

# Second Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Region FAQs

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## Context

Recognizing that most international migration takes place within regions, Member States called upon relevant sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, to review the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) at the regional level beginning in 2020, and every four years thereafter<sup>1</sup>.

The second round of the [GCM Regional Review by the Member States of UNECE Region](#) will take place in person, in Geneva, Switzerland, on 11 March 2024, back-to-back with the [Regional Forum for Sustainable Development](#) on 13-14 March 2024.

## Q&A

### 1. Who is invited to attend to the GCM Regional Review?

- Member States and stakeholders' representatives<sup>2</sup> are invited to attend both the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing and the Intergovernmental Conference of the GCM Regional Review.
- Member States are encouraged to participate at highest possible political level, where possible, at ministerial or deputy-ministerial level.
- Member States are invited to consider including a stakeholder representative as part of their delegation, in line with the "whole-of-society" approach as called for by the GCM.
- A joint invitation by Tatiana Molcean (Executive Secretary for UNECE) and Amy Pope (IOM's DG and Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration) went out to the Permanent Missions in Geneva from all 56 UNECE Member States, on 8 January 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Most updated Concept note and Agenda accessible here: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/europe-and-north-america-2024>

<sup>2</sup> As defined in the GCM Resolution para 44: migrants, 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

## 2. When is the deadline and what is the format to submit written inputs to the five guiding questions?

- To support Member States in preparing for the meeting and considering the limited duration of - and therefore limited speaking slots - during the GCM Regional Review meeting, the UN Network on Migration is proposing five guiding questions outlined in Annex I of the Concept note and Agenda (available [here](#)) to collect inputs from all Member States on the implementation of the GCM<sup>3</sup>.
- Member States are invited to submit written inputs to the Network by 4 March 2024, one week prior to the GCM Regional Review, and send it to [GCMReviewsUNECE@iom.int](mailto:GCMReviewsUNECE@iom.int) after which it will be uploaded on the UN Network's website.
- Member States and stakeholders are free to decide how they will structure their inputs. An indicative template (optional) for submitting written inputs can be shared with Member States upon request.
- It should be noted that stakeholders can also submit their written inputs, in addition to participating in the dedicated online [Discussion Space for Stakeholders](#). Inputs submitted to the Discussion Space will also feed into the GCM Regional Review discussions.

## 3. Can Member States attend the Multi-stakeholder Hearing? Can Stakeholders attend the Intergovernmental Conference?

- Two separate registration processes have been set up for [Member States](#) and [Stakeholders](#).
- The [Multi-stakeholder Hearing](#) is scheduled for 08:30-10:00 CET, preceding the [Intergovernmental Conference](#), scheduled for 10:00-18 :00 CET.
- Member States are encouraged to attend the Multi-stakeholder Hearing to hear about the views and concerns raised by stakeholders. The Intergovernmental Conference will be open to all relevant stakeholders for attendance.

## 4. Where can I get information regarding the Logistics note?

- The logistics note will be posted on the Network's website shortly, and you are invited to keep monitoring the following page for up-to-date information and documents as they become available: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/europe-and-north-america-2024>
- The logistics note will include more information on the speakers list.

## 5. Which languages will be available for simultaneous interpretation during the Intergovernmental Conference of the GCM Regional Review for the UNECE Region?

- During the Intergovernmental Conference, simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the UNECE official languages, namely Russian, French, and English.

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#### 6. Will the Intergovernmental Conference allow for virtual participation?

- The Conference will be in person only, and virtual participation will not be possible. The Conference will be webcast on UN TV.

#### 7. What will the role of GCM Champion countries be or what role can they play?

- All Champion countries are encouraged to lead by example and [submit practices on the Network Hub](#), organize [GCM Talks](#) as part of the preparatory process and to host cross- and sub-regional meetings as we have seen in other regions.
- Champion countries are also invited to [submit pledges on the Network website](#), as well as contribute to the M-MPTF.
- They can further set an example by bringing a mixed delegation to the Review (including a stakeholder representative).

#### 8. How will Stakeholders' participation be organized?

- Both the Multi-stakeholder Hearing as well as the Intergovernmental Conference is open to all stakeholders.
- Since the limited duration of the Multi-stakeholder Hearing on 11 March (08:30 – 10:00), the Network is supporting the organization of Multi-stakeholder Consultations for stakeholders in the UNECE region prior to GCM Regional Review to identify priority areas and to prepare key messages to be deliberated at the Regional Review Meeting. A [pre-consultation](#) was held on 14 November 2023. The first thematic Consultation took place in hybrid format on 29 January focusing on thematic sessions 1 and 2. The second thematic (online) consultation is planned for Wednesday, 28 February (TBC) and will focus on thematic sessions 3 and 4. All information will be posted on the Network's website here: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/europe-and-north-america-2024>
- The Network is also hosting a [discussion space](#) for stakeholders on the Network Hub. An overview/summary of these discussions will be submitted to both Co-Chairs of the meeting and the Stakeholder Rapporteur ahead of the GCM Regional Review. More information can be read in the [information note](#).
- A stakeholder rapporteur will brief Member States on the outcomes of the Multi-Stakeholder hearing during the opening segment of the Intergovernmental Conference. Stakeholders will be invited to express interest in this role and the Regional Network will select the speaker.
- Stakeholders will be invited to take the floor during the Intergovernmental Conference of the Regional Review meeting, in-between interventions by Member States. UNECE and the Network will work together to manage the speakers list, ensuring inclusivity, while respecting the Member State-led nature of the meeting.

#### 9. What is the status of the Regional Consultative Processes on Migration and Inter-State Consultative Processes (such as [Almaty Process](#) and the [Prague Process](#)) ?

- The secretariats of the [Regional Consultative Processes](#) on migration are not members or observers of UNECE. Hence, we encourage the chairs of the relevant RCPs to intervene on behalf of the RCP during the Review. The chairs can also submit inputs ahead of the meeting.
- The secretariats of the RCPs are invited to register as stakeholders.

#### 10. Will the Regional Review offer a space to discuss the development of the indicators and/or the work that the UN Network on Migration is doing on the recommendations on saving lives?

- Member States are free to shape their interventions during the meeting. However, the Network is developing a limited set of [indicators](#) to review progress on the implementation of the GCM. As part of that work, the Network is hosting regional consultations with technical experts.
- The [indicators](#) – which will have been widely consulted on - will be presented to Member States in the Secretary-General Report by the end of 2024. Due to different timelines, the discussions on indicators have already started.
- The recommendations on strengthening cooperation on missing migrants and providing humanitarian assistance to migrants in distress, including by collaborating with humanitarian actors will be presented by the Secretary-General towards the end of next year as part of this next report. The Network is organizing discussions with the different regions next year in January to discuss the draft recommendations. This is separate from the Regional Review process.
- However, the issue of saving lives remains high on the agenda and the Regional Review discussions will inform the work of the Network as it develops the SG recommendations.

#### 11. How will the GCM Talks feed into the GCM Regional Review meeting?

- The outcome reports of the [GCM Talks](#) are made available on the Network website and will inform the background notes for each of the sessions during the Review as appropriate.
- The outcome of those GCM Talks will be summarized and annexed to the Regional Review report.

#### 12. Can we organize side events?

- Member States and stakeholders can discuss possible [side events](#) with the Network secretariat.
- Side events on migration and the GCM will be organised under the umbrella of the [Regional Forum for Sustainable Development for the UNECE region](#) – the open call for side events has already reached Member States.