

Regional Review Conference of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Arab Region

Annotated Agenda

DAY 1: Wednesday, 24 February 2021	
Master of Ceremony: Mr. Othman Belbeisi, Senior Regional Advisor for the MENA region, IOM	
09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:00	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks by Dr. Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Executive Secretary, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) - Opening remarks by Mr. António Vitorino, the Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Coordinator of UN Network on Migration - Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary General, League of Arab States - Member States Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Morocco H.E. Mrs. Ivan Faiek Jabru, Minister of Migration and Displacement, Iraq H.E. Mr. Sameh Shoukr, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt (recording) - Stakeholder Representative for Children and Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Sarah Badr, Regional Focal Point MENA, Major Group for Children and Youth - Rapporteur of the Multi-stakeholder Consultation on the Regional Review in the Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ayman Zohry, Expert in Migration Studies, American University in Cairo
11:00-11:15	<p>Scene setting and regional synthesis of the voluntary GCM review reports by Member States</p> <p>Member States have actively engaged in the national GCM reviews and several have submitted their voluntary GCM review reports. The inputs from these reports were synthesized in a regional report that highlights regional trends, key policy developments, challenges, and promising practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultants drafting the regional report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury, Associate Professor, Lebanese American University Dr. Amira Abdelrahman Ahmed Mohamed, Assistant Professor, The American University in Cairo
11:15-12:15	Plenary Session 1: Voluntary reporting by Member States

	<p>This plenary session will provide Member States with the opportunity to reflect on the progress made since the adoption of the GCM in 2018. Member States are invited to present on their national experiences, highlighting the challenges faced, success stories, existing and emerging priorities, and lessons learned. Member States that have opted to prepare a voluntary GCM review report are encouraged to present the key findings from their review.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Kuwait (TBC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member State: Iraq - Representative of Member State: Kuwait - Representative of Member State: Yemen - Representative of Member State: Egypt - Representative of Member State: Lebanon - Representative of Member State: Qatar - Representative of Member State: Jordan - Representative of Member State: Tunisia - General discussion (20 min)
12:15-13:00	Break (45 mins)
13:00-14:00	<p>Plenary Session 2: Voluntary reporting by Member States (Cont'd)</p> <p>This plenary session will provide Member States with the opportunity to reflect on the progress made since the adoption of the GCM in 2018. Member States are invited to present on their national experiences, highlighting the challenges faced, success stories, existing and emerging priorities, and lessons learned. Member States that have opted to prepare a voluntary GCM review report are encouraged to present the key findings and messages from their review.</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Enas El Fergany Director Refugees, Expatriates & Migration Affairs Department, League of Arab States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member State: Somalia - Representative of Member State: Algeria - Representative of Member State: Libya - Representative of Member State: Mauritania - Representative of Member State: Morocco - Representative of Member State: Comoros - General discussion (30 min)
14:00-14:10	Break (10 mins)
14:10-14:20	<p>Plenary Session 3: Multi-stakeholder inputs to the GCM regional review Rapporteur of the Multi-stakeholder Consultation on the Regional Review in the Arab Region Dr. Ayman Zohry, Expert Migration Studies, American University in Cairo</p>
14:20-14:50	Plenary Session 4: Cross-thematic issues in line with the GCM Guiding Principles

	<p>Member States have committed to achieving the GCM and agreed that the GCM is based on a set of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles. This plenary session explores cross-thematic issues that will enable and accelerate the implementation of the GCM.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Maysa Ayoub, Associate Director Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University of Cairo</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (5 min) Mr. Filipe Gonzales Morales - Representative from the thematic pre-consultation on migrant women, children and youth (2,5 min per person) Mrs. Nourhan Abdel Aziz, Advocacy Advisor for North Africa, Save the Children Ms. Sara Al-Khatib, Program Officer, Solidarity Center <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (20 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: Member State - Floor intervention 2: Member State - Floor intervention 3: UN Representative Ms. Susanne Mikhail, UN Women Regional Office for the Arab States - Floor intervention 4: UN Representative Dr. Karina Nersesyan Deputy Regional Director for the Arab States, UNFPA - Floor intervention 5: Stakeholder Ms. Marj Emad Ibrahim, Migrant - Floor intervention 6: Stakeholder H.E. Aleaddin Armouti, Commissioner General, Jordanian National Center for Human Rights
14:50-15:55	<p>Round Table 1: Review of GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18</p> <p>The first roundtable will focus on reviewing the progress in implementing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18. Participants will reflect on challenges, good practices, lessons learnt and discuss potential solutions to the obstacles hindering the achievement of those objectives.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Khalil Buhazaa, Director of Labour Affairs, GCC Executive Bureau, Bahrain</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member States (5 min) Mrs. Sheikha Mohammad Al khater, Director of International Labour Relation Department, Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs, Qatar - Representative of Trade Unions (5 min)

	<p>Mr. Mustapha Tlili, Executive Secretary, Arab Trade Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of the private sector (5 min) <p>Mr. El Sayed Torky, Senior Advisor at the at Federation of Egyptian Industries (FEI)</p> <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (50 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: Member State - Floor intervention 2: Member State - Floor intervention 3: Member State - Floor intervention 4: UN Representative - Mr. Frank Hagemann, Deputy Regional Director, ILO - Floor intervention 5: UN Representative Ms. Monica Goracci, Director of the Department on Migration Management, IOM - Floor intervention 6: Stakeholder Mr. Wassim Rifi, the Regional Coordinator of Building and Woodworkers' International, Beirut - Floor intervention 7: Stakeholder Ms. Ellene Sana, Executive Director, Center for Migrant Advocacy - Floor intervention 8: Stakeholder Mr. Hamada Abu Nijmeh, Labour Policy Expert, Workers House Center - Floor intervention 9: Stakeholder Ms. Rima Kalush, Co-director, Migrant-Rights.org - Floor intervention 10: Stakeholder Mr. Zied Charfi, Tunisian Confederation of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA) - Floor intervention 11: Stakeholder Mr. Leon Isaacs, Joint-Chief Executive Officer DMA Group
15:55-16:00	<p>Summary of DAY 1</p> <p>Mr. Othman Belbeisi, Senior Regional Adviser for RO MENA, IOM</p>

DAY 2: Thursday, 25 February 2021**Master of Ceremony: Dr. Sara Salman, Regional Advisor on Population Affairs, UN ESCWA**

10:00-10:05	Recap of DAY 1 Ms. Kristina Mejo, Senior Regional Liaison and Policy Officer and Deputy Regional Director, IOM Regional Office for Middle East and North Africa
10:05-11:20	Round Table 2: Review of GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21 The second roundtable will focus on reviewing the progress in implementing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21. Participants will reflect on challenges, good practices, lessons learnt and discuss potential solutions to the obstacles hindering the achievement of those objectives. Moderator: Dr. Zeina Mhanna, board member, Amel Association International and Professor at the American University of Beirut Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Representative of Member States (5 min) Mr. Ali Abdulraman Hadi, Assistant Director of the Department of International Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding, Ministry of Interior, Iraq- Representative of faith-based organizations (5 min) Ms. Hessen Sayah, Caritas Migrant Center Lebanon- Representative of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (5 min) Ms. Rania Ahmed, Deputy Regional Director Middle East and North Africa, IFRC Interactive discussion from the floor (60 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Floor intervention 1: Member State- Floor Intervention 2: Member State- Floor Intervention 3: Member State - Floor Intervention 4: UN Representative Ms. Cristina Albertine, Regional Director, UNODC- Floor Intervention 5: UN Representative Ms. Ana Belén Anguita, Senior Community Protection Officer and Mixed Movements Focal point MENA Regional Bureau, UNHCR's- Floor Intervention 6: Stakeholder Mr. Mohamed Wajdi Aydi, Deputy Mayor, City of Sfax- Floor Intervention 7: Stakeholder Mr. Hamdi Abdulbaqi Barwary, Lawyer, Officer of Kurdistan Human- Floor Intervention 8: Stakeholder Ms. Linda Kalash, Executive director, Tamkeen, Jordan
11:20-11:30	Break (10 mins)
11:30-12:45	Round Table 3: Review of GCM objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22 The third roundtable will focus on reviewing the progress in implementing GCM objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22. Participants will reflect on challenges, good

	<p>practices, lessons learnt and discuss potential solutions to the obstacles hindering the achievement of those objectives.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Paul Tabar, Director of the Institute for Migration Studies and a Professor in Sociology/Anthropology at the Lebanese American University</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member State (5 min) Mr. Chérif Oualid, Director of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria - Representative of Local authority and communities (5 min) Mr. Salim Korkmaz, United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) - Representative of civil society/migrant organization (5 min) <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (60 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: Member State - Floor Intervention 2: Member State - Floor Intervention 3: Member State - Floor Intervention 4: UN Representative Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari, Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, WHO - Floor Intervention 5: UN Representative Mr. Javier Aguilar, Regional Adviser for Child Protection, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Office, UNICEF - Floor Intervention 6: UN Representative Mr. Pedro De Vasconcelos, Manager of the Financing Facility for Remittances, IFAD - Floor Intervention 7: Stakeholder Ms. Vian Ahmed, Regional Director at the Lotus Flower NGO - Floor Intervention 8: Stakeholder Dr. Moez Cherif, Association tunisienne de défense des droits de l'enfant - Floor Intervention 9: Stakeholder Mr. Mamadou Bhoie Diallo, Collectif des Communautés Subsahariennes au Maroc (CCSM) - Floor Intervention 10: Stakeholder Ms. Alia Hindawi, Jordan & Lebanon Programme Manager, Business & Human Rights Resource Center - Floor Intervention 11: Stakeholder Ms. Najwa Hanna, Regional Coordinator Public Services International
12:45-13:30	Break (45 mins)
13:30-14:45	<p>Round Table 4: Review of GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23</p> <p>The fourth roundtable will focus on reviewing the progress in implementing GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23. Participants will reflect on challenges, good practices,</p>

	<p>lessons learnt and discuss potential solutions to the obstacles hindering the achievement of those objectives.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Amani El Jack, University of Massachusetts Boston</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member State (5 min) Ms. Siham Mourabit, Head of Division of Human Rights, Humanitarian and Social Affairs at the African Union Directorate, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Morocco - Representative of National Human Rights Institutions (5 min) Mr. Issam Younis, President of the Arab Network for National Human Right Institutions. - Representative of Media (5 min) Mme. Khadija El Bab, Radio Nationale Maroc <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (60 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: Member State - Floor Intervention 2: Member State - Floor Intervention 3: Member State - Floor Intervention 4: UN Representative Ms. Roueida Adel El Hage, Regional Representative, OHCHR - Floor Intervention 5: UN Representative Ms. Rebecca Lamade, Regional Head of Programmes for Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, WFP - Floor Intervention 6: Stakeholder Mrs. Aytab Alshatti, Support Institution for Human Rights Implementation, Kuwait - Floor Intervention 7: Stakeholder Dr. Mohamed Saib Musette, Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliquée pour le Développement, Algeria - Floor Intervention 8: Stakeholder Ms. Rasha Maati, Founder and Executive Director, Fard Foundation Egypt - Floor Intervention 9: Stakeholder Dr. Alaa Alqudah, Deputy director of the Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center at Yarmouk University, Assistant professor (TBC)
14:45-14:55	Break (10 mins)
14:55-15:35	<p>Plenary Session 5: Means of Implementation and Capacity Building</p> <p>Participants will discuss means to accelerate the implementation of the GCM and strengthen the capacity of all stakeholders.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia</p>

	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member State (5 min) Ms. Hamida Rais, Director General of International Cooperation on Migration, Ministry of Social Affairs, Tunisia - Representative of the UN Network on Migration Secretariat on Capacity Building Mechanism (5 min) Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head of the UN Network on Migration Secretariat - Representative of Academia (5 min) Dr. Ibrahim Awad, Professor of Practice in Global Affairs and Director of the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies at the University of Cairo <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (25 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: Member State - Floor Intervention 2: Member State - Floor Intervention 3: UN Representative Mr. Khaled Abdel Shafi, Director of the Regional Hub for the Arab States in Amman, UNDP - Floor Intervention 4: Stakeholder Ms. Lara Arabian, Executive Manager, INSAN Association and CCRM, Lebanon - Floor Intervention 5: Stakeholder - Mr. Younes Firachine, Confédération démocratique du travail, Morocco (TBC) - Floor Intervention 6: Stakeholder Ms. Shaikha Al Hashem Soroptomist, Kuwait - Floor Intervention 7: Stakeholder Ms. Samira El Abed, doctorante International migration, Tunisia - Floor Intervention 8: Stakeholder Mr. Amakhtari Abdeslam, Association ASTICUDE, Morocco
15:35-15:45	<p>Presentation of Key Messages (10 mins)</p> <p>This session will present the summary of key messages and recommendations that emanated from the two-day discussions. The messages will also feed into the outcome document, which will be submitted to the first IMRF held in 2022.</p>
15:45-16:00	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General - Head of Social Sector, League of Arab States - Mrs. Carmela Godeau, Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM) - Dr. Mehrinaz El Awady, Director of the Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development Cluster, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)