



## GUIDE TO PARTICIPATION

### Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration 10 to 12 March 2021

#### New format of the Regional Review session under the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to change the way we live and work. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants as well as taking into account the on-going travel restrictions in many countries, it is decided that the Asia-Pacific Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration will be held virtually with the option for Bangkok-based representatives to join the meeting in-person at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok (UNCC), as far as the COVID-19 pandemic situation remains stable.

The sessions will take place in 3-hour slots in the morning and afternoon, with a 2-hour interval in between, during the first and second days, and 2-hour slot in the afternoon of the third day.

For the session to proceed as smoothly as possible, given time constraints, it is requested that interventions be brief and focus on the substantive agenda items only and directly address the specific issues for discussion. This will allow the Chair to give an opportunity to all participants, requesting the floor, to present their statements and contribute to the discussions. We would like to thank everyone in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

All statements will be uploaded on the meeting website, and delegations are encouraged to only read out parts of their statements and have their longer statements posted on the website. For posting statements after the meeting, please send the statement to the secretariat at [escap-sdd@un.org](mailto:escap-sdd@un.org).

After the Regional Review, an evaluation of the virtual meeting will be undertaken to capture your feedback and recommendations for the secretariat to take into account when planning future meetings.

#### Platforms for Virtual Participation

There are three platforms for participation: (1) UNCC conference room for Bangkok-based representatives; (2) KUDO platform for virtual participation; and (3) YouTube.

Bangkok-based representatives from member States, associate members, intergovernmental organizations, and United Nations entities have the option to join the meeting in-person at the UNCC. Delegates who wish to be present in the conference room need to be on the delegation list and registered. Given the COVID-19 preventive measures and limited seating capacity due to physical distancing requirements, only registered participants holding a separate meeting badge will be able to enter the conference room.

With regards to virtual participation through the KUDO platform, delegates connected remotely who wish to speak need to be on the delegation list, registered and nominated as speaker.

Given the technical limitations of conducting the meeting through a virtual platform and in view of the mandates and operational requirements of the Regional Review, each ESCAP member state will be provided with a maximum of two KUDO connections, and each associate member will be given one KUDO connection. If after allocating all the KUDO connections to confirmed participants, including observers, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities and stakeholders and speakers on the programme, there remain unused connections, these may be distributed to additional confirmed member States upon request. Therefore, each delegation should indicate the primary connections, as appropriate. Please note that the KUDO connection is not transferable. It is possible to use one KUDO connection to access the platform from a meeting room or office for multiple delegates, provided that the respective meeting room's conference/AV system is adequately linked to KUDO and physical distancing is maintained in that location in accordance with national contexts and guidelines.

A guide to using the KUDO platform will be shared in due course with members of each delegation assigned to speak during the session. KUDO users will also be invited to a test-run prior to the session to ensure smooth virtual participation. All speakers and delegates who wish to take the floor during the meeting will be required to attend a test-run session, during which they will be familiarized with the platform and test their connections. It is especially important for those who will join the KUDO platform from a meeting room, so they can see if the meeting room's conference/AV system is adequately linked to KUDO.

Permanent observers of the Commission, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations entities will only be given one KUDO connection if they have been confirmed with the secretariat to have a possible speaking role. Those based in Bangkok are invited to participate in person at ESCAP Hall, UNCC, space permitting. Please confirm by email to [escap-sdd@un.org](mailto:escap-sdd@un.org) if you wish to attend the meeting in person.

All other participants may follow the proceedings via the live broadcast at a link to be published on the website of the meeting <https://www.unescap.org/intergovernmental-meetings/asia-pacific-regional-review-implementation-global-compact-safe-orderly>.

## Letter of credential and online registration

As advised in the invitation letter, each delegation is required to submit a letter of credentials, duly signed by the appropriate authority of the respective Government, at the latest by 25 February 2021. Only delegates who appear on the credentials will be recognized in the list of participants.

Letters of credential should be sent via email to [escap-sdd@un.org](mailto:escap-sdd@un.org). If you wish to send originals, the following email address can be used:

Social Development Division  
United Nations Building, 6th Floor Block B  
Rajdamnern Nok Avenue  
Bangkok 10200, Thailand

In addition to submitting a letter of credentials, each delegate who appears in the aforementioned letter of credentials is required to register online as soon as possible before 25 February 2021 at <https://meetings.unescap.org/>. Only registration of accredited delegates will be accepted.

## Interventions by ESCAP member States, associate members, Permanent Observers and Other United Nations Observers, Intergovernmental Organizations, United Nations entities and stakeholders

Due to time constraints, the Regional Review meeting will consider substantive and related procedural issues brought to it for action under Agenda item 2 in the annotated provisional agenda. Country interventions focused on the substantive issues for consideration in this agenda item are welcome. As stated above, traditional country statements shared for the general information should be submitted in writing for uploading on the meeting website.

In addition, five speaking slots have been reserved for stakeholders, as defined per General Assembly resolution 73/195, para 44.

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *four minutes*; statements made by observers, intergovernmental organizations or United Nations entities should not exceed *three minutes*; and statements by stakeholders should not exceed *three minutes*.

Each delegation is also requested to complete the KUDO speakers list request form to identify which members of the delegation will have a speaking role during the session. Delegations are requested to complete the KUDO speakers list request form and submit it to [escap-sdd@un.org](mailto:escap-sdd@un.org) as soon as possible before 25 February 2021.

## Documents and interpretation

Pre-session documents are available in Chinese, English, French and Russian and will be posted on the documents page of the meeting website.

The KUDO platform provides live simultaneous interpretation in the four official languages of ESCAP. Details on how to choose an interpretation channel will be provided in the KUDO participation guide distributed to confirmed participants. Real-time captioning will also be made available at the following link (kindly note the link will be activated when the session begins: <https://caption.escap.un.org/GCM.html>)

The report of the meeting, in all ESCAP languages, will be available on the meeting website by 12:00 noon Bangkok time of 12 March 2021 for consideration by the delegations on the final day of the meeting. Given the technical limitations of conducting the Regional Review meeting in a virtual manner and in view of the mandates and operational requirements, the report of the Regional Review meeting will be procedural in nature, with a possible outcome document annexed to it. The summary outcome document will be circulated to member States and associate members after the meeting, for fact-checking and agreement, in consultation with the Chair.

## Consent/Advice to be recorded

The Regional Review meeting will be recorded. By joining the virtual event, participants consent to the recording and streaming of the event.

## Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting

### Supporting document:

1. Annotated Provisional Agenda (ESCAP/GCM/2021/L.1)

Agenda item 1 of the provisional agenda includes (a) opening statements; (b) election of officers; and (c) adoption of the agenda.

The session will be opened at 09.00 a.m. Bangkok time (GMT+7) by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, followed by a representative of the United Nations Network on Migration, a representative of the Regional United Nations Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific, a representative from the host country of ESCAP, and a representative from the group of stakeholders.

This will be followed by the election of officers of the Regional Review.

Following the election of officers, the Chair of the Regional Review meeting will present the provisional agenda of the meeting for adoption.

## Agenda item 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

### Supporting documents:

1. 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 COVID-19 (ESCAP/GCM/2021/1)
2. International migration, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (ESCAP/GCM/2021/2)
3. 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)
4. Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: summary of stakeholder consultations for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP.2)

Agenda item 2 will consist of a general debate. 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.

Following interventions by member States, associate members, permanent observers and intergovernmental organizations and five stakeholders will have the opportunity to speak, followed by United Nations entities.

## Agenda Item 3: Thematic discussions on progress made and challenges with regard to implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration at all levels, with due respect to the cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles of the Global Compact

### Supporting documents:

1. 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 COVID-19 (ESCAP/GCM/2021/1)

2. International migration, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (ESCAP/GCM/2021/2)
3. 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)
4. Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: summary of stakeholder consultations for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/GCM/2021/CRP.2)

Deliberations for agenda item 3 will be organized around four round-table discussions. Concept notes for each roundtable will be prepared in advance and posted on the meeting website. The concept notes will include guiding questions. The roundtables will be organized with the following members of the Regional United Nations Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific as co-organizers:

- (a) Ensuring that migration is voluntary, regular, safe and orderly (addressing objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18) - ILO, UNESCO, UNFCCC
- (b) Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance and border management measures (addressing objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21) – OHCHR, UNODC
- (c) Supporting migrants' protection, integration and contribution to development (addressing objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22) – UN Women, IOM
- (d) Strengthening evidence-based policymaking, public debate and cooperation for safe, orderly and regular migration (addressing objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23) – ILO, OHCHR

Time permitting, meeting participants may wish to share their experiences and findings with regard to the topic outlined in each round table discussion. 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 various objectives of the Global Compact on Migration.

## Agenda Item 4: Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the meeting

### Supporting document:

1. Draft report (ESCAP/GCM/2021/L.2)

Under agenda item 4, the meeting participants will consider and adopt the report of the Regional Review. In light of the streamlined proceedings of the meeting, the report of the regional review will be procedural in nature with a Chair's summary annexed to it. The Chair's summary will be circulated to members and associate members after the meeting, for fact-checking and agreement, in consultation with the Chair. It is envisaged that in the report, the meeting will request the submission of the report, including the Chair's summary, as well as other pertinent pre-session documents, to the International Migration Review Forum, scheduled to be held in 2022, and in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 73/195 and 73/326.

Following the adoption of the report, the Executive Secretary and representatives of the Regional United Nations Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific will deliver closing statements. The Chair may also deliver a closing statement before formally closing the session.