



Briefing of Stakeholders on the *Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration*

26 August 2020

Online, 11:00-14:00 hrs. (Indochina Time)

Concept Note

Objective

The briefing will provide an opportunity for relevant stakeholders¹ to receive an update on the progress to date of the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Migration (Asia-Pacific Regional Review). The briefing will be provided by the United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific.

In particular, the briefing aims at:

- Providing an overview of the Asia-Pacific Regional Review process regarding:
 - Engagement with ESCAP member States
 - Voluntary GCM review
 - Asia Pacific Migration Report 2020
- Providing an overview of the roadmap for relevant stakeholder engagement for the Asia-Pacific Regional Review, including identifying entry points for this engagement

Date and format

- The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 26 August 2020, 11:00-14:00 hrs. (Indochina time).
- The briefing will be held online, using Zoom.
- The meeting will be recorded and made available (link provided to participants after the meeting).
- Registration for the meeting will close on Monday, 24 August 2020, 17:00 hrs. (Indochina Time).

Participants

- Relevant stakeholders from Asia and the Pacific
- Members of the United Nations Regional and Global Network on Migration

¹ From General Assembly Resolution 73/195 of 19 December 2018, para 44.: "We will implement the Global Compact in cooperation and partnership with migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders".

Expected outcomes

- Relevant stakeholders briefed on ongoing and future work regarding the Asia-Pacific Regional Review.
- Entry points for relevant stakeholder engagement in the Asia-Pacific Regional Review process identified and discussed with participants.
- Follow-up actions to ensure a whole-of-society approach to the Asia-Pacific Regional Review process identified and summarized in note of the briefing.

Background

The [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) (GCM) (General Assembly Resolution 73/195) calls for review of the progress of “implementing the Global Compact in the framework of the United Nations through a State-led approach and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders” (OP48), and “invites.....United Nations regional economic commissions ... to review the implementation of the Global Compact within the respective regions, beginning in 2020” (OP50). The Global UN Network on Migration was requested to assist with the regional reviews (General Assembly resolutions 73/326). In this regard, a briefing to the Member States was conducted in Geneva on 4 March 2020.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 73/195 and 73/326, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific, of which ESCAP is a member, are organizing the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The Regional Review Meeting will be held at ESCAP in Bangkok from 10-12 March 2021.²

In General Assembly resolution 73/195 of 19 December 2018, United Nations Member States:

- Committed to a whole-of-society approach promoting broad multi-stakeholder partnerships to address migration in all its dimensions by including migrants, diasporas, local communities, civil society, academia, the private sector, parliamentarians, trade unions, national human rights institutions, the media and other relevant stakeholders in migration governance (para 15 (j)).
- Committed to implementing the Global Compact at the national, regional and global levels in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders including migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, trade unions, parliamentarians, National Human Rights Institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders (para 41 and 44).

A whole of society approach would promote genuine and inclusive engagement of CSOs and stakeholders through the following principles:

- ✓ *Transparency*: Generating an open call for engagement to all relevant stakeholders and providing an open and equal channel to receive inputs;
- ✓ *Inclusivity*: Creating room for the widest possible access to all relevant stakeholders through different forms of engagement;

² See also: <https://www.unescap.org/events/asia-pacific-regional-review-implementation-global-compact-safe-orderly-and-regular-migration> and <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/country-regional-network/asia-pacific>

- ✓ *Diversity*: Ensuring non-discriminatory access to all, with particular attention to under-represented voices and to migrants in situations of vulnerability; and
- ✓ *Meaningful participation*: Providing effective access to all preparatory and follow-up processes within the context of the regional review and encouraging the mobilization of resources to enable participation of CSOs and stakeholders.

In the context of the Asia-Pacific Regional Review meeting to be held, the Regional Network³ is committed to enabling the meaningful engagement of all relevant stakeholders in the regional review process, in line with the principles underpinning a whole-of-society approach and the commitments outlined in the GCM (above).

In engaging relevant stakeholders, the Regional Network will seek to ensure balance in relation to thematic and geographic representation, scope of mandate, and gender.

Background documents

- Consultation of the UN Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific with Civil Society and other Stakeholders – Summary Report (Regional United Nations Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific, February 2020).
- Engagement of civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (Regional United Nations Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific, 15 July 2020).
- Note on the Implementation, Follow-up and Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration - Ensuring meaningful engagement of civil society and all relevant stakeholders for regional reviews (United Nations Network on Migration, 23 July 2020).

³ The Regional Network is comprised of all United Nations agencies at Asia and the Pacific regional level wishing to join. The IOM Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific serves as the Coordinator and Secretariat of the Regional Network. The Executive Committee of the Regional Network comprises of ESCAP, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UN DRR, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNODC, and UN Women.