

Voluntary GCM Review*

Survey conducted to inform the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation
of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
Bangkok, (10-12 March 2021)

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)

This voluntary GCM review is issued to fulfil this mandate, by enabling member States to provide information on their progress towards the objectives of the Global Compact. The results will inform the preparation of the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to be held at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok from 10 to 12 March 2021, the preparation of the 2020 Asia-Pacific Migration Report and related background documentation.

The survey has been informed by the suggested outline prepared by the United Nations Network on Migration ([Proposed framework to assist Member States in the organization of regional reviews](#) – Annex II: Indicative outline for Member States) to review the status of implementation of the GCM at national, subregional, regional and cross-regional levels (General Assembly resolution 73/195, OP48 and OP50). It has been structured according to the four round tables to be organized for the Asia-Pacific Regional Review meeting which correspond to the four round tables of the International Migration Review Forum in 2022 (General Assembly resolution 73/326, OP21).

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Please identify the office responsible for coordinating the responses to this survey and include the contact information.

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Please return the completed survey to the ESCAP secretariat by **31 October 2020**, preferably by email (escap-sdd@un.org) with a copy to the Regional Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific (UNRNAP-regreviews@iom.int). Any queries can be forwarded to these same addresses.

Kindly indicate whether you would be willing to share your report at the IMRF/regional reviews site on the UN Network on Migration at <https://www.migrationnetwork.un.org/>. Please contact UNRNAP-regreviews@iom.int if you have a query or suggestion in this regard. =Yes =No

Instructions:

*Please provide answers to the following set of questions (about 500 words per question) as they relate to **clusters of objectives** of the Global Compact for Migration (General Assembly resolution 73/326, para 21).*

If needed, please provide the answers in a separate document and attach it to this survey.

*Please provide **references or links to relevant policy documents in a separate document**, attached to this survey.*

*If possible, please identify any **innovative policies or practices** related to any of the objectives of the Global Compact for Migration.*

*Also, information should be based on **statistical as well as qualitative data**.*

Questions (about 500 words per questions (1a, 1b, 1c, 1d - please attach paper and documents, as needed):

1. Ensuring that migration is voluntary, orderly and regular	GCM Objectives: 2, 5, 6, 12, 18
a. Please highlight the migration levels and trends, including drivers (if possible), and migrant experiences relevant to this cluster of objectives. <i>The response could make reference to trends in migration; outcomes of migration; or migrant experiences.</i>	
b. Please highlight the concrete policy, legal, and programmatic actions taken by your government to advance these objectives in recent years (in particular since the adoption of the GCM on 10 December 2018). <i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, adoption of new laws, drafting of national-level implementation plans, entering into bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, engagement in dialogue processes.</i>	
c. What are the main gaps identified and challenges faced in addressing these objectives? <i>These gaps and challenges may include challenges at national, regional and global levels; capacity challenges; data needs; financing and others.</i>	
d. Please share some of the results of these actions, effective solutions, best practices and lessons learned by your Government in implementing these objectives.	

Questions (about 500 words per question 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d - please attach paper and documents, as needed):

2. Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance measures	GCM Objectives: 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21
a. Please highlight migration levels and trends, including drivers (if possible), and migrant experiences relevant to this cluster of objectives. <i>The response could make reference to trends in migration; outcomes of migration; or migrant experiences.</i>	
b. Please highlight the concrete policy, legal, and programmatic actions taken by your government to advance these objectives in recent years (in particular since the adoption of the GCM on 10 December 2018). <i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, adoption of new laws, drafting of national-level implementation plans, entering into bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, engagement in dialogue processes.</i>	
c. What are the main gaps identified and challenges faced in addressing these objectives? <i>These gaps and challenges may include challenges at national, regional and global levels; capacity challenges; data needs; financing and others.</i>	
d. Please share some of the results of these actions, effective solutions, best practices and lessons learned by your Government in implementing these objectives.	

Questions (about 500 words per question 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d - please attach paper and documents, as needed):

3. Supporting the integration of migrants and their contribution to development	GCM Objectives: 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22
<p>a. Please highlight migration levels and trends, including drivers (if possible), and migrant experiences relevant to this cluster of objectives. <i>The response could make reference to trends in migration; outcomes of migration; or migrant experiences.</i></p>	
<p>b. Please highlight the concrete policy, legal, and programmatic actions taken by your government to advance these objectives in recent years (in particular since the adoption of the GCM on 10 December 2018). <i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, adoption of new laws, drafting of national-level implementation plans, entering into bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, engagement in dialogue processes.</i></p>	
<p>c. What are the main gaps identified and challenges faced in addressing these objectives? <i>These gaps and challenges may include challenges at national, regional and global levels; capacity challenges; data needs; financing and others.</i></p>	
<p>d. Please share some of the results of these actions, effective solutions, best practices and lessons learned by your Government in implementing these objectives.</p>	

Questions (about 500 words per question 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d - please attach paper and documents, as needed):

4. Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate, and enhancing cooperation on migration	GCM Objectives: 1, 3, 7, 17, 23
<p>a. Please highlight migration levels and trends, including drivers (if possible), and migrant experiences relevant to this cluster of objectives. <i>The response could make reference to trends in migration; outcomes of migration; or migrant experiences.</i></p>	
<p>b. Please highlight the concrete policy, legal, and programmatic actions taken by your government to advance these objectives in recent years (in particular since the adoption of the GCM on 10 December 2018). <i>Examples could include policy reforms undertaken, adoption of new laws, drafting of national-level implementation plans, entering into bilateral/regional agreements, signature/ratification of relevant conventions, engagement in dialogue processes.</i></p>	
<p>c. What are the main gaps identified and challenges faced in addressing these objectives? <i>These gaps and challenges may include challenges at national, regional and global levels; capacity challenges; data needs; financing and others.</i></p>	
<p>d. Please share some of the results of these actions, effective solutions, best practices and lessons learned by your Government in implementing these objectives.</p>	

5. What steps has the Government taken to integrate the **vision and cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles** of the Global Compact for Migration (see paras 8 to 15 of the Global Compact (see General Assembly resolution 73/195)) into its implementation? How was this accomplished? (please check against the principles that have been integrated)

Guiding principle	Principle has been integrated <input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	Explanation (please provide explanation on additional paper and attach relevant documentation)
People-centred	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
International cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
National sovereignty	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
Rule of law and due process	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
Sustainable development	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
Human rights	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
Gender-responsive	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
Child-sensitive	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
Whole-of-government approach	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	
Whole-of-society approach	<input type="checkbox"/> =yes <input type="checkbox"/> =no	

Questions (about 500 words per question 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 - please attach paper and documents, as needed and relevant):

6. How is the Global Compact for Migration contributing to realizing the achievement of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**? What has your Government done to integrate the implementation of the Global Compact objectives into SDG implementation?
7. From the Government's perspective, are there any objectives of the Global Compact for Migration that are of particular importance in the national context? Please name the **objectives that the Government has prioritized and explain why**.
8. From the Government's perspective, how and to what extent have **regional plans and strategies** incorporated the objectives of the Global Compact for Migration? What are the main achievements, gaps and challenges to existing regional approaches, strategies and implementation plans?
9. What **methodology** was adopted for completing this voluntary GCM review; how was a whole-of-government approach applied through engaging the various relevant ministries and other sectors of government; what mechanisms were used to engage civil society and other relevant stakeholders for a whole-of-society approach?
10. Given the outbreak of **COVID-19** which has affected all countries in the region, what challenges has the Government identified in implementation of the Global Compact for Migration as part of the COVID-19 response, and what has the Government done to address the specific situation of migrants and their families?

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Annex.

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration - Objectives for safe, orderly and regular migration (GA resolution 73/195)

1.	Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
2.	Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
3.	Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
4.	Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
5.	Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
6.	Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
7.	Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
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
12.	Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral
13.	Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives
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
17.	Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
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
21.	Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
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