

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

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

I. Context

Recognizing that most international migration takes place within regions, Member States called upon relevant sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, to review the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) at the regional level beginning in 2020, and every four years thereafter.¹ The outcome of the 2020 regional reviews will inform the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2022 of major regional trends, challenges, successful practices, and emerging issues. General Assembly resolution [73/326](#) on the modalities and organizational aspects of the IMRF emphasizes the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders to ensure a whole -of -government and whole-of-society approach, and the progress review fora will review all aspects of the GCM, according to its vision and its cross cutting and interdependent guiding principles.²

II. Regional Review in the UNECE Region

The Director General of the International Organization for Migration, in his capacity as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration (Network), with the support of the Network members, will provide support to the Member States in the UNECE region in the preparation and organization of the regional review.

The regional review in the UNECE region will:

- a) Enable governments to undertake a first assessment of progress made, in line with the guiding principles laid down in resolution [73/195](#), and with the participation of relevant stakeholders;
- b) Serve as a forum in which challenges and opportunities will be highlighted, gaps identified, regional priorities discussed and resource requirements identified;
- c) Provide a common platform for interaction among all relevant stakeholders, the exchange of lessons learned and best practices;
- d) Consider the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the governance of international migration;
- e) Facilitate the formulation of key findings and recommendations to inform the 2022 International Migration Review Forum.

¹ [A/RES/73/195](#), para. 50; [A/RES/73/326](#), para. 10.

² [A/RES/73/195](#), para. 4.

III. Organization of the voluntary regional review process

To ensure an inclusive regional review, Member States have been invited through a joint letter by UNECE and IOM, as Coordinator of the Network, to submit voluntary inputs on experiences to date by Member States on the implementation of the GCM by 30 September 2020 to UNECE and the Network. It was proposed that these submissions would inform a regional review meeting. It was also proposed that these submissions will be posted on the regional landing page of the Network's [website](#)³. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Network is proposing a virtual regional review meeting for UNECE Member States to take place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th of November 2020, 10:00 – 15:40 CET.

The regional review meeting will convene representatives of the UNECE Member States⁴; intergovernmental organizations; United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds; all relevant stakeholders from the UNECE region including migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, and the media.

The intergovernmental meeting will consist of an opening segment, followed by four thematic roundtables which will provide Member States and stakeholders with a space for discussion and to present and review progress on the GCM (see *Annex 1: Agenda*). Subsequent to each roundtable, Member States and stakeholders will be given the floor for interventions thereby ensuring an interactive process.

The thematic roundtables will offer a more focused discussion, organized along the proposed four roundtables of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF⁵). Each roundtable will have one Member State, and one stakeholder (see *Annex 1: Agenda*):

<i>Roundtable 1</i>	<i>Objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 & 22</i>
<i>Roundtable 2</i>	<i>Objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18</i>
<i>Roundtable 3</i>	<i>Objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 & 21</i>
<i>Roundtable 4</i>	<i>Objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23</i>

Member States and stakeholders are invited to express their interest in providing a speakers for the Opening, the Closing, for each of the Roundtables and to moderate the roundtables; and UN member agencies of the Network's Executive Committee are also invited to express their interest in being a speaker for roundtable and to moderate the roundtables.

³ § 43 of the GCM text is a request by UN member states to establish a capacity-building mechanism that supports their efforts to implement the Global Compact. The capacity-building mechanism will consist of a connection hub that inter alia a global knowledge platform as an online open data source (i) Serving as a repository of existing evidence, practices and initiatives; (ii) Facilitating the accessibility of knowledge and sharing of solutions; (iii) Building on the Global Forum on Migration and Development Platform for Partnerships and other relevant sources.

⁴ https://www.unece.org/oes/member_countries/member_countries.html

⁵ A/RES/73/326, para. 21.

The selection will be done by the Network with due regard to geographic and gender balance and with a view to the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach of the Global Compact. To guide the interactive debate the Network will prepare a short background note in advance for each roundtable.

IV. Outcome of the regional review process

The regional review meeting will result in a summary report that will synthesize inputs. These outcome report will be submitted to UNECE Member States no later than 30 days after the meeting for their comments. The report will be published on the regional landing page of the Network's [website](#). The report will also serve as input to the 2022 International Migration Review Forum.

V. Documentation

- Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration [A/RES/73/195](#);
- New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants [A/RES/71/1](#);
- Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [A/RES/70/1](#);
- Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums [A/RES/73/326 5](#);
- [Suggested checklist for preparing and organizing regional reviews](#).
- [Indicative outline for Member States to review the status of implementation of the GCM at national level, in preparing for regional reviews](#).
- [Indicative outline for relevant sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations and stakeholders active at the regional level reviewing the status of implementation of the GCM at the regional level](#).

VI. Logistics

A Logistics Note will follow upon registration. The Logistics Note will also be posted on the Network's website: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org>.



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12 and 13 November 2020

Agenda

Thursday, 12 November 2020, 10:00 – 15:20	
Virtual Meeting (240 mins)*	
	Opening (30 mins)
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Mr. António Vitorino IOM Director General and Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration</p> <p>Speaker 2: Representative from Government</p> <p>Speaker 3: Representative from the Regional Network and Executive Committee</p>
	Roundtable 1 (100 mins)
10:30-12:10	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Speaker 1: Representative from Government</p> <p>Speaker 2: Representative from Stakeholders</p> <p>Speaker 2: Representative from the United Nations</p> <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (80 mins)</p>
12:10-13:30	Lunch Break
	Roundtable 2 (100 mins)
13:30 – 15:10	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Speaker 1: Representative from Government</p> <p>Speaker 2: Representative from Stakeholders</p> <p>Speaker 3: Representative from the United Nations</p> <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (80 mins)</p>
	Summary of Day 1 (10 mins)
15:10-15:20	Moderator

Friday, 13 November 2020, 10:00 – 15:40

Virtual Meeting (240 mins)*

	Recap of Day 1 (10 mins)
10:00 – 10:10	Moderator
	Roundtable 3 (100 mins)
10:10 – 11:50	Moderator Speaker 1: Representative from Government Speaker 2: Representative from Stakeholders Speaker 3: Representative from the United Nations Interactive discussion from the floor (80 mins)
11:50-13:30	Lunch Break
	Roundtable 4 (100 mins)
13:30 – 15:10	Moderator Speaker 1: Representative from Government Speaker 2: Representative from Stakeholders Speaker 3: Representative from the United Nations Interactive discussion from the floor (80 mins)
	Closing (20 mins)
15:10 – 15:40	Moderator Representative from Government Representative from Stakeholders Representative from the United Nations

*Interpretation services at the UNoG are limited to 240 mins due to COVID-19 restrictions