

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

Informal Multi-stakeholder Consultation

Concept Note

22 October 2020

The purpose of this concept note is to propose the modalities for the multi-stakeholder consultation in preparation of the regional review on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in the UNECE region. The multi-stakeholder meeting will take place on 9 November 2020, from 10:00 - 15:00 CET.

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 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. Multi-stakeholder engagement in the Regional Review in the UNECE Region

1. Multi-stakeholder engagement in the intergovernmental regional review meeting

To ensure an inclusive regional review, Member States and stakeholders have been invited to submit voluntary inputs on experiences to date by Member States on the implementation of the GCM by 30 October 2020 to UNECE and the Network. These submissions will be posted on the regional landing page of the Network's website. 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 12 and Friday 13 November 2020, from 10:00 – 15:40 CET, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

The regional review meeting will convene representatives of the UNECE Member States, 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.

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

² [A/RES/73/195](#), para. 4.

2. Informal Multi-stakeholder Consultation

The Network organized a series of informal briefings with stakeholders in the UNECE region to ensure meaningful multi-stakeholder engagement in the regional review process for the UNECE region. Further to those briefing discussions, the Network is proposing the following modalities for the multi-stakeholder consultation. The consultation will bring stakeholders together, with the participation of UNECE Member States to:

- a) assess the progress made in the implementation of the GCM in the ECE region, in line with the guiding principles laid down in resolution 73/195;
- b) discuss challenges and opportunities for meaningful stakeholder engagement in the ECE region;
- c) formulate key findings and recommendations to inform the 2022 International Migration Review Forum.

The multi-stakeholder consultation will consist of an opening segment, followed by two thematic roundtables. Each roundtable will consist of a panel discussion followed by an interactive discussion. The first roundtable will focus on the progress and challenges in the implementation of the GCM in the UNECE region. The second roundtable will focus on best practices for stakeholder engagement in the GCM implementation, follow-up and review in the UNECE region.

A Rapporteur will be selected based on expressions of interest received. The Rapporteur will present a summary of the multi-stakeholder consultation at the intergovernmental meeting on 12 and 13 November 2020.

Stakeholders are invited to express their interest in providing speakers and moderators for each of the roundtables. The selection will be done by the Network with due regard to geographic and gender balance and with a view to ensure representation by all relevant stakeholders.

III. Outcome of the multi-stakeholder meeting

A Rapporteur will report on the outcomes of the multi-stakeholder consultation during the opening segment of the intergovernmental meeting for the GCM regional review in the ECE region on 12 and 13 November 2020.

The multi-stakeholder consultation will further result in a summary report that will synthesize inputs. The outcome 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.

IV. Logistics

A Logistics Note is available on the Network's website: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org>.

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Monday, 9 November 2020, 10:00 – 15:00 CET

Agenda

	Opening
10:00-10:15 (15mins)	Opening Plenary by (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Network Coordinator - Rapporteur (stakeholder)
	Roundtable I
10:15-12:00 (105 mins)	Progress and challenges in the implementation of the GCM in the UNECE region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key thematic priority areas for the region - Examples of implementation - Challenges and recommendations <p>Moderated Panel (45 mins) 4-5 Panelists</p> <p>Open Floor for discussion (60 mins)</p>
12:00 – 13:00 (60mins)	Lunch Break (60mins)
	Roundtable II
13:00 – 14:45 (105 mins)	Best practices for stakeholder engagement in the GCM implementation, follow-up and review in the UNECE region. <p>Moderated Panel (45 mins) 4-5 Panelists</p> <p>Open Floor for discussion (60 mins)</p>
	Closing
14:45 – 15:00 (15 mins)	Closing Plenary by (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Network - Rapporteur