



Concept Note

Regional review of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean

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The purpose of this concept note is to define the modalities for the regional review process and meeting on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean for sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, and relevant stakeholders.

Background

In its resolution 73/326 on the format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums, the General Assembly requested the Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration (the Network), to assist, upon the request of Member States, in the preparation and organization of regional reviews of the implementation of the Global Compact.

Framework for the regional review process and meeting

IOM, in its capacity as Coordinator of the Network, and ECLAC in collaboration with all the other Network members, propose to Member States of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as to relevant stakeholders, to review the Global Compact at the regional level.

On the one hand, ECLAC has convening power and broad experience promoting regional dialogue on public policies with multiple actors in Latin America and the Caribbean. On the other hand, IOM has an extensive presence in the countries of the region and provides technical support to several regional processes and initiatives on migration in the region.

The Network agencies will provide technical contributions and substantive support in line with its purpose to provide effective, timely, coordinated UN system-wide support to Member States in the implementation of the Global Compact.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, the regional review will:

1. enable governments and stakeholders to undertake a first assessment of progress made in implementing the Global Compact;



2. serve as a forum in which challenges and opportunities will be highlighted, gaps identified, regional priorities discussed and resource requirements for implementing the Global Compact identified;
3. provide a common platform for interaction among all relevant stakeholders, the exchange of lessons learned and best practices, and the promotion of peer learning within the region, building on other coordination processes in the region that might enrich the review of the Global Compact;
4. facilitate the formulation of key findings and recommendations to inform the 2022 International Migration Review Forum;
5. consider the impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on the implementation of the Global Compact.

Considering that most international migration takes place within regions, paragraph 50 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration¹ invites relevant sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations “to review the implementation of the Global Compact within the respective regions, beginning in 2020”, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

Accordingly, the regional review process on the implementation of the Global Compact in Latin America and the Caribbean expects for the involvement of multiple social actors; of particular significance is the participation of civil society.

Preparatory process

In preparation for the regional review meeting, the network will gather inputs from sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, and relevant stakeholders by, among other things:

- providing online discussion platforms;
- facilitating participation through an [online questionnaire](#)² through which institutions/organizations can provide inputs related to the application of the Global Compact in their respective regions;
- ensuring meaningful participation of stakeholders³;

¹ Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2018 ([A/RES/73/195](#)), para. 50.

² You can directly press Ctrl + click in the link above or copy and paste the following address in your browser to access the online questionnaire: https://iom.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXH30seDxj9yVlr.

³ Including migrants, civil society, youth and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, employers’ and workers’ organizations, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions such as public defenders and ombudspersons, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media, local and municipal governments, and other relevant stakeholders at the global, regional and national levels.



- collecting all inputs received at the local, national, regional and global levels and making them available on the global knowledge platform, as well as other documentation in support of the regional reviews.

Date and venue of the regional review meeting

The regional review meeting will take place over the course of two days during the week of 22 March 2021. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is possible that a virtual meeting modality will be used.

Organization

To facilitate the contribution of the regional review to the International Migration Review Forum, the organization of the regional review meeting in Latin America and the Caribbean will broadly follow the organization of the International Migration Review Forum⁴. If it is decided to hold the meeting online, the format will be adapted accordingly. In particular:

- The review will offer space for discussion covering all 23 objectives of the Global Compact, bearing in mind that the Global Compact is based on a set of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles. This will be achieved by organizing five thematic round tables (see annex 1) covering the 23 objectives, while considering regional specificities and priorities, including the impact of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Network members, in accordance with their mandates and areas of competence, will work together to provide support to Member States in the five thematic areas. Preparatory sessions will be held prior to the regional review meeting with the support of the Network members and the participation of Member States.
- Due regard will be paid to geographical, demographic and gender balance, reflecting a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, in the selection of keynote speakers, panellists and moderators.
- The modalities will allow for the meaningful participation of civil society and other stakeholders, as well as of relevant sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations.
- Discussions at the meeting will be interactive, evidence-based, and action-oriented, and will include a policy debate focusing on regional challenges in the implementation of the Global Compact, with links to international human rights norms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other regional frameworks, the capacity-building mechanism and contemporary and emerging issues related to the migration dynamics in the region.

⁴ See <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/supporting-material-regional-reviews>



- Members of the Network are invited to contribute to the preparation of the review by providing inputs for background papers and concept notes on cross-cutting issues, the organization of work, stakeholder outreach and the preparation of the agenda, including the list of invited panellists and moderators, as well as by facilitating the participation of representatives of least developed countries, including landlocked developing countries, and other relevant stakeholders.

Report

The outcome document of the regional review meeting will be a report that synthesizes all inputs received in order to identify issues and priorities of regional importance and draw up road maps for regional collaboration and action to further implementation of the Global Compact. The report (to be produced in Spanish and English) should:

- Be finalized within two months of the meeting;
- Be published by the Network on the appropriate website;
- Include the following sections:
 - (a) Introduction (giving a regional overview and background)
 - (b) Executive summary
 - (c) Key findings
 - (d) Selected good practices and lessons learned from the region
 - (e) Challenges and opportunities
 - (f) Conclusions and recommendations for implementation and a future regional review
 - (g) Annex containing the organization of work and list of participants.

Follow-up

The outcome document of the regional review will inform the International Migration Review Forum in 2022, in particular the intergovernmental progress declaration, which may be considered at the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

Annex 1

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

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