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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting:
 - (a) Opening statements;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of progress and challenges with regard to implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Asia and the Pacific, including the implications of the coronavirus disease pandemic.
3. Thematic discussions on progress and challenges with regard to implementing the Global Compact at all levels, with due respect to the cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles of the Global Compact:
 - (a) Ensuring that migration is voluntary, regular, safe and orderly (addressing objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18);
 - (b) Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance and border management measures (addressing objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21);
 - (c) Supporting migrants' protection, integration and contribution to development (addressing objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22);
 - (d) Strengthening evidence-based policymaking, public debate and cooperation for safe, orderly and regular migration (addressing objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23).
4. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the meeting will be available online at www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/asia-pacific-regional-review-implementation-global-compact-safe-orderly.

(b) Election of officers

A chair and two vice-chairs will be elected.

The list of participants will be available online at www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/asia-pacific-regional-review-implementation-global-compact-safe-orderly.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (ESCAP/GCM/2021/L.1)

Annotation

The provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the meeting participants, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Review of progress and challenges with regard to implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Asia and the Pacific, including the implications of the coronavirus disease pandemic

Documentation

Review of progress and challenges with regard to implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Asia and the Pacific, including the implications of the coronavirus disease pandemic (ESCAP/GCM/2021/1)

International migration, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (ESCAP/GCM/2021/2)

Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: a synthesis of voluntary Global Compact reviews in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP.1)

Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: summary of stakeholder consultations for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP.2)

Annotation

The participants will review the progress made in the Asia-Pacific region in achieving the objectives of the Global Compact, taking into account its cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles and the impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and addressing the interlinkages

between the Global Compact and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As a basis for its deliberations, the meeting will have before it the following: document ESCAP/GCM/2021/1, in which the implementation of the Global Compact is assessed, including an overview of key international migration trends and an analysis of the impacts of COVID-19 on international migration, and document ESCAP/GCM/2021/2, in which the interlinkages between the Global Compact and the 2030 Agenda are highlighted. The meeting will also have before it conference room paper ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP.1 containing a summary of the results reported from voluntary national reviews of member States on the implementation of the Global Compact and conference room paper ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP.2 containing a summary of the outcomes of a series of stakeholder consultations on the implementation of the Global Compact.

Meeting participants may wish to share experiences and findings with regard to adopting policies and programmes to achieve the Global Compact. The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in enhanced understanding of progress, good practices, challenges and emerging issues associated with the implementation of the Global Compact and the migration-related commitments of the 2030 Agenda, including the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Thematic discussions on progress and challenges with regard to implementing the Global Compact at all levels, with due respect to the cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles of the Global Compact

Documentation

Review of progress and challenges with regard to implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Asia and the Pacific, including the implications of the coronavirus disease pandemic (ESCAP/GCM/2021/1)

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Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: a synthesis of voluntary Global Compact reviews in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP.1)

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

The first round-table discussion will focus on the cluster of objectives outlined in General Assembly resolution 73/326, addressing the following objectives of the Global Compact:

Objective 2: Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin

Objective 5: Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration

Objective 6: Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work

Objective 12: Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral

Objective 18: Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences

The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in a deeper understanding of the progress, good practices, challenges and emerging issues associated with the implementation of the objectives of the Global Compact related to ensuring that migration is voluntary, regular, safe and orderly.

(b) Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance and border management measures (addressing objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21)

The second round-table discussion will focus on the cluster of objectives outlined in General Assembly resolution 73/326, addressing the following objectives of the Global Compact:

Objective 4: Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation

Objective 8: Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants

Objective 9: Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants

Objective 10: Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration

Objective 11: Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner

Objective 13: Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives

Objective 21: Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration

The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in a deeper understanding of the progress, good practices, challenges and emerging issues associated with the implementation of the objectives of the Global Compact related to protecting migrants through rights-based border governance and border management measures.

(c) Supporting migrants' protection, integration and contribution to development (addressing objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22)

The third round-table discussion will focus on the cluster of objectives outlined in General Assembly resolution 73/326, addressing the following objectives of the Global Compact:

Objective 14: Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle

Objective 15: Provide access to basic services for migrants

Objective 16: Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion

Objective 19: Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries

Objective 20: Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants

Objective 22: Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits

The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in a deeper understanding of the progress, good practices, challenges and emerging issues associated with the implementation of the objectives of the Global Compact related to supporting migrants' protection, integration and contribution to development.

(d) Strengthening evidence-based policymaking, public debate and cooperation for safe, orderly and regular migration (addressing objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23)

The discussion will focus on the cluster of objectives outlined in General Assembly resolution 73/326, addressing the following objectives of the Global Compact:

Objective 1: Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies

Objective 3: Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration

Objective 7: Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration

Objective 17: Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration

Objective 23: Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in a deeper understanding of the progress, good practices, challenges and emerging issues associated with the implementation of the objectives of the Global Compact related to strengthening evidence-based policymaking, public debate and cooperation for safe, orderly and regular migration.

4. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the meeting

The meeting participants will consider and adopt a report of the meeting, which will serve as the regional input for the International Migration Review Forum to be held in New York in 2022.