

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

10-12 March 2021, Bangkok

Call for proposals of side events

(revised – 17 Feb. 2021 with extended deadline)

Background

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 73/195 and 73/326, ESCAP along with the Regional United Nations Network on Migration are organizing the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in 2021. The intergovernmental meeting will be held from 10-12 March 2021 in the UNCC in Bangkok.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to ESCAP member States, as well as other relevant stakeholders to:

- take stock of the overall progress made with regard to the 360-degree implementation of the 23 objectives of the Global Compact in the Asia-Pacific region, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders;
- identify key challenges, opportunities, gaps and emerging issues, as well as promising practices and lessons learned related to the implementation of the Global Compact that might be relevant to other regions;
- discuss regional priorities and potential areas for regional cooperation on international migration in line with the vision and guiding principles of the Global Compact;
- compile resource requirements, capacity-building needs, policy advice, data gathering needs, technology and partnerships that are needed for the full implementation of the Global Compact at the national and regional levels; and,
- facilitate the formulation of key findings and recommendations to inform the 2022 IMRF.

Call for proposals

This call for proposals for **virtual** side events invites member States, relevant stakeholders, as per para. 44 of the Global Compact (General Assembly resolution 73/195), United Nations partners, international organizations and others to submit side event concept notes using this online application [form](#) [link] and complete it by **25 February 2021**. Side events can only be conducted virtually and will be held outside the time allocated for the main conference. Organizers can choose any virtual platform they deem appropriate for the delivery of their event. All requests for side events received within the deadline will be considered. The secretariat and the Regional United Nations Network on Migration will review the requests and revert to the organizers by

the end of February. Once the side event has been approved and a date and time have been allocated, side event organizers are requested to provide a flyer to the secretariat to be posted on the Regional Review website.

Guidance for proposals

- The virtual side event should support the discussions of the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration by providing original perspectives on how to advance the implementation of the Global Compact.
- The side event should support the objectives mentioned above and can also outline opportunities for regional, triangular, and South-South cooperation to accelerate implementation of the Global Compact.
- Because of time limitations and in order to avoid too much overlap between side events, a maximum of 5 parallel side events per time slot will be held over the course of the meeting (10 to 12 March). Side events will be organized outside the official meeting time, thus taking place between 12.30 and 13.30 pm or before the meeting (7.30-8.30 am). The duration of each side event will be 60 minutes.
- Side events sponsored by Governments will be given priority in the allocation of preferred time slots. In order to ensure that as many organizers are involved as possible, side event organizers should partner with other organizations.
- One of the co-organizers of the proposed side event should be designated as a lead organizer and communication focal point. To ensure representation of different stakeholders, a co-organizer cannot be the lead organizer of more than one side event.
- Organizers are responsible for making all arrangements for the virtual side events, including providing the virtual platform and the link to the event to participants, inviting speakers etc.
- Organizers are kindly requested to hold their event in English or make their own interpretation arrangements, as interpretation services are not available for side events.
- Organizers are requested to coordinate with the secretariat on the date and time of the event. The side event will be posted on the website for the Regional Review, including a connection link, brief description of the event and flyer.
- All costs related to the side event will be borne by the organizers. Publicizing a side event and ensuring adequate participation is the sole responsibility of the organizers.

Synopsis (see form)

In the synopsis of the side event, the organizers are invited to briefly specify:

1. Title
2. Theme of the side event
 - What specifically is the side event about?
3. Objectives of the Global Compact addressed during the side event
 - Which objectives of the Global Compact does the side event address and how?
4. Impact:
 - Why is it important to organize this side event at the Regional Review meeting and what is its expected outcome?

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