
High-Level Launch: Secretary-General Report on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

1 December 2020, 1:30 - 3:00 pm (New York time)

Objective and scope

This virtual event is convened to present the first biennial Secretary-General report pursuant to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). Two years since its adoption, this report reflects on progress made in implementing the GCM, as well as ongoing challenges in that regard, including in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This high-level forum will bring together Member States – including ‘Champions’ of the GCM – stakeholders and partners in the UN system to exchange perspectives on issues raised in the report, including its recommendations for the further strengthening of efforts to implement the Compact. It will also be an opportunity to discuss how the UN system – through the UN Network on Migration - can further its efforts to support partners in this regard, including through support to the GCM regional reviews.

Background

The GCM is the first UN global agreement on a cooperative framework covering all dimensions of migration. The GCM creates a comprehensive 360-degree approach, and common language through its guiding principles and objectives, for discussing migration and providing tools for implementing principled and effective migration policies.

The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally impacted human mobility, while also underlining the many contributions made to societies by migrants providing essential and frontline services. With many borders closed, and global mobility dramatically slowed, we are witnessing – through a range of state practices in response to the crisis – the potential for the GCM to navigate these new challenges as well as, given the heightened vulnerabilities many migrants face, the increasingly pressing need for its fuller implementation.

View live stream :

English <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sg-report-promise-action>

French <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sg-report-promise-action-fr>

Spanish <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sg-report-promise-action-sp>

The event will have interpretation in English, French and Spanish.

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	Opening
1:30 – 2 PM	<p>H.E António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General (recorded message)</p> <p>H.E António Vitorino, Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration and Director General of the International Organization for Migration</p> <p>Ms. Sylvia Lopez-Ekra, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Kingdom of Morocco</p>
	High-Level statements from GCM Champion countries
2:00 – 2:50 PM	<p>H.E. Augusto Santos Silva, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Portugal</p> <p>H.E. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco</p> <p>H.E. Luis Gallegos, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador</p> <p>Ms. Dara Fonseca, Secretary of State of the Communities, Guinea Bissau</p> <p>H.E. Patricia Leonor Comandari Zanotti, Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Integration and Economic Promotion, El Salvador (recorded message)</p> <p>H.E. Juan Ramón de la Fuente, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations</p> <p>H.E. Bob Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations</p> <p>H.E. Enrique Manalo, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations</p> <p>H.E. Ramses Joseph Cleland, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the European Offices of the UN, WTO and other International Organisations in Geneva and Vienna</p> <p>H.E. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations</p> <p>H.E. Rishikesh Shaha, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations</p> <p><i>Statements will be followed by an interactive discussion</i></p> <p>Moderator Ms. Kékéli Kpognon, Senior human rights programme officer at the Quaker Council for European Affairs</p>
2:50 – 3:00 PM	Closing remarks by Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head of the secretariat of the UN Network on Migration