



## About the Online Discussion

### **“Implementing the Global Compact for Safe Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM): Guidance for governments and all relevant stakeholders”**

#### **Review and feedback on the advanced draft guidance material developed by UN Network on Migration (UNNM) Core Working Group (CWG) 2.2: GCM National Implementation Plans**

**26 February – 26 March 2021**

#### Objective:

To solicit feedback from UNNM Champion country governments on the draft GCM implementation guidance material (comprised of a [Guide](#) and [Booklet](#)) developed in the context of [CWG 2.2](#) to inform revisions and the elaboration of finalized guidance material for broad dissemination (final guidance anticipated distribution approximately Q2 2021).

#### Context/Description:

CWG 2.2 of the UN Network on Migration – “the Network” – is tasked with developing guidance and tools to support Member States’ efforts to implement the GCM, including through the elaboration of national implementations plans and to conduct follow-up and review of the GCM. To fulfill this objective, CWG 2.2 has developed an advanced draft of guidance for Member States and all relevant stakeholders, “*Implementing the Global Compact for Safe Orderly and Regular Migration: Guidance for governments and all relevant stakeholders*”.

To ensure the guidance is fit for purpose, the Network (CWG 2.2) is seeking written feedback and comments from Member States on the advanced draft of this guidance material. An [online discussion](#) has been established on the Network’s website to support this process, providing dedicated space for Champions to discuss the material, including to provide explicit comments and suggestions to strengthen the guidance material. Feedback received through this online discussion, together with feedback provided through the [26 February 2021 technical meeting with Champions](#), as well as Member State feedback shared bilaterally with the Network (via [unmignet@iom.int](mailto:unmignet@iom.int)), will inform revisions to the guidance material. Building on the feedback provided by Champions, CWG 2.2 will elaborate a final version of the guidance for broad dissemination, anticipated in Q2 2021.

This discussion is launched in accordance with the [Network’s Champion initiative](#), a group of Member States that serve as “Champion countries” for GCM implementation. Per this initiative, the Network is

targeting Champions with explicit support, while also generating key insights, lessons learned and practices that can be shared in dedicated spaces and with other Member States.

About the guidance material:

In accordance with the 360-degree vision of the GCM, the guidance has been designed as a flexible, self-guided reference document that recognizes that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to GCM implementation. The guidance, *Implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM): Guidance for governments and all relevant stakeholders*, is comprised of two parts: a [Guide](#), which provides an overview of the GCM and introduces a process to support governments and other stakeholders with GCM implementation; and a [Booklet](#), which provides substantive information on all 23 GCM objectives, including examples of practical applications. In addition, the draft guidance includes explicit COVID-19 related content to support governments and others stakeholders.

**Discussion question/s:**

In the online discussion, Champions are invited to build on/respond to the guiding questions from the 26 February technical meeting, which include:

- 1. Are the GCM's 360-degree vision and guiding principles adequately reflected in the Guidance?** - Understanding the 360-degree vision and guiding principles of the GCM are critical to effective implementation, follow up and review efforts. Does the draft guidance material provides/strengthen the knowledge required to put these elements into practice? What would improve the material to help ensure that these elements are effectively incorporated into GCM implementation, follow up and review including in the development of National Implementation Plans (NIPs)?
- 2. Would the proposed 6-step process support GCM implementation in your country?** - How does the proposed methodology (6-step process) resonate with practical experience at the national level? What elements of the guidance are missing or could be strengthened to better support national GCM implementation, follow up and review efforts, including the development of NIPs?
- 3. What would make the Guidance more useful, and how can we ensure it's a 'living document'?**  
What adaptations could be made to strengthen the practicality/utility of the draft guidance material? How can we ensure that existing practices, examples, and lessons learned are continually and effectively incorporated into the guidance material so that it is fit for purpose now and in the future?

In addition, and to support on-going, active engagement, moderators will pose additional, specific questions during the online discussion (26 February – 26 March).

To participate in the discussion, nominated Champion country representatives are invited to visit the online discussion and post their responses to the discussion questions here:

<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/hub/champion-countries-discussion-space>