

AGENDA
2nd Annual Meeting of the UN Network on Migration
Date: 15 – 16 December 2020 (VIRTUAL)

14 December 2020

The annual meeting of the United Nations Network on Migration will take place virtually on 15 and 16 December 2020.

The draft agenda of the meeting is structured around: (i) supporting momentum for and visibility around the Global Compact, including on accurate narratives on migrants and migration; (ii) enhancing collaboration including with country and regional migration coordination mechanisms for support and implementation of the GCM; and (iii) identifying emerging challenges and next steps for the Network to improve its support of GCM implementation.

Within these overarching areas and pursuant to the Network's terms of reference, the annual meeting will also be an opportunity to (a) review the Network's progress; (b) review working arrangements and explore ways to further enhance collaboration; (c) identify emerging challenges; and (d) take decisions on the next steps.

The draft agenda reflects the commitment of all Network members to the goals of accountability, inclusivity, and focus on impact. Network members and stakeholders will be consulted in the preparation of the agenda.

This second annual meeting of the Network will be preceded by the fourth Network Executive Committee Principals meeting, scheduled for 14 December, and will include, as part of its agenda, the first consultative forum of the Migration Multi-Party Trust Fund (Migration MPTF).

As the meeting will take place virtually, it will be scheduled over several sessions to make the occasion more manageable and to accommodate as many time zones as possible. A multilingual platform will be used for the meeting.

Each session of the annual meeting will be supported with background/discussion notes.

Tuesday, 15 December from 12:30 – 14:30 (CET):

Setting the scene – successes and challenges in supporting GCM implementation

The first session will include an overview of the Network’s achievements and challenges in supporting GCM implementation and gathering momentum around the GCM. This session will also include a review of the Network’s working methods. This session will further allow for discussion on how the Network with stakeholder partners can continue the momentum around the Global Compact heading from the regional reviews in 2021 to the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2022.

Annotated Agenda	
SESSION I: THE SCENE: SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES IN SUPPORTING GCM IMPLEMENTATION	
12:30 – 12:40	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p><i>António Vitorino</i>, Coordinator, UN Network on Migration</p>
12:40 – 12:50	<p>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</p> <p>REVIEWING THE NETWORK’S PROGRESS</p> <p><i>Jonathan Prentice</i>, Head, UN Network on Migration Secretariat</p>
12:50 – 14:30	<p>PLENARY DISCUSSION</p> <p>MODERATED BY: <i>Laurel Townhead</i>, Representative (Human Rights & Refugees), QUNO</p> <p>DISCUSSION STARTERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Dr Santino Severoni</i>, Director, Health and Migration Programme, WHO ○ <i>Inkeri von Hase</i>, Global Coordinator, Making Migration Safe for Women, UN Women ○ <i>Emilia Saiz</i>, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments ○ <i>Mia Seppo</i>, UN Resident Coordinator, Bangladesh



Tuesday, 15 December from 16:00 – 18:00 (CET):

Strengthening collaboration, including with regional and country-level coordination mechanisms

This session will centre on how best the Network can strengthen its engagement at country and regional levels in support of implementation of the Global Compact. The session will also provide an overview of the roll-out of regional and country level Networks and their links with Issue Based Coalitions and other migration or UN coordination mechanisms, as well as explore options for building on opportunities presented by the Champions initiative. It will also provide an additional opportunity to reflect on how to pilot and use Network statements, policy briefs guidance and other tools.

SESSION II: ENHANCING COLLABORATION, INCLUDING WITH COUNTRY AND REGIONAL NETWORKS AND OTHER MIGRATION COORDINATION MECHANISMS

16:00 – 18:00

PLENARY DISCUSSION

MODERATED BY: *Grainne O’Hara*, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- *Rosemary Kalapurakal*, Deputy Director, a.i., United Nations Development Coordination Office (UNDCO)
- *Wen Li*, Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships Division, IOM
- *Dennia Gayle*, UNFPA Country Representative Designate, Ethiopia
- *Chawaratt (Mic) Chawarangkul*, Southeast Asia Programme Manager, International Detention Coalition

Wednesday, 16 December from 12:30 – 14:30 (CET):
Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MMPTF) consultative forum

As part of the annual meeting, the Fund Management Unit will organize the first Consultative Forum of the Migration MPTF. This session will be open to Member States, UN Network members, and all stakeholders. During this session, the Coordinator, in his capacity as Chair of the Migration MPTF, along with other members of the Fund Steering Committee, will provide an update on the status of the Fund (allocation decisions taken, key achievements and main challenges faced) and open the floor for Network members, Member States and stakeholders to discuss the Fund’s current operations and future direction. Key concerns/recommendations/suggestions during the Consultative Forum will be brought by the Chair to the attention of the full Steering Committee at its following meeting (scheduled for 17 December).

SESSION III: MIGRATION MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND CONSULTATIVE FORUM	
12:30 – 12:45	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p><i>António Vitorino</i>, Chair of the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund and Coordinator, UN Network on Migration</p>
12:45 – 13:25	<p>PLENARY DISCUSSION</p> <p>MODERATED BY: Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit</p> <p>DISCUSSANTS:</p> <p><i>Michael Freiherr von Ungern-Sternberg</i>, Germany - Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Geneva</p> <p><i>Alejandro Dávalos</i>, Ecuador – Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative in Geneva</p> <p><i>Vittoria Zanuso</i>, Mayors Migrations Council - Executive Director</p> <p><i>Toni Pavloski</i>, North Macedonia - Director of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><i>Vincent Martin</i>, UN Resident Coordinator, Guinea</p> <p><i>Gustavo Gonzalez</i>, UN Resident Coordinator, Philippines</p>
13:25 – 14:25	<p>Q&A SESSION</p>
14:25 – 14:30	<p>CONCLUDING REMARKS</p> <p><i>Jennifer Topping</i>, UNDP MPTF Office - Executive Coordinator</p>

Wednesday, 16 December from 14:30 – 16:30 (CET):

Emerging challenges and next steps

This session will focus on key priorities for the Network, including as regards the forthcoming regional reviews and to maintain/build momentum towards the IMRF in 2022. This session will be open to Member States, UN Network members, and all stakeholders.

SESSION IV: IDENTIFYING EMERGING CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE NETWORK	
14:30 – 15:00	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p><i>Amina Mohammed</i>, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations</p> <p>Q&A with <i>António Vitorino</i>, Coordinator, UN Network on Migration</p>
15.00 -16.15	<p>PLENARY DISCUSSION</p> <p>MODERATED BY: <i>Michelle Leighton</i>, Chief Labour Migration Branch, ILO</p> <p>DISCUSSION STARTERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ovais Sarmad</i>, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC ○ <i>Didier Trebucq</i>, UN Resident Coordinator, Eastern Caribbean States ○ <i>Pedro De Vasconcelos</i>, Manager of the Financing Facility for Remittances, IFAD ○ <i>Hakima Haithar</i>, Coordinator, Global Coalition on Migration ○ <i>Verena Knaus</i>, Chief, Migration and Displacement, UNICEF
16:15 – 16:30	<p>CONCLUDING REMARKS</p> <p><i>Jonathan Prentice</i>, Head, UN Network on Migration Secretariat</p>

Wednesday, 16 December from 17.00 - 18.00 (CET)

SIDE EVENT: Migration Network Hub soft launch

The adoption of the GCM in December 2018 created an important opportunity to move international cooperation on migration issues forward. One key ingredient to achieving better planning and collaboration on migration is trustworthy evidence and information on which to base migration decision-making, research and service provision. Within this framework, UN Member States called for (through the Capacity-Building Mechanism in the GCM) the creation of a global Connection Hub and Knowledge Platform - the “Migration Network Hub” - that would serve as a repository of existing evidence, practices and initiatives related to migration, facilitating the accessibility of knowledge and sharing of solutions.

This side event will soft launch the Migration Network Hub and will be an opportunity to exchange feedback before the public launch in early 2021. For further information, please see the link to the agenda [here](#).

Please note that this side event will be held in English only.