member states. While this signals a shift in migration governance and a greater reliance on international cooperation, there are new opportunities to be realized and challenges to overcome. GCM implementation will require state and non-state collaboration at a time of significant pressure on multilateralism.