



Webinar for the State Commission on Migration Issues of Georgia, on lessons learned, good practices, and Network resources to inform the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) implementation

Thursday, 22 April 2021
14:00 - 17:00 (GMT+4) / 12:00-15:00 (CEST)

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The United Nations Network on Migration (Network) was established in May 2018 at the request of the United Nations Secretary-General, as a collaborative community of United Nations entities coming together to ensure effective and coordinated system-wide support to Member States in the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). In its creation, the Secretary-General gave IOM the role of the Network's Coordinator and Secretariat. At the country level, the Network was established in Georgia on 30 June 2020 to maximize the support the UN system can bring, particularly where needs are identified which are beyond the capacity of a single entity and would benefit from a multi-agency approach.

Recognizing that most international migration takes place within regions, Member States called upon relevant sub-regional, regional, and cross-regional processes, platforms, and organizations, to review the implementation of the GCM at the regional level beginning in 2020, and every four years thereafter. The outcome of the 2020 regional reviews which took place in November 2020 will inform the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2022 of major regional trends, challenges, successful practices, and emerging issues.

To promote GCM and to further enhance coordination on migration issues and fully operationalize the country Network, IOM Georgia and UN Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO) will jointly organize a series of events in the first half of 2021 which will inform a more detailed workplan for the Network to be developed in the second half of 2021. The Network's workplan will ensure a whole-of-society approach and thus elaborated in coordination with the State Commission on Migration Issues (SCMI) and other stakeholders in support of the Georgian State Migration Strategy 2021-2030 launched in January which anticipates that *"...the UN Migration Network can play a significant role that would contribute to effective coordination in-between the UN agencies on the ground, and through this, maintain regular communication with the SCMI"*.



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The Network co-chairs have jointly agreed to implement the following events and initiatives as follows:

- **Tuesday, 16 March 2021:** Workshop “*United Nations Network on Migration and Georgian Civil Society Organizations’ Engagement in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration process*” - An online event gathering representatives of CSOs active in Georgia and engaged and involved in migration issues to update them about the GCM and CSOs role, and encourage their participation. (*Note: already took place*)
- **22 April 2021:** A dedicated webinar for the SCMI officials on the GCM; Lessons learned from the 2020 GCM regional review processes; the Champion Country Initiative; and the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund. This webinar will inform the Government of Georgia’s possible participation in the GCM global review at the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2022.
- **April through June 2021,** IOM will engage an international expert to work more closely with the SCMI, RCO and participating UN Agencies, and other stakeholders to elaborate concrete linkages between the national Migration Strategy, GCM, and the SDGs, including identification of aligned indicators, and to establish a baseline for Georgia’s future possible GCM reporting.
- **June/July 2021:** A stock taking meeting with the RCO and UNCT to plan the way forward. More information and details will follow.

Objectives

As per the workplan above, IOM Georgia and the RCO as the country Network co-chairs, in coordination with the UN Network on Migration Secretariat, plan to organize a webinar on **22 April 2021** for SCMI officials. The event will include a peer-to-peer discussion on the experiences during the various steps and stages of the GCM process. This webinar aims to facilitate Georgia’s active and meaningful participation in GCM processes including a possible participation at the IMRF in 2022. For this purpose, the material to be covered during the webinar includes:

- Presentation by the Network Coordinator on the Migration Network Hub;
- Presentation by the Network Secretariat on lessons learned from the various GCM regional review processes;
- Presentation by a Member State on benefits resulting from GCM implementation at the national level – Government of Sweden;
- Presentation by a Member State on experience about participation in the GCM regional review process, including benefits and next steps - Government of Moldova;
- Presentation of the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund;
- Presentation of the Champion Countries Initiative and specific country experience - Government of Portugal.

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Draft Agenda		
14:00 – 14:15 (15 mins)	Opening remarks Dr. Sabine Machl, UN Resident Coordinator, Georgia Ms. Sanja Celebic Lukovac, IOM Chief of Mission, Georgia Mr. George Jashi, Executive Secretary of the State Commission on Migration Issues of Georgia	5 min 5 min 5 min
14:15 – 14:30 (15 mins)	Presentation: The Migration Network Hub Dr. Susanne Melde, Senior Programme Coordinator, Global Migration Data Analysis Centre, IOM Q&A	15 min
14:30 – 14:50 (20 mins)	GCM Regional Reviews: Overview, lessons learned and reporting timelines Ms. Azrah Karim Rajput, UN Migration Network Policy Officer Q&A	20 min
14:50 – 15:30 (40 mins)	Government Experiences in GCM Implementation and Review Mr. Kristof Tamas, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Sweden Ms. Olga Poalelungi, Director of Bureau for Migration and Asylum of the Ministry of Interior, Moldova Q&A	20 min 20 min
15:30 – 15:50 (20 mins)	Presentation: The Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (M-MPTF) Mr. Philippe Grandet, MPTF Manager Q&A	20 min
15:50 – 16:10 (20 mins)	Presentation: The Migration Champion Countries Initiatives Ms. Sónia Pereira, High Commissioner for Migration, Government of Portugal Q&A	20 min
16:10 – 16:20	Break	10 min
16:20 – 16:40 (20 mins)	Discussion on way forward Ms. Azrah Karim Rajput, UN Migration Network Policy Officer	20 min
16:40 – 16:55 (15 mins)	Closing remarks Ms. Anna Platonova, Senior Development Coordination Officer/Economist, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, Georgia Mr. George Jashi, Executive Secretary of the State Commission on Migration Issues of Georgia Ms. Sanja Celebic Lukovac, IOM Chief of Mission, Georgia	5 min 5 min 5 min