



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

### Ensuring that migration is voluntary, regular, safe and orderly (addressing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18)

28 October 2020

Online (*All times Indochina time zone: GMT +7*)

## Concept Note

### 1. 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).

In the context of the Regional Review of the Global Compact for Migration scheduled to be held in Bangkok from 10 to 12 March 2021, the United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific is committed to enabling the meaningful engagement of stakeholders with the regional review process, in line with the principles underpinning a whole-of-society approach and the commitments outlined above.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Regional Network is comprised of all United Nations agencies at Asia and the Pacific regional level wishing to join. The Regional Office of IOM, 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.

Therefore, the Regional Network will organize four stakeholder consultations on the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration. The consultations will be organized in line with the clusters of the Global Compact objectives of the roundtables envisaged for the IMRF according to General Assembly resolution 73/326. The first of these is on:

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The consultation addresses the following objectives of the Global Compact for Migration:

2. Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
5. Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
6. Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
12. Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral.
18. Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences

## **2. Objectives of the consultations**

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

- To 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

## **3. Date, content and format**

The date of the consultation is 28 October, 11.00-14.00 Indochina Time.

The consultation will be held online, using Zoom.

The consultation is a closed meeting and will not be recorded. In order to have open and frank discussions, we will follow the Chatham House Rule which means that participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

A summary note will be drafted and made publicly available after the consultation.

Registration will close on Sunday, 25 October 24:00 hrs. (ICT) (midnight)

#### **4. Organizing team**

The stakeholder consultation is co-designed and led by ILO and UNESCO and the following stakeholders:

Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organization PIANGO, Fiji;  
Migrant Forum Asia, Philippines;  
Tabaco City Government, Philippines;  
Solidarity Center, Sri Lanka  
South Asian Regional Trade Union Council (SAR TUC), Nepal;  
UN Major Group for Children and Youth, Malaysia and Australia; and  
ESCAP, IOM and OHCHR have provided vital support to the process.

#### **5. Participants**

All stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region identified so far for the regional consultations. Participation 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 of relevant stakeholders at the meeting, we ask that only 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 Sunday, 25 October 24:00 hrs. (ICT) (midnight).

#### **6. Expected outcomes and next steps**

To ensure meaningful, inclusive and diverse participation by stakeholders with respect to reviewing progress towards GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18.

Summary report drafted by the Regional United Nations Network on Migration (with input by relevant stakeholders participating in the consultation) and to be posted on the ESCAP and United Nations Network websites

#### **7. Background documents**

[Presentation on GCM implementation of objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18 \(attachment\)](#)

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

[Engagement of civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#)

[ESCAP website on the Asia-Pacific Regional Review: https://bit.ly/3dRNoGL](https://bit.ly/3dRNoGL)