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Dear .....,

We have the honour to invite you to the Africa Regional Review Conference of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) that will take place from 31 August to 1 September 2021.

The Africa Regional Review conference is jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration, with the participation of the African Union Commission (AUC). The Regional Review Conference will be hosted in a hybrid format by the Kingdom of Morocco.

Since the adoption of the GCM at the Intergovernmental Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018, and subsequent endorsement by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/195 of 19 December 2018, African member States have embraced a State-led approach to its implementation within the United Nations framework and with participation of all relevant stakeholders.

The Regional Review process that began in 2019 is intended to monitor progress on the implementation of the GCM. The two-day Conference will be preceded by a multi-stakeholder consultation on Friday, 27 August 2021 and Member States and stakeholders have the opportunity to organize side events on Thursday, 26 August 2021.

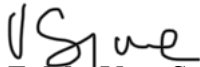
As you are aware, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/195 and 73/326, UNECA Member States have undertaken a review of implementation of the GCM at three levels: national, sub-regional and regional (continental). The Regional Review Conference will provide a platform for Member States and stakeholders to take stock, highlight achievements, review challenges and opportunities, identify gaps, discuss regional priorities and identify resource requirements in implementation of the GCM.

Kindly find attached a concept note and draft agenda for the meeting. Further information, including technical reports and electronic resources, will be made available [here](#). Details for connecting to the Conference virtually will be shared nearer the time of the event.

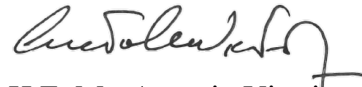
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We look forward to your participation and contribution to this important Conference.

Please accept, minister, the assurances of our esteemed consideration.



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