



Concept Note

Regional review of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean

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The purpose of this concept note is to propose the modalities for the regional review process and meeting on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Background

In its resolution 73/326 on the format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums, the General Assembly requested the Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration (the Network), to assist, upon the request of Member States, in the preparation and organization of regional reviews of the implementation of the Global Compact.

Proposed framework for the regional review process and meeting

The regional review meeting in Latin America and the Caribbean will:

1. enable governments and stakeholders to undertake a first assessment of progress made in implementing the Global Compact;
2. serve as a forum in which challenges and opportunities will be highlighted, gaps identified, regional priorities discussed and resource requirements for implementing the Global Compact identified;
3. provide a common platform for interaction among all relevant stakeholders, the exchange of lessons learned and best practices, and promoting peer learning within the region, building on other coordination processes in the region that might enrich the review of the Global Compact;
4. facilitate the formulation of key findings and recommendations to inform the 2022 International Migration Review Forum;
5. consider the impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on the implementation of the Global Compact.



IOM, in its capacity as Coordinator of the Network, and ECLAC in collaboration with all the other Network members, propose to Member States of Latin America and the Caribbean to review the Global Compact at the regional level.

On the one hand, ECLAC has broad experience of promoting regional dialogue on public policies with multiple actors in Latin America and the Caribbean. On the other hand, IOM has an extensive presence in the countries of the region and provides technical support to several regional processes and initiatives on migration in the region.

The Network agencies will provide technical contributions and substantive support in line with its purpose to provide effective, timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to Member States in the implementation of the Global Compact.

Preparatory process

In preparation for the regional review meeting, the network will gather inputs by, among other things:

- providing online discussion platforms;
- supporting governments and other stakeholders in undertaking a voluntary stocktake of the implementation of the Global Compact (voluntary Global Compact national review), based on the outline proposed in annex 1;
- ensuring meaningful participation of stakeholders;¹
- collecting all inputs received at the local, national, regional and global levels and making them available on the global knowledge platform, as well as other documentation in support of the regional reviews.

Date and venue of the regional review meeting

The regional review meeting would take place over the course of two days at the ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, in late November 2020. However, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is possible that a virtual meeting modality will be used.

¹ Including migrants, civil society, youth and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions such as public defenders and ombudspersons, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media, local and municipal governments, and other relevant stakeholders at the global, regional and national levels.



ECLAC and IOM, in consultation with Member States and other Network members, will monitor the situation and make a decision on the meeting modality in the third quarter of 2020.

Organization

To facilitate the contribution of the regional review to the International Migration Review Forum, the organization of the regional review meeting in Latin America and the Caribbean will broadly follow the organization of the International Migration Review Forum.² If it is decided to hold the meeting online, the format will be adapted accordingly. In particular:

- The review will offer space for discussion covering all 23 objectives of the Global Compact, bearing in mind that the Global Compact is based on a set of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles. This will be achieved by organizing five thematic round tables (see annex 2) covering the 23 objectives, while considering regional specificities and priorities, including the impact of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Network members, in accordance with their mandates and areas of competence, will work together to provide support to Member States in the five thematic areas. Preparatory sessions will be held prior to the regional review meeting with the support of the Network members and the participation of Member States.
- Due regard will be paid to geographical, demographic and gender balance, reflecting a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, in the selection of keynote speakers, panellists and moderators.
- The modalities will allow for the meaningful participation of civil society and other stakeholders, as well as of relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations.
- Discussions at the meeting will be interactive, evidence-based, and action-oriented, and will include a policy debate focusing on regional challenges in the implementation of the Global Compact, with links to international human rights norms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other regional frameworks, the capacity-building mechanism and contemporary and emerging issues related to the migration dynamics in the region.
- Members of the Network are invited to contribute to the preparation of the review by providing inputs for background papers and concept notes on cross-cutting issues, the organization of work, stakeholder outreach and the preparation of the agenda, including the list of invited panellists and moderators, as well as by facilitating the participation of representatives of least developed countries, including landlocked developing countries, and other relevant stakeholders.

² See <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/supporting-material-regional-reviews>



Report

The outcome document of the regional review meeting will be a report that synthesizes all inputs received in order to identify issues and priorities of regional importance and draw up road maps for regional collaboration and action to further implementation of the Global Compact. The report (to be produced in Spanish and English) should:

- Be finalized within two months of the meeting;
- Be published by the Network on the appropriate website;
- Include the following sections:
 - (a) Introduction (giving a regional overview and background)
 - (b) Executive summary
 - (c) Key findings
 - (d) Selected good practices and lessons learned from the region
 - (e) Challenges and opportunities
 - (f) Conclusions and recommendations for implementation and a future regional review
 - (g) Annex containing the organization of work and list of participants.

Follow-up

The outcome document of the regional review will inform the International Migration Review Forum in 2022, in particular the intergovernmentally agreed progress declaration, which may be considered at the high-level political forum on sustainable development.



Annex 1

Indicative outline for member States to review the status of implementation of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration at the national level in preparation for the regional review

To facilitate the effective and systematic gathering and analysis of information for the national review, the United Nations Network on Migration (the Network) will send a questionnaire to Member States, covering the following five elements:

1. Methodology for preparing the voluntary Global Compact national reviews

(a) Member States are encouraged to discuss the methodology that was adopted for the national review, including its scope, depth and limitations, and how the vision and guiding principles of the Global Compact, as well as its framework for follow-up and review, were incorporated. They should indicate whether the review was part of a process to develop a national implementation plan, drawing on contributions from all relevant stakeholders.

(b) Information on the process of preparing the review may be presented, including, for example, how different relevant levels and sectors of government contributed to the responses and whether the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches were applied, and if so, how; whether parliaments and local authorities participated; what mechanisms were used to facilitate the participation of civil society and other relevant stakeholders; how regional organisations were included and whether the United Nations country teams were involved; and how any regional dynamics may have informed the national review.

2. Policy and enabling environment

(a) Member States are invited to outline efforts made to inform all relevant stakeholders and involve them in the implementation and review of the Global Compact. They should indicate how the participation of different stakeholders in the process and content of the review was facilitated, while promoting gender equality and inclusion.

(b) Member States are encouraged to describe how the government has integrated the implementation of the Global Compact into that of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other relevant processes.



(c) Member States are encouraged to report on migration policies and other relevant policies or measures and institutional changes that have been introduced, or barriers they have faced when implementing such policies or measures, including the possible domestic consequences of regional trends, policies or measures.

(d) Member States are encouraged to review the status of implementation of regional plans and strategies on migration, and to indicate the main gaps in and challenges to existing regional approaches, strategies and implementation plans.

3. Progress on the Global Compact objectives

(a) Member States are invited to provide a brief overview of national implementation plans and the status of implementation of all 23 objectives of the Global Compact, giving examples of innovative policies or promising practices adopted in relation to any of the objectives. Where possible, information should be based on statistical as well as qualitative data.

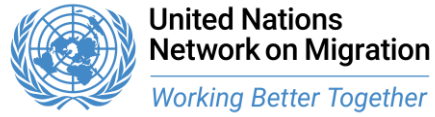
(b) Member States are invited to describe what steps have been taken to integrate the vision of the Global Compact and its cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles into the implementation plans.

(c) Member States could identify critical difficulties foreseen or encountered in pursuit of the Global Compact objectives and how they could be addressed. In addition, they could focus on national trends, successes, challenges, emerging issues and lessons learned, noting the impact of regional trends, and describe what actions have been taken to address existing gaps and challenges.

(d) Member States could provide examples of promising practices and lessons learned that may be relevant for other countries of the region (or from other regions).

4. Means of implementation

(a) Based on the challenges and trends highlighted, Member States may discuss how means of implementation are being mobilized, what difficulties have been encountered in this process, and what additional resources are needed to implement the Global Compact, including in terms of financing, capacity development, data, technology and partnerships.



5. Next steps

(a) Based on the outcomes of the review, the Member State could outline what steps are planned to further implementation of the Global Compact.

(b) It could be indicated how the review's results will be disseminated and how the member State will prepare for the first International Migration Review Forum.

Annex 2

List of the objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration by thematic area

The United Nations multi-partner trust fund to support the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, a core element of the network's capacity-building mechanism, groups the 23 objectives of the Global Compact under five thematic areas to facilitate adherence to the Global Compact's 360-degree vision. The thematic areas and corresponding Global Compact objectives are as follows:

Thematic areas of the United Nations multi-partner trust fund to support the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration	Global Compact objectives
<p>Thematic area 1 Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning</p>	<p>1. Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies</p> <p>3. Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration</p> <p>17. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration</p> <p>23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration</p>
<p>Thematic area 2 Protecting the human rights, safety and well-being of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration</p>	<p>2. Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin</p> <p>7. Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration.</p> <p>8. Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants</p> <p>12. Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral</p> <p>13. Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives</p> <p>23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration</p>
<p>Thematic area 3</p>	<p>9. Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants</p>

Addressing irregular migration, including through managing borders and combating transnational crime	10. Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
	11. Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner
	14. Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
	21. Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
Thematic area 4 Facilitating regular migration and decent work, and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility	5. Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
	6. Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
	18. Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences
	19. Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries
	20. Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
Thematic area 5 Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants	4. Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
	15. Provide access to basic services for migrants
	16. Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion
	22. Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration