

Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Consultation with Multi-Stakeholders¹

Latin America and the Caribbean

Concept Note

Context and background

On 19 December 2018, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)², which proposes a cooperation framework to address the different dimensions of migration.

Two years after its adoption, the Member States have begun the review process of the GCM, at the regional level, which will (1) enable Member states to undertake a first assessment of progress made in implementing the GCM within the region, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders; (2) highlight common challenges and opportunities, identify gaps and promising practices, discuss regional priorities and identify the resources required for implementing the GCM; (3) provide a common platform for interaction and exchanging of lessons learned and best practices among all relevant stakeholders; and, (4) facilitate the formulation of key findings and recommendations to inform the 2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).

Considering migration is a part of our everyday reality, and that discussions regarding its governance need to involve as many stakeholders as possible, the GCM invites inter-regional, regional and sub-regional processes, platforms and organizations, as well as all relevant stakeholders in the region, to "review the implementation of the Global Compact within their respective regions starting in 2020" and every four years thereafter³. The results of the regional reviews will inform the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2022 on key trends, challenges, successful practices and emerging issues at the regional levels.

General Assembly [Resolution 73/326](#) on format and organizational aspects of the IMRF highlights the importance of the effective participation of all relevant actors to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. The GCM also promotes broad multi-stakeholder collaboration to address migration in all its dimensions by including migrants, diasporas, local communities, civil society, academia, the private sector, parliamentarians, trade unions, national human rights institutions, the media and other stakeholders in migration governance⁴.

¹Migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders. ([A/RES/73/195](#)), para. 44.

²Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2018 ([A/RES/73/195](#)), paragraph 2.

³Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 July 201 ([A/RES/73/326](#)), paragraph 10.

⁴[A/RES/73/195](#) para. 15(j).

1. Participation of stakeholders in the intergovernmental Regional Review Meeting

In order to ensure an inclusive regional review, relevant stakeholders have been invited to provide inputs through a voluntary questionnaire on the implementation of the GCM. These inputs are being uploaded on the website of the United Nations Migration Network (<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/country-regional-network/latin-america-caribbean>) and will be taken into consideration for the Regional Review Report. The final version of the report will be published on the same website in the first half of 2021, and serve as an input to the International Migration Review Forum.

The intergovernmental meeting is due from 26 to 28 April 2021 and will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This meeting will convene representatives of Member States from Latin America and the Caribbean, intergovernmental organizations, UN agencies, funds and specialized programmes, as well as all relevant stakeholders in the region – including civil society and other relevant stakeholders from global, regional and national levels.

Stakeholders will be invited to participate as panelists during the round-table discussions of the intergovernmental meeting.

2. Multi-stakeholder consultation

The Latin American and the Caribbean United Nations Network on Migration (Network) is committed to undertake the necessary tasks to facilitate a broad, genuine and meaningful participation of civil society and all relevant stakeholders in the review process of the GCM.

To this end, a multi-stakeholder consultation is scheduled from 13 to 15 April 2021 in preparation for the Intergovernmental Meeting.

a. Objectives of the consultation

- 1) To exchange information on the progress, challenges and opportunities in the region regarding the implementation of the GCM.
- 2) To propose recommendations to enhance progress in the implementation of the GCM; and
- 3) To elaborate a synthesis on the main results of the consultation to be presented in the intergovernmental meeting.

b. Organization of the meeting

The consultation will take place over 3 days with a similar structure to that of the intergovernmental meeting. Five round tables will bring stakeholders together to review correspondent objectives. Discussions in round tables will take 2 to 3 hours each to promote participation. Main conclusions will be shared in a closing panel. The opening segment includes remarks by IOM Regional Directors, both from Central America, North America and the Caribbean, and from South America, as well as from the Chief of Population and Development Division-CELADE, ECLAC.

As outcome, a summary of the main aspects highlighted in the consultation will be presented during the opening segment of the intergovernmental meeting.

The report from the consultation will be published on the Network's website <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/country-regional-network/latin-america-caribbean>.

c. Logistics and organizations registration

Participants of the consultation will have opportunities to make interventions from the floor after the round table panels. Stakeholders who wish to attend or be a speaker or moderator in any of the panel discussions of the round tables are invited to register in <http://bit.ly/MultiStakeholderConsultation> (see Annex for more detail on thematic areas of round tables). Kindly register before 5 April 2021.

Stakeholders are also invited to submit nominations for a stakeholder representative who will act as rapporteur in the intergovernmental meeting by 5 April 2021. The UN Network stakeholder taskforce will select one rapporteur in consultation with stakeholders.

A logistics note will be available on the Network's website at <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/country-regional-network/latin-america-caribbean>, with a draft agenda, and registration details.

More information on stakeholders' participation in the Intergovernmental meeting will be available on the Network's website.

ANNEX

List of the objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration by thematic area

The United Nations multi-partner trust fund to support the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, a core element of the Network's capacity-building mechanism, groups the 23 objectives of the Global Compact under five thematic areas to facilitate adherence to the Global Compact's 360-degree

vision. The thematic areas and corresponding Global Compact objectives are as follows:

Thematic areas of the United Nations multi-partner trust fund to support the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration	Global Compact Objectives
<p><i>Thematic area 1</i> Promoting fact-based and data-driven migration discourse, policy and planning</p>	1. Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
	3. Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
	17. Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
<p><i>Thematic area 2</i> Protecting the human rights, safety and well-being of migrants, including through addressing drivers and mitigating situations of vulnerability in migration</p>	2. Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin
	7. Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
	8. Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants
	12. Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral
	13. Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives
23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration	



<p><i>Thematic area 3</i> Addressing irregular migration, including through managing borders and combating transnational crime</p>	9. Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants
	10. Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration
	11. Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner
	14. Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle
	21. Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
<p><i>Thematic area 4</i> Facilitating regular migration and decent work, and enhancing the positive development effects of human mobility</p>	5. Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration
	6. Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work
	18. Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences
	19. Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries
	20. Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
<p><i>Thematic area 5</i> Improving the social inclusion and integration of migrants</p>	4. Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation
	15. Provide access to basic services for migrants
	16. Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion
	22. Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits
	23. Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration