



## Observations from the regional reviews of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

The recently completed first regional reviews of the GCM demonstrated a high level of Member State engagement. Over 90 Member States submitted written inputs to the reviews, providing an impressive breadth of material and contributions into the process of follow-up and review of GCM implementation leading up to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2022.

A preliminary analysis of States' deliberations provides an occasion for some reflection which could provide guidance moving forward. While this brief report does not provide an in-depth assessment for each GCM objective or clustering, it does provide a broad overview of the opportunities and gaps in the reporting on the implementation of the GCM.

**Note**<sup>1</sup>: 91 States were analyzed: Europe and North America (29), the Arab States (10); Asia and the Pacific (13)<sup>2</sup>, Latin-America and the Caribbean (18) and, Africa (21)<sup>3</sup>. [Figures and charts](#) reflecting the trends and gaps relating to each GCM objectives are available in annex. Although many Member States referred to either several or all 23 GCM objectives, only data highlighting post-GCM adoption progress and new practices as well as recommendations and challenges were considered for this mapping.

### Overview

A number of objectives, across the regional reviews, consistently received less attention than others. These include: **objective 4**, on proof of legal identity; **objective 8**, on missing migrants; **objective 12**, on predictability in migration procedures; **objective 13** on alternatives to detention; **objective 14** on consular protection; **objective 17**, on discrimination and discourse; **objective 18**, on skills development and recognition; and **objective 22**, on portability of social security and earned benefits. This is not unique to just one region but reflects a global trend. (*Refer to the figures*).

Conversely, a number of GCM objectives received considerably more attention across all regions. These were: **objective 1**, on data and evidence-based policies; **objective 6**, on ethical recruitment and working conditions; **objective 10**, on human trafficking; **objective 21**, on return and reintegration; **objective 23**, on international cooperation and global partnerships. (*Refer to the figures*)

**International cooperation and global partnerships:** Objective 23 was a fundamental priority across all five regions. The principle of shared responsibility embedded in international cooperation was presented as crucial in migration governance. As such, calls for greater commitment and financial support were widely expressed.

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<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of the regional reviews, the regions correspond to the Member States of the UN Regional Economic Commissions. More information is available on <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/regional-reviews>

<sup>2</sup> This number does not include Member States that had submitted reports as part of the regional review for Europe which took place prior to the review for the Asia-Pacific region.

<sup>3</sup> This number does not include Member States that had submitted reports as part of the regional review for the Arab States, which took place prior to the review for Africa.

## Other observations

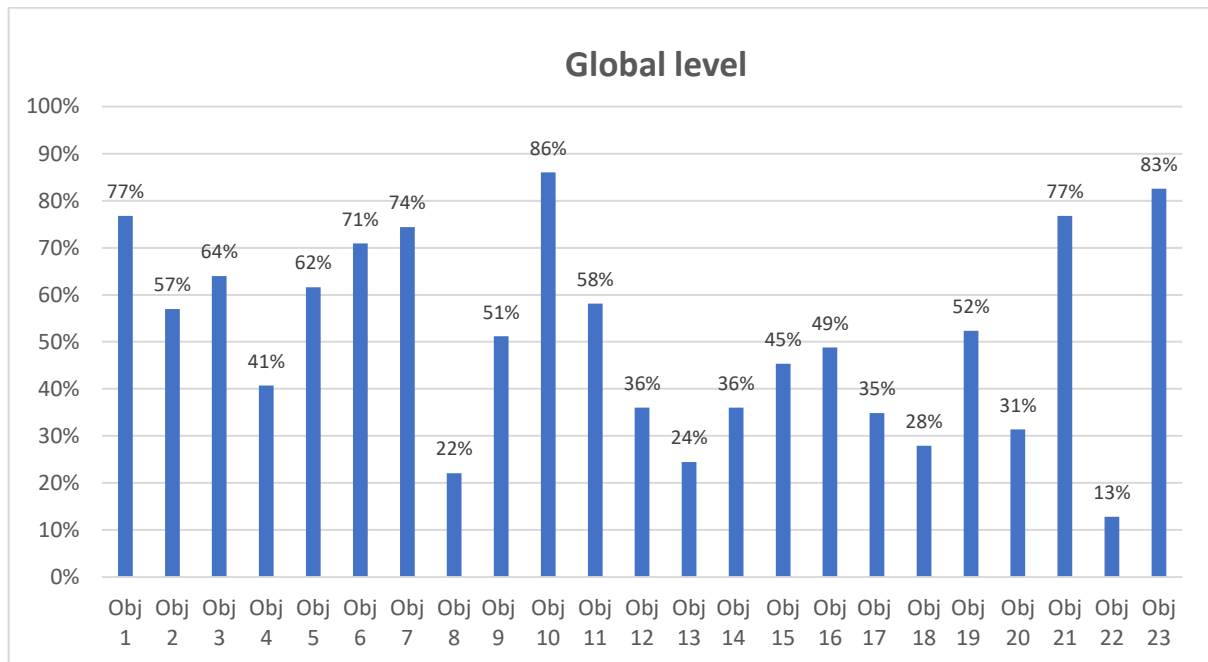
**Target groups:** Of note is the relative under-discussion of youth in the context of the GCM.

**COVID-19:** COVID-19 and its impact on migrants and migration received considerable attention.

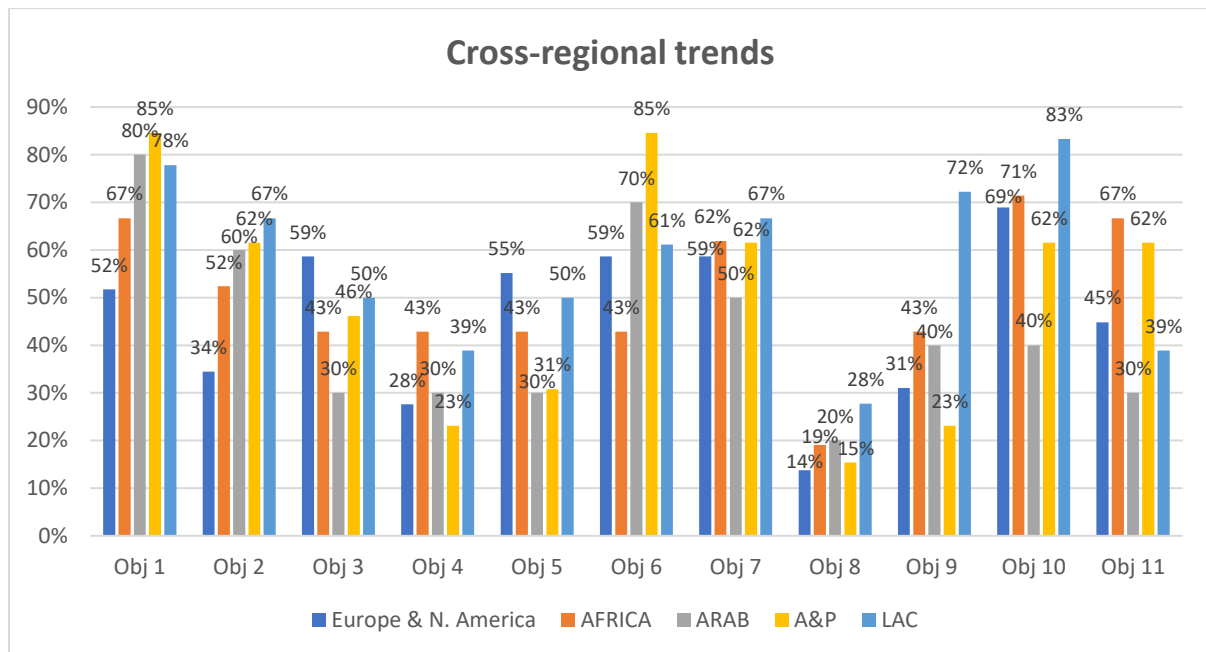
**Climate change:** A significant number of States reported on the growing challenges related to migration and climate change.

## Annex 1. Charts and key figures

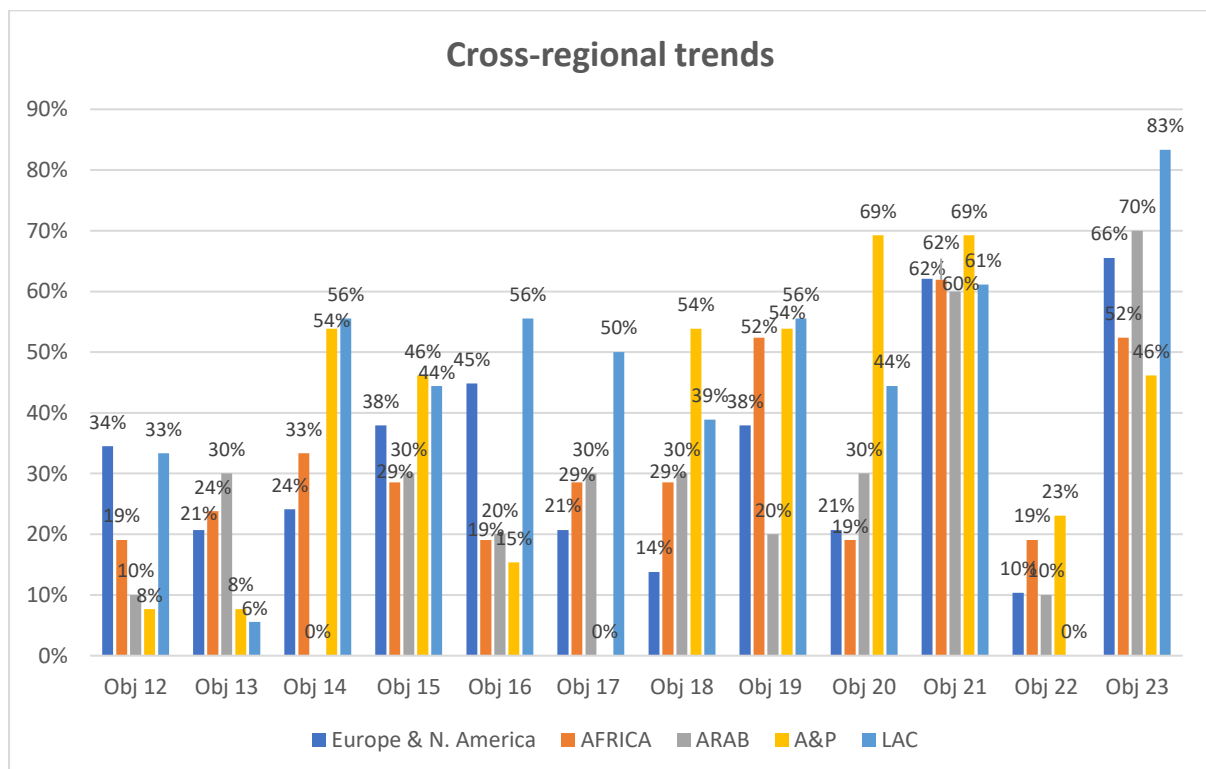
### 1.1. Global trends



### 1.2 Cross-regional trends (objectives 1-11)

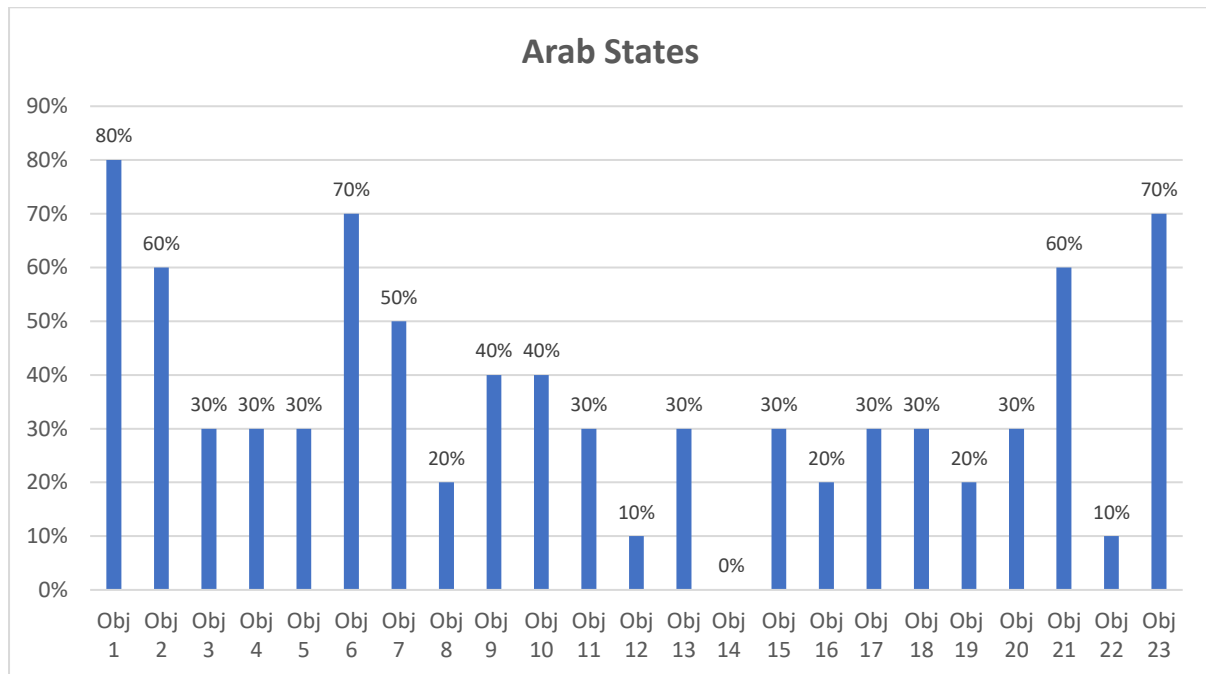
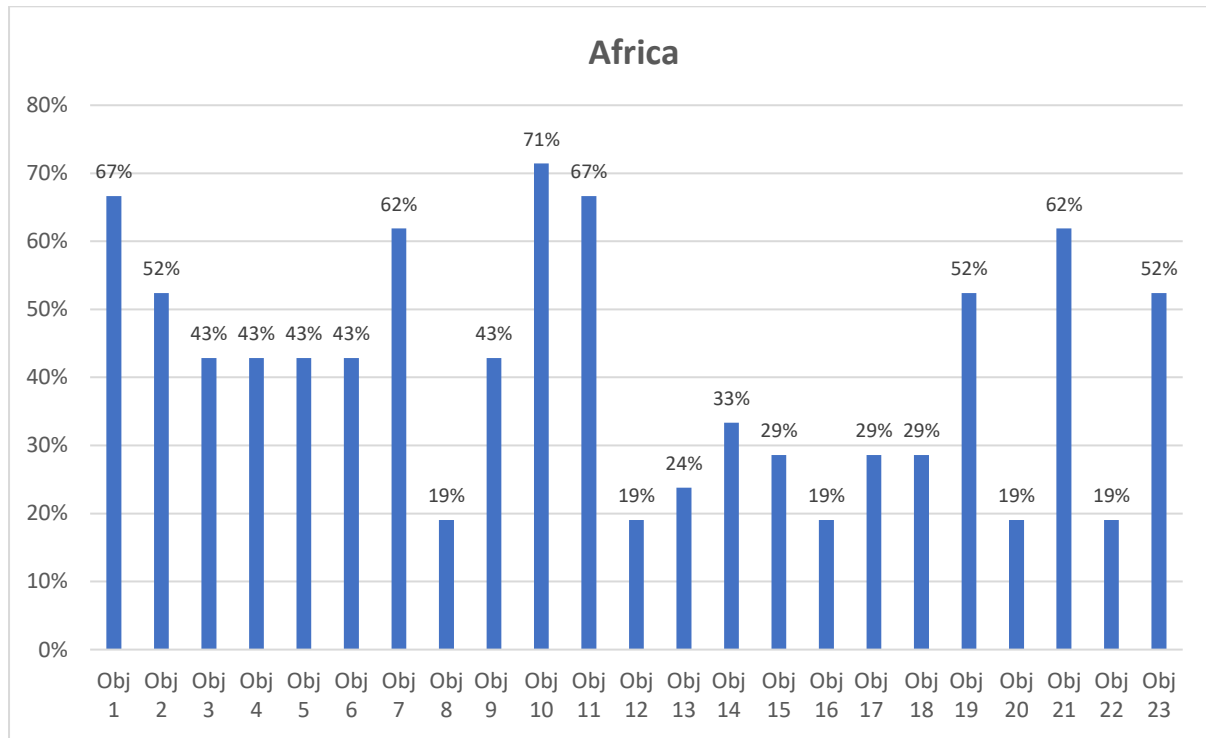


### 1.3 Cross-regional trends (objectives 12-23)



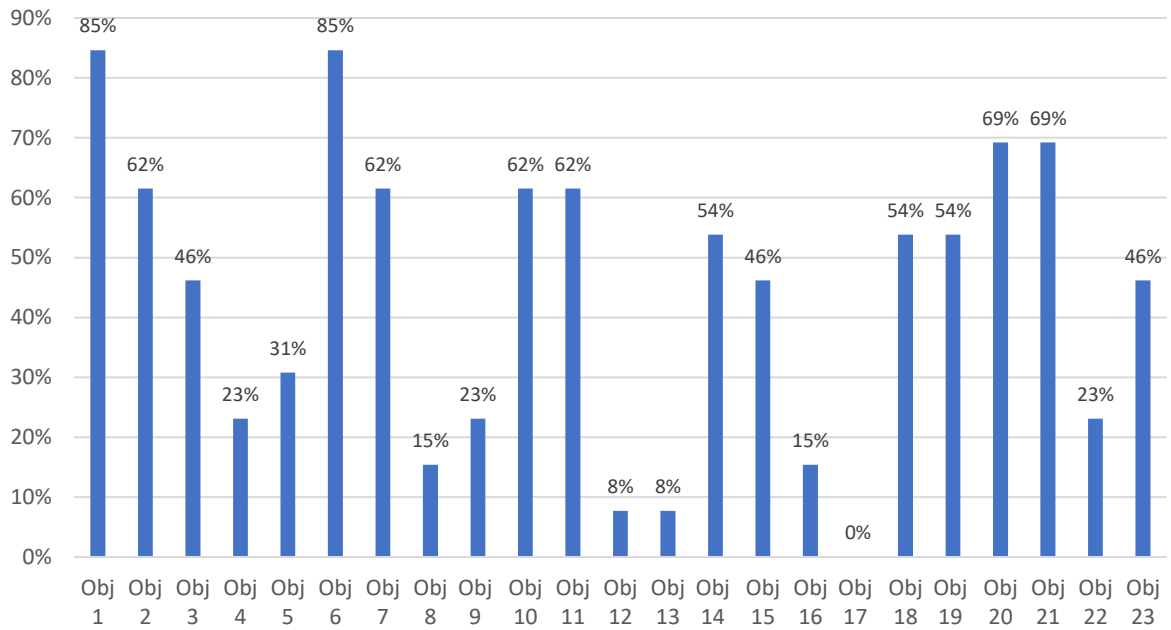


### 1.4 Regional level





### Asia & the Pacific



### Europe and N. America

