



100 Days to the International Migration Review Forum

Technical Meeting for Government Representatives and other stakeholders

Tuesday, 1st February 2022
09:00 – 12:00 CET

CONCEPT NOTE

INTRODUCTION

In the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), Member States decided that the [International Migration Review Forum](#) (IMRF) will serve as the primary intergovernmental global platform to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the GCM, including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. It was also agreed to review the GCM at regional level beginning in 2020 and alternating at the global level at a four-year interval beginning in 2022¹. The Regional Reviews leading to and informing the IMRF took place across all regions between late 2020 and early 2021 - with the [Regional Review for Member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe](#) (UNECE) taking place in November 2020 and preceded by a multi-stakeholder meeting.

On 19 October 2021 the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Abdulla Shahid, [announced](#) that the **first IMRF is scheduled to take place from 10 – 13 May 2022** preceded by a multi-stakeholder hearing on 9 May 2022 at United Nations headquarters in New York. This was followed by a letter on 9 December 2021 from the President of the General Assembly to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations in New York, soliciting participation “...at the **highest possible political level, including Heads of State and Government**”; reiterating, also, the whole-of-government approach and whole-of society approach in the composition of the respective delegations as per General Assembly resolution [A/RES/73/326](#) which provides the modalities for the IMRF.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

In response to the call by the President of the General Assembly, the Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration, Mr. António Vitorino, and the Principals of the [Network's Executive Committee](#) to make a tangible commitment to advancing the implementation of the GCM through a [pledge](#), the governments of Azerbaijan Luxembourg and Portugal, in their capacity as GCM Champion countries, are proposing to convene a virtual event for the [56 Member States](#) of the UNECE on 1 February 2022, involving stakeholders in inclusive IMRF preparations, this in turn responding to a process-oriented commitment called for by the [pledging initiative](#). This briefing will be an opportunity for other Member States to consider other pledges and commitments as we approach the Forum.

The dedicated briefing on the road to the [IMRF](#) will mark 100 days prior to this first ever landmark global review forum. This event is organised with the support of the United Nations Network on Migration.

The meeting is intended to brief Government representatives, and in particular civil servants, advisors or technical experts, and other stakeholders who are engaged in supporting high-level member states and stakeholders' participation in the IMRF. The meeting will cover a number of topics including:

¹ Considering that most international migration takes place within regions, we invite relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, including the United Nations regional economic commissions or regional consultative processes, to review the implementation of the Global Compact within the respective regions, beginning in 2020, alternating with discussions at the global level at a four-year interval, in order to effectively inform each edition of the International Migration Review Forum, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.



- The **Modalities of the IMRF Intergovernmental sessions** ([A/RES/73/326](#)) and the [roadmap](#) which outlines Network support to Member States;
- Progress towards the [preparation of the IMRF Roundtables](#)
- Progress made with the **Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund (M-MPTF)**, the dedicated pooled funding mechanism, called for by the GCM, to support collective action on migration (see: Introductory [video](#); and [guidance papers](#))
- Developments with the [Practice Repository on the Migration Network Hub](#) to which Members States and stakeholders are all invited to submit good practices in policy and programming clearly linked to GCM Objectives and its guiding principles.

The meeting will also be an opportunity to ask questions of the secretariat with regards to planning for the IMRF and for Member States to:

- Update on their contributions to the [GCM Pledging Initiative](#), launched by the Executive Committee of the Network on Migration with the endorsement of the President of the General Assembly, encouraging Governments and stakeholders to make tangible pledges or commitments towards shared migration goals, within the framework of the GCM.
- Provide an indication of the level of their attendance at the IMRF
- Exchange on progress in developing and submitting consultative voluntary national reports by the end of February 2022. Member States and other stakeholders are encouraged to submit a report. Those that provided a report to the Regional Review meeting are encouraged to update their report. Details on format can be found [here](#), including an [indicative Template for Voluntary Reporting to the IMRF](#).² Additionally, Member States and other stakeholders are encouraged to contribute an input from the relevant regional and sub regional processes.
- Discuss potential ideas for side-events on the margins of the IMRF.

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² As outlined in the preamble of the GCM, migrants and refugees are distinct groups governed by separate legal frameworks. The GCM refers to migrants and presents a cooperative framework addressing migration in all its dimensions. Reporting on GCM implementation should therefore focus on migrants and not on refugees and asylum seekers who are covered by the Global Compact on Refugees.



RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE LEAD UP TO THE IMRF

Whilst recognizing the GCM is a Member State led process, responsibility for its implementation also lies with all UN agencies, other stakeholders, and IOM, as the UN Migration Agency and coordinator of the UN Network on Migration. The Network takes on the principal coordination role in supporting Member States and other stakeholders in the implementation, follow-up, and review of the GCM.

[THE UN NETWORK ON MIGRATION](#) was set up at the request of the Secretary General of the UN in 2019 to ensure effective, timely and coordinated system-wide support to Member States in the implementation, follow-up, and review of the GCM at the global, regional and national levels. IOM Director General António Vitorino, as head of the UN Migration Agency, is appointed Coordinator of the Network.

Over [50 Country Networks](#) have been established globally, which, as an extension of the Network, serve as the primary point of contact for Member States, UN partners and stakeholders in GCM implementation follow-up, and review. Governments and Other stakeholders are therefore invited to liaise with these entities in the first instance on all matters relating to planning and preparing for the IMRF.

[THE MIGRATION NETWORK HUB \(HUB\)](#) encompasses both the Global Knowledge Platform and Connection Hub component of the Capacity-Building Mechanism as called for in the GCM. The Hub includes [discussion spaces](#), and an [expert database](#) of over 1,200 migration experts, and peer-reviewed tools, resources, literature and multimedia. A [repository of practices](#) will be launched in February 2022, presenting a critical opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders to provide concrete examples of GCM results, progress, and lessons learnt. In preparation for the IMRF, the Network calls on Member States and partners to share practices to the repository.

[THE MIGRATION DIALOGUES SERIES](#) offer an open and inclusive space where Member States and other stakeholders can discuss approaches towards achieving effective, principled migration governance for the benefit of all. These deliberations are designed to prepare and assist Member States and other stakeholders to prepare for the Forum's four roundtables and policy debate, and inform the background notes for each of the roundtables and for the policy debate. The Dialogue Series will take place between January 2022 and April 2022 (see [calendar](#)).

[THE GCM PLEDGING INITIATIVE](#) is a unique opportunity for Governments and Other stakeholders to set an unprecedented level of ambition by making concrete and tangible commitments towards our shared migration goals within the framework of the GCM, and through the IMRF, in global migration governance for the years to come.

FOR GOVERNMENTS IN PARTICULAR

[GCM CHAMPION COUNTRIES](#) are committed to inter alia supporting the GCM implementation through continued leadership and engagement ensuring comprehensive and inclusive partnership towards a successful IMRF also by sharing their experiences, key insights, lessons learned, and good practices.

FOR OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN PARTICULAR

As per IMRF Modalities resolution ([73/326](#)), non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council **should contact the [NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs for registration](#)**; stakeholders that were accredited to the preparatory process of the intergovernmental consultations of the GCM (see list [here](#)) or that were accredited to participate in the Intergovernmental Conference

**A pledge by the GCM Champion Countries
Azerbaijan, Luxembourg, and Portugal**



to Adopt the GCM (see list [here](#)), should look at the [UN Migration Network website](#); information on registration will be posted there when the registration process opens. Other relevant other stakeholders to whom the aforementioned situations do not apply can **apply for special accreditation before 26 January 2022** [here](#) in order to register to participate during the event.

A Stakeholders Engagement Note will be shared in mid-February on how to meaningfully engage in the IMRF.

An informal **Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Hearing** will be held one day prior to the IMRF, on 9 May 2022. The President of the General Assembly will invite a Rapporteur as the representative of civil society to present a summary of this hearings during the opening segment of the plenary session on 12 May 2022.

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AGENDA

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TIME	ACTIVITY
08:45 – 08:55 CET	Audio and video check by participants
09:00 – 09:20 CET	Government of Azerbaijan, Chief State Migration Service, H.E. Vusal Huseynov International Organisation for Employers (IOE), Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Stéphanie Winet Welcome and opening remarks
09:20 – 09:30 CET	IOM Regional Director Vienna, Renate Held UNHCR Deputy Regional Director for the Europe Bureau, Angela Li Rosi Introductory remarks by Regional Network Co-chairs for Europe and Central Asia
09:30 – 10:00 CET	UN Network on Migration, Head of Secretariat, Jonathan Prentice Part I: Update on planning for the IMRF, including the Migration Dialogues, voluntary GCM reporting, the Migration Network Hub and MPTF, and the Pledging Initiative Part II: Overview of stakeholder eligibility, registration, and participation; Stakeholder Reporting requirements; Stakeholder roles and expectations.
10:00 – 11:30 CET	Open discussion on the Road to the IMRF – Moderated by Government of Luxembourg, Ambassador-at-large for Human Rights, Coordinator for International Migration Affairs, H.E. Anne Goedert Updates from Member States and other stakeholders on progress, opportunities and challenges on advancing the GCM; indication level of attendance at the IRMF; Q&A on procedure and requirements
11:30 – 12:00 CET	Government of Portugal, High Commissioner for Migration, Sónia Pereira Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM), Director, Michele LeVoy Concluding remarks and next steps
12:00 CET	Close



REGISTRATION/LOGISTICS

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FORMAT

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated travel restrictions, the Network is proposing a fully virtual meeting using a virtual web-conferencing platform, which will also offer live interpretation from and to key common languages.

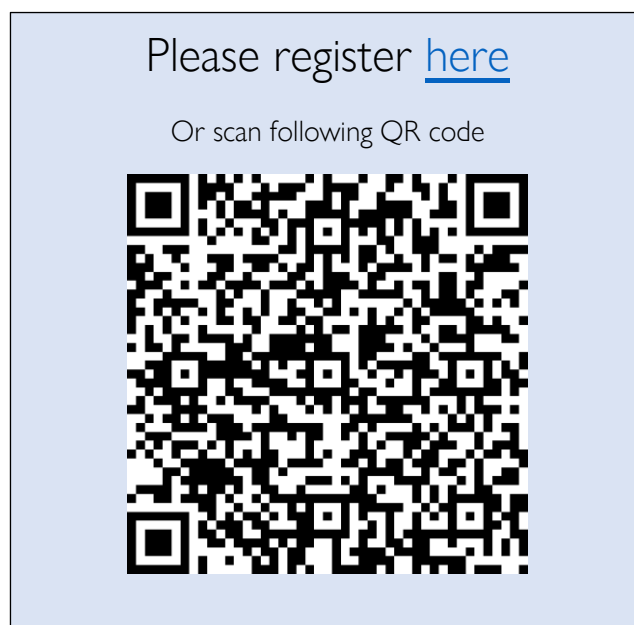
PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

IOM Regional Office Vienna and the UN Network Secretariat will introduce relevant tools and resources which are specifically designed to meaningful engage and prepare other stakeholders in the IMRF. To this end, participants at a technical level are welcomed to join the meeting.

REGISTRATION

Number of attendees is open to as many as are interested, but in the interest of time, we kindly request verbal interventions are coordinated.

All participants are invited to register by **Tuesday, 25 January 2022** through the below link, ensuring **gender and diversity** factors are duly considered.



INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided from/to English, French, Spanish and Russian and Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, and Serbian (BCMS). We will try to accommodate other languages based on participants' requests during registration. **Please indicate additional interpretation requirements when registering.**



Annex 1: IMRF Intergovernmental Sessions – Agenda

10 May	11 May	12 May	13 May
Morning			
Round tables	Round tables	Plenary Opening segment with statements by: PGA, SG, IOM, Rep from migrant community, rep. Of the civil society	Plenary General debate
Afternoon			
Round tables	Policy debate Facilitated by IOM DG *Technical Summary of roundtables presented *Discussion to focus on 1) Challenges in the implementation of the GCM 2) The capacity-building mechanism 3) Contemporary and emerging issues related to migration 4) Possible guidance for the UN system to strengthen its efforts in improving system-wide effectiveness and coherence and in supporting MS in implementing the GCM	Plenary General debate	Plenary *Closing segment *PGA remarks *Progress Declaration adopted

Annex 2: Thematic Roundtables

IMRF Round tables			
Roundtable one	Roundtable two	Roundtable three	Roundtable four
UN agencies: ILO & UNDP	UN agencies: IOM & UNODC	UN agencies: WHO, UNMGCY & UCLG	UN agencies: DESA & OHCHR
Objective 2 Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin	Objective 4 Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation	Objective 14 Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle	Objective 1 Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies
Objective 5 Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration	Objective 8 Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants	Objective 15 Provide access to basic services for migrants	Objective 3 Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration
Objective 6 Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work	Objective 9 Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants	Objective 16 Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion	Objective 7 Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration
Objective 12 Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral	Objective 10 Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration	Objective 19 Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries	Objective 17 Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration
Objective 18 Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences	Objective 11 Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner	Objective 20 Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants	Objective 23 Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration
	Objective 13 Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives	Objective 22 Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits	
	Objective 21 Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration		