



Asia Pacific Regional Review Meeting
Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- Please allow me to begin by applauding all represented here today at this important discussion -- whether you are participating in the meeting room, via Kudo or on the YouTube connection -- thank you for showing up for this important exchange and in support of the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM).
- This is the third intergovernmental regional review meeting on the GCM, and the first to be held in the Asia Pacific region.
- We live in an era of unprecedented challenges, not least because of the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic, but also because we have all had to dig deeper, extend ourselves further and be more courageous in the face of a COVID impacted world, that has made the lives of migrants and those that work in support of safe, orderly and regular migration -- that much harder.
- We at the International Organization for Migration stand ready to continue to support efforts to address and respond to these hardships, be they in the
 - multi-dimensional field of human mobility;
 - in emergency and crisis situations, where we work with Government partners to develop the resilience of people on the move, particularly the most vulnerable
 - in support of migrants and their families and communities;
 - in development of effective responses to the shifting dynamics of migration; or
 - in migration policy, research, data and practice.
- Last year we launched our regional strategy for Asia and the Pacific – which speaks to these issues.
- It highlights the regional and cross-regional trends and challenges that are likely to emerge in the coming years with respect to migration and situations of displacement.
- Further, it outlines how IOM is preparing to respond in collaboration with Governments, other UN agencies, and a wide range of regional stakeholders, including the UN Network on Migration and key regional consultative processes and multilateral forums.
- My colleagues and I look forward to working with you over the year ahead and beyond to ensure that the vision outlined in the Global Compact is realized.
- Together, we can.
- Thank you.