

First Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the UNECE region

12 and 13 November 2020

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Thursday, 12 November 2020, 10:00 – 15:20	
Virtual Meeting (240 mins)	
Opening session (30 mins)	
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Moderator Ms. Renate Held, Regional Director IOM Regional Office Vienna for the SEECA region</p> <p>Panel Mr. António Vitorino, Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration and Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Ms. Salome Zourabichvili, President of the Republic of Georgia (TBC) Mr. Evarist Bartolo, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Malta Mr. Niels Annen, Minister of State, Federal Foreign Office, Federal Republic of Germany Mr. Colm Brophy, Minister of State for Overseas Development Aid and Diaspora, Ireland</p> <p>Ms. Michele LeVoy, Rapporteur Multi-stakeholder Consultations on the Regional Review for Europe and North America.</p>
<p>Roundtable 1 (100 mins) (addressing GCM objective 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22) 14. Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle 15. Provide access to basic services for migrants 16. Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion 19. Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries 20. Promote faster, safer & cheaper transfer of remittances & foster financial inclusion of migrants 22. Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits</p>	
10:30 - 12:10	<p>Moderator Ms. Laurel Townhead, Representative for Human Rights and Refugees, Quaker United Nations Office</p> <p>Panel discussion Mr. George Balan, State Secretary of Migration, Republic of Moldova Mr. Frederic Vallier, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (tbc)</p> <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (80 mins)</p>
12:10 – 13:30	Lunch Break
<p>Roundtable 2 (100 mins) (addressing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18) 2. Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin 5. Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration 6. Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work 12. Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral 18. Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences</p>	
13:30 – 15:10	<p>Moderator Mr. Prof Andrew Geddes, Director Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute</p> <p>Panel discussion Mr Birzhan Nurymbetov, Minister of Labour, Republic of Kazakhstan Ms. Renate Hornung-Draus, Managing Director, European and International Affairs, International Organisation of Employers Ms. Lieve Verboven, Director of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the EU and Benelux countries</p> <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (80 mins)</p>
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	Roundtable 3 (100 mins) (addressing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9,10, 11, 13, 21) 4. Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation 8. Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants 9. Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants 10. Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration 11. Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner 13. Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives 21. Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
10:10 – 11:50	Moderator Representative from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (tbc) Panel discussion Mr. Julian Hodaj, Deputy Minister of Interior, Republic of Albania Mr. Felipe González Morales, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants Ms. Afshan Khan, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, UNICEF Interactive discussion from the floor (80 mins)
11:50-13:30	Lunch Break
	Roundtable 4 (100 mins) (GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23) 1. Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies 3. Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration 7. Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration 17. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration 23. Strengthen international cooperation & global partnerships for safe, orderly & regular migration
13:30 – 15:10	Moderator Mr. Paul Whittingham, Head of the Migration and Modern Slavery Dept at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Panel discussion Ms. Britta Behrendt, Director for General Issues of Migration and Refugee Policy and EU Freedom of Movement, German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community Mr. Tim Dixon, Co-Founder, More in Common Ms. Debbie Kohner, Secretary General, European Network of Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) Ms. Birgit Van Hout, Regional Representative for Europe, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Interactive discussion from the floor (80 mins)
	Closing (20 mins)
15:10 – 15:40	Moderator Jonathan Prentice, Head of UN Network on Migration Secretariat Panel Ms. Berta Nunes, Secretary of State of Portuguese Communities, Portugal Mr. Marco Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Canada Mr. Stéphane Jaquet, Director of Policy, International Catholic Migration Committee (ICMC)