

Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM)

10-12 March 2021, Bangkok, Thailand

Briefing on the intergovernmental meeting to the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (ACPR)

Bangkok, 18 March 2021

09.30-12.00 Indochina Time – VIRTUAL



Meeting modality and participation



Meeting modality: in-person + KUDO + You Tube Live

- 3 days (Wd. + Th.: 6 hrs. morning + afternoon; Fr.: 2 hrs. afternoon)
- Opening + General debate + 4 Roundtables + Closing + 8 side events

Confirmed registered participants: ~ 330 persons, representing:

- 31 members and associated members + 2 observers + 1 other UN member State (from ESCAP region: 4 ENEA, 9 SEA, 8 SSWA, 6 NCA, 2 PAC)
- 2 intergovernmental organizations
- 4 UN Secretariat entities + 12 other UN entities
- 5 other entities
- 44 stakeholder groups

Kudo participation (all participants): about 160

In-person participants: about 50 (member States, UN entities, stakeholders) (excluding Secretariat)

You Tube Live views (as of 17 March 2021): Wd.: 1.6 thousand; Th.: 1.2 thousand; Fr.: 400



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Member State participation (registrations) by migration relevance



At the meeting, member States' representatives came from:

- Seven out of the 10 top ten countries of **immigration** in Asia and the Pacific (India, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey)
- Eight out of 10 top ten countries of emigration in Asia and the Pacific (Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Pakistan, Philippines)
- Eight out of 10 top ten countries of international child migrants in Asia and the Pacific (Bangladesh, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey)
- Ten out of 10 top ten countries of annual labour migration outflows in Asia and the Pacific (Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam)



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Bureau + member State representation



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Chair: Ms. Sarah Lou Y. Arriola (Philippines)

Vice-Chairs: Mr. Mohammed Abdul Hye (Bangladesh)

Mr. Dicky Komar (Indonesia)

Mr. Nadhavathna Krishnamra (Thailand)

Opening and closing: 2 Ministers, senior government officials, ambassadors, 2 USGs, 1 ASG

Ministries involved: Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Expatriates/Overseas Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home/Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labour and Human Resources, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Social Affairs



Stakeholder representation



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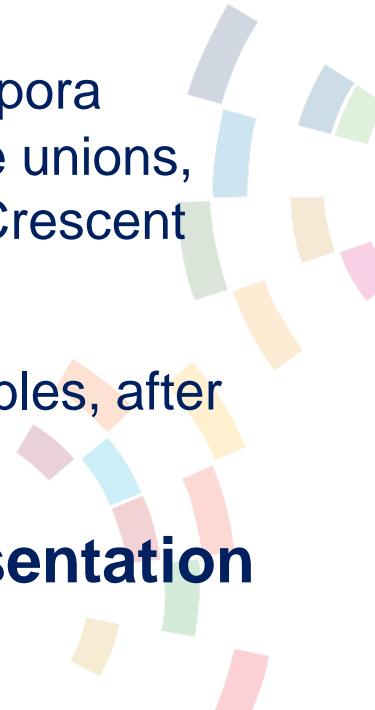


Stakeholder participants: migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, trade unions, national human rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, and other relevant stakeholders

Stakeholders' speaking roles: opening, general debate, roundtables, after closing (26 speaking slots)

Stakeholders with speaking roles and geographic representation
(approx.): 5 ENEA, 10 SEA, 7 SSWA, 2 PAC, 2 outside the region

Stakeholders with speaking roles and gender balance: 70% women – 30% men



Outcome



Decision: The meeting decides to submit its report, including the Chair's summary, as well as the pre-session documents to the International Migration Review Forum, scheduled to be held in 2022, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 73/195 and 73/326



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- **ESCAP/2021/GCM/1** – Review of Progress Made and Challenges Faced in Implementing the GCM in Asia and the Pacific, including the Implications of COVID-19
- **ESCAP/GCM/2021/2** – International Migration, the 2030 Agenda and the GCM
- **ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP/1** – Implementing the GCM: A Regional Synthesis of Member States Surveys in Asia and the Pacific
- **ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP/2** – Implementing the GCM: Summary of Stakeholder Consultations in Asia and the Pacific
- **ESCAP/GCM/2021/L.2** – Report (procedural) + Chair's summary



Main Messages (preliminary)



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List of member States' speakers (general debate, approx.): 3 ENEA, 8 SEA, 3 SSWA, 2 NCA, 1 PAC, 1 Other (from statements):

- As most migration is regional in nature, we must advance **regional cooperation and partnerships**
- Member States and stakeholders have demonstrated the **relevance and tangible value of the Global Compact** for millions of migrants in the region
- We must be ambitious and advance **practical implementation of the Global Compact**
- Regarding COVID-19, **no one is safe until everyone is safe**; therefore, a **migrant-inclusive approach** is key to finding a sustainable solution
- Policies and approaches need to be fairer and more inclusive if we are to provide the **protection and access to decent work that migrants deserve**
- When we speak of migrants, we speak of them **regardless of their status**. They should not be abused, and their rights stripped off due to their visa or status



Communication



News clippings: [Daily-Sun](#); [Scoop](#); [Eurasia Review](#); [India Education Dairy](#); [Relief Web](#); [Mirage News](#); [Global Diaspora News](#); [Tribune International](#); [Foreign Affairs](#); [Aktual](#)



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Op-ed: [Business Mirror](#); [Business Post](#); [Daily-Sun](#); [Jakarta Post](#); [Kaz Inform](#); [Khmer Times](#); [Malay Mail](#); [Manila Standard](#); [Rappler](#); [Eurasia Review](#); [Phil Star](#); [Opera News](#); [United News of Bangladesh](#); [The Wire](#)

Social Media



Next steps



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Chair's summary

- 22 March, ESCAP to send draft Chair's summary to member States for fact-checking and overall agreement, in consultation with Chair
- 26 March, member States to return Chair's summary to ESCAP
- By 2 April, Chair's summary, annexed to procedural report to be finalized

National voluntary GCM review

- Still welcome (sent to escap-sdd@un.org and UNRNAP-regreviews@iom.int)

IMRF

- forthcoming



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IMRF

- The UN system stands **ready to support** you in your implementation of the Global Compact
- Welcome your **feedback on priorities** issues and actions as we head to the IMRF
- Final decision on IMRF in 2022 will be made by the President of the 76th UN General Assembly - likely to be held in New York, possibly in **May 2022**
- Network will develop **a roadmap and timeline** for the issuance of the second UN Secretary-General's report with guidance for the direction of the IMRF deliberations
- Detailed roadmap by **October 2020**
- We welcome the opportunity to continue to work with you in the interim and will be reaching out to **share our plan of work** and count on your **continued support of the GCM**



Thank you!

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