

As of 1 March 2021



Fifth Stakeholder Consultation for the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

Tuesday , 2 March 2021, 9:00-12:30 hrs (Bangkok-time)

Thursday, 4 March 2021, 13:00-16:30 hrs (Bangkok-time)

Online (via Zoom)

Preparing stakeholders' position on the upcoming Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)
(addressing the outcome of the four stakeholder consultations)

Concept Note

1. Introduction

The Regional Review of the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) is scheduled to be held in Bangkok from 10 to 12 March 2021. As part of the Regional Review process, the United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific¹ is committed to enabling the diverse and meaningful engagement of stakeholders, in line with the principles underpinning a 'whole-of-society' approach.

The UN Regional Network on Migration has over the last few months, therefore, organized four stakeholder consultations to inform the Regional Review process of the implementation of the GCM. The four consultations correspond with the four clusters of the GCM objectives envisaged for the Roundtables of the International Migration Review Forum to be held in 2022, according to the UN General Assembly Resolution 73/326.

The fifth stakeholder consultation is on: **Preparing some stakeholders' positions on the upcoming Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).**

¹ The Regional Network is comprised of all United Nations agencies at the regional level in the Asia-Pacific wishing to join. IOM's Regional Office for Asia-Pacific serves as the Coordinator and Secretariat of the Regional Network. The Executive Committee of the Regional Network comprises of ESCAP, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UN DRR, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNODC, and UN Women.

2. Purpose of the Stakeholder Consultation

The purpose of the stakeholder consultation is to facilitate and expand collaboration, meaningful participation in the regional review process, and in particular, to elicit stakeholder experiences and views around the review objectives, namely:

- Take stock of the overall progress of implementation of objectives to date
- Identify key challenges, opportunities, gaps and emerging issues
- Identify established and emerging good practices and lessons learnt
- Identify resource requirements and capacity building needs
- Formulate recommendations
- Recommend stakeholders to speak at the Regional Review

3. Content and format

The consultation aims to produce joint statements based on four prior consultations on each of the thematic areas. The co-hosts and interested contributors will consolidate the contributions of the previous four consultations into four draft Common Statements on each of the four clusters of the GCM objectives and share them with the stakeholders prior to the forthcoming fifth consultation.

Participants are expected to go through the shared documents in advance to put forward substantive input during these sessions and will be invited to take part in two working group sessions each day. During the consultation, the participants will discuss the draft statements and attempt to reach a consensus. These statements will then be submitted to the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

The four clusters will include the following GCM objectives –

Cluster 1: Ensuring that migration is voluntary, orderly, and regular (addressing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18)

Cluster 2: Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance measures (addressing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21)

Cluster 3: Supporting the integration of migrants and their contribution to development (addressing GCM objective 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22)

Cluster 4: Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate, and enhancing cooperation on migration (addressing GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23)

Each day is designed to have two parallel sessions followed by opening remarks and ending with a concluding note.

Day 1: 2 March 2021

- **Parallel Sessions 1:** Cluster 1 and 3
- **Parallel Sessions 2:** Cluster 2 and 4

Day 1: 4 March 2021

- **Parallel Sessions 1:** Cluster 1 and 3
- **Parallel Sessions 2:** Cluster 2 and 4

Participants to the consultation also need to recommend speakers for the GCM Regional Review. Ten (10) speaking slots have been given to stakeholders, particularly:

- 4 nominations to take the floor during the roundtables [during Q&A, they will be invited by name for about 2 mins per person] (time permitting)
- 5 nominations to take the floor following country statements [probably only 2/3 minutes per person]
- 1 nomination to take the floor during the opening

The consultation is a closed meeting and will not be recorded. To have open and frank discussions, it will follow the Chatham House Rule, which means that participants are free to use the information received but may not reveal the identity or the affiliation of the speaker(s), or of any other participant.

Registration for the Consultation will close on 1 March **15:00hrs (Bangkok-time)**.

4. Organizing team

This Stakeholder Consultation is co-designed and implemented by a diverse team of stakeholders ²

5. Participants

Participation in the stakeholder consultation should be balanced with regard to geography/region, gender and area of work/sector (please see stakeholder categories, as identified in General Assembly resolution 73/195 and 73/326 and listed in the background note on stakeholder engagement for the regional review in Asia-Pacific, listed below).

In the interest of ensuring diverse representation at the consultation, we encourage that one person per organization participates.

Please feel free to forward the invitation to colleagues and partners. Please remember that all participants need to register for the meeting by Monday 1 March 2021 at 15:00hrs (Bangkok time).

² The organizing team includes Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants, Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) – Philippines, Bonigi Monitoring, Civil Society for Global Commitments on Migration (CGCM), Foundation London, HOST International Ltd, International Detention Coalition (IDC), Migrant Forum in Asia, Mixed Migration Centre, People Empowerment Foundation, Raul Wallenberg Institute, The Freedom Story and Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN).

6. Expected outcomes and next steps

To finalize four (4) Common Statements and one (1) Opening Statement adopted by consensus and informed and underpinned by the previous 4 Stakeholder Consultations.

To ensure meaningful, inclusive, transparent, and diverse participation by stakeholders with respect to reviewing progress towards GCM objectives and focused thematic areas.

7. Background

In resolution 73/195 (“Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”), the United Nations General Assembly:

- Committed to a whole-of-society approach promoting broad multi-stakeholder partnerships to address migration in all its dimensions by including migrants, diasporas, local communities, civil society, academia, the private sector, parliamentarians, trade unions, national human rights institutions, the media and other relevant stakeholders in migration governance (para 15 (j)).
- Committed to implementing the Global Compact at the national, regional, and global levels in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders 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, the media and other relevant stakeholders (para 41 and 44).

8. Background documents

[Concept Note: Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#)

[Concept Note: Ensuring that migration is voluntary, regular, safe and orderly \(addressing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18\), 28 October 2020](#)

[Concept Note: Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance and border management measures \(addressing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21\), 19 November 2020](#)

[Concept Note: Supporting the Integration of Migrants and their Contribution to Development \(Addressing GCM objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22\), 16 December 2020](#)

[Concept Note: Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate, and enhancing cooperation on migration \(Addressing GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23\), 3 February 2021](#)

Draft Agenda

Day 1: 2 March 2021 9:00-12:30 hrs

9:00-9:10 hrs Opening Plenary

9:10-10:30 hrs

Parallel Session 1: Cluster 1: Ensuring that migration is voluntary, orderly, and regular (addressing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18)

- Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants
- Migrant Forum in Asia

Parallel Session 2: Cluster 3: Supporting the integration of migrants and their contribution to development (addressing GCM objective 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22)

- HOST International
- Civil Society for Global Commitments on Migration (CGCM)

10:30- 10:40 hrs Break

10:40-12:00 hrs

Parallel Session 3: Cluster 2: Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance measures (addressing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21)

- Boniği Monitoring
- International Detention Coalition
- Building and Wood Workers International (BWI)
- Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)

Parallel Session 4: Cluster 4: Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate, and enhancing cooperation on migration (addressing GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23)

- Civil Society for Global Commitments on Migration (CGCM)
- Boniği Monitoring
- International Detention Coalition
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network
- Mixed Migration Centre

12:00-12:30 Closing

Day 2: 4 March 2021 13:00-16:30 hrs

13:00-13:10 hrs Opening

13:10- 14:30 hrs

Parallel Session 1: Cluster 1: Ensuring that migration is voluntary, orderly, and regular (addressing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18)

- Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants
- Migrant Forum in Asia

Parallel Session 2: Cluster 3: Supporting the integration of migrants and their contribution to development (addressing GCM objective 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22)

- HOST International
- Civil Society for Global Commitments on Migration (CGCM)

14:30- 14:40 hrs Break

14:40-16:00 hrs

Parallel Session 3: Cluster 2: Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance measures (addressing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21)

- Boniği Monitoring
- International Detention Coalition
- Building and Wood Workers International (BWI)
- Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM)
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)

Parallel Session 4: Cluster 4: Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate, and enhancing cooperation on migration (addressing GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23)

- Civil Society for Global Commitments on Migration (CGCM)
- Boniği Monitoring
- International Detention Coalition
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network
- Mixed Migration Centre

16:00-16:15 Adoption of the Statements

16:15-16:30 Deliberation and approval of nominations of 10 stakeholder speakers