



## **Briefing of Stakeholders on the *Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration***

26 August 2020, 11:00-13:30 hrs.

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

### **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***

In resolution 73/195 (“Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”), the 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).

A whole of society approach would promote genuine and inclusive engagement of CSOs and stakeholders through the following principles:

- ✓ *Transparency*: Generating an open call for engagement to all relevant stakeholders and providing an open and equal channel to receive inputs;
- ✓ *Inclusivity*: Creating room for the widest possible access to all relevant stakeholders through different forms of engagement;
- ✓ *Diversity*: Ensuring non-discriminatory access to all, with particular attention to under-represented voices and to migrants in situations of vulnerability; and
- ✓ *Meaningful participation*: Providing effective access to all preparatory and follow-up processes within the context of the regional review and encouraging the mobilization of resources to enable participation of CSOs and stakeholders.

In the context of the regional review of the Global Compact for Migration to be held in the Asia Pacific region, the UN Regional Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific<sup>1</sup> is committed to

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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.

enabling the meaningful engagement of CSOs and stakeholders with the regional review process, in line with the principles underpinning a whole-of-society approach and the commitments outlined in the GCM (above).

The Regional Review Meeting is scheduled to be held at ESCAP in Bangkok on dates to be determined.<sup>2</sup> For more information on the meeting, see: <https://www.unescap.org/events/asia-pacific-regional-review-implementation-global-compact-safe-orderly-and-regular-migration>.

In engaging the CSOs and relevant stakeholders, the Regional Network will seek to ensure balance in relation to thematic and geographic representation, scope of mandate, and gender.

In line with the above, the Regional Network will undertake the following actions in support of CSO and stakeholder engagement:

1. Hold a briefing for CSOs and other stakeholders (August dates tbc)

The briefing will be held on a virtual platform (MS Teams) and will provide a chance for the member entities of the Regional Network to brief CSOs and stakeholders on the progress to date of the regional review process, including in terms of the Asia Pacific Migration Report, the voluntary GCM review, the ACPR briefing to Member States on 25 June, and subsequent engagement with Member States. The briefing will include an open Q&A session and will seek to assist CSOs identify entry points for their engagement in the regional review process.

2. Organize 2-4 stakeholder consultations (in September-October 2020, dates tbc) organized on the themes of the roundtables envisaged in the IMRF resolution, namely:

- a. *Ensuring that migration is voluntary, orderly and regular (addressing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12, 18)*
- b. *Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance measures (addressing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 21)*
- c. *Supporting the integration of migrants and their contribution to development (addressing GCM objective 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22)*
- d. *Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate, and enhancing cooperation on migration (addressing GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23)*

These consultations would be held virtually.

All consultations will use the same template for the concept note and programme to ensure consistency. An informal summary report would be produced following each consultation, which would seek to capture the key issues raised in the discussions including salient recommendations.

3. Hold a multi-stakeholder consultation one day immediately prior to the regional review. This would follow the modalities of the regional review intergovernmental meeting in terms of a. meeting methodology (in-person or hybrid event), as well as b. the date of the event.

4. Facilitate the participation of CSOs and stakeholders in the official agenda of the regional review meeting, inter alia through making written submissions (to be hosted on ESCAP's web page as well as the dedicated website set up by the global Network Secretariat), participation as

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<sup>2</sup> ESCAP and the United Nations Regional Network on Migration for Asia and the Pacific are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and will propose measures needed to mitigate public health risks associated with mass gatherings. In this regard, we receive guidance from the World Health Organization, the authorities of the host country of ESCAP, and the United Nations Secretariat and will adjust the plans for an in-person meeting accordingly.

expert panelists to the four thematic panels, where necessary ensuring that they have a consolidated united voice, given their areas of interest, as well as providing oral interventions in line with the rules of procedure. CSOs and stakeholders are encouraged to organize and host side events in the context of the regional review meeting, including in collaboration with Regional Network member entities and ESCAP member States.

### **Modalities**

The Regional Network, through its Task Team on the APMRR, will collectively enable the engagement of CSOs and other stakeholders in the process of the regional review. Member entities of the Regional Network can, individually or collectively, volunteer to organize a stakeholder consultation as outlined above.

To facilitate this engagement, the Regional Network will hire a CSO liaison focal point to

- Finalize through liaison with Regional Network member entities and stakeholders a comprehensive list of relevant CSOs and stakeholders in the Asia Pacific region;
- Draft concept notes for the above consultations, in collaboration with the lead Regional Network member entities for each consultation and paying due attention to the principles and commitments outlined in the GCM, including developing an agenda and resource list of background documentation;
- Produce a draft summary report of the preliminary stakeholder consultations for the consideration of the Regional Network which will be posted on the website of the meeting and could inform the intergovernmental regional review meeting; and
- Through discussion with the Regional Network member entities as well as CSOs and stakeholders, draft a concise concept note on possible options for the future engagement of the Regional Network with CSOs and stakeholders.

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