



**Draft concept note**  
**Dialogue on Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM):**  
**Implementation and review processes in the East and Horn of Africa**  
**Date 7-9<sup>st</sup> June, venue: TBC, Nairobi, Kenya**

### Background

The GCM provides a comprehensive roadmap and policy options for addressing some of the most pressing issues around international migration and gives Member States the space and flexibility to pursue implementation based on their own migration realities and capacities. By creating this cooperative framework on international migration, Member States have developed a common terminology for discussing key migration issues and a blueprint for comprehensive, rights-based migration policies.

In promoting effective GCM implementation, follow-up, and review from Member States, the Champion countries initiative was created in 2020. The Champion countries community has grown in dynamism and in size – now standing at 33 Member States across the globe – 13 in Africa, including 2 from the EHoA, Ethiopia and Kenya. Champions played a critical role in demonstrating support for the GCM, most recently by having galvanized support for preparations for the first IMRF. During this second phase of GCM implementation, Champions have highlighted the importance of using this state-led platform to maintain momentum to advance GCM implementation, including preserving strong partnerships, enhancing collective advocacy, and improving the visibility of their efforts and activities.

In January 2023, an Informal Dialogue on GCM champion countries in the Middle East, Africa and the Europe region brought together technical level representatives from the three regions to take stock of good practices, progress in the implementation of pledges and share plans towards the implementation of the GCM. This event provided a unique opportunity for an open discussion among representatives of the Champion countries to encourage peer-learning initiatives and find synergies to strengthen inter-regional cooperation, including as Champion countries prepare for the next round of GCM Regional Reviews in 2024. In addition to providing a platform for experience-sharing, the Dialogue identified wide-ranging priorities for enhancing progress related to data, assistance to migrants in distress, planning for GCM implementation, climate change, and xenophobia.

Considering the inextricable migration linkages amongst countries in the EHoA, existing mechanisms and platforms established at the global and regional level on migration governance, and the renewed commitment of the countries in EHoA for safe, orderly, and regular migration, the 2 champion countries in the EHoA region have decided to convene the first ever inter-state dialogue on the implementation of the GCM in the region, as part of the GCM Regional Reviews preparatory process.

The dialogue will be attended by senior official representatives responsible for migration/GCM implementation in the 2 champion countries plus countries in the region that established a UN migration country Network: Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, and Rwanda; the AUC, EAC, IGAD RECs; and UN Migration Network members.

### Objectives

- a) Exchange good practices on implementing GCM objectives in the sub region.
- b) Share experiences on the development of the National GCM Implementation Plans.



- c) Identify trends, emerging priorities on cross border migration related issues.
- d) Discuss preparations for the 2024 Regional Reviews of the GCM.

### Expected Outcomes

- a) Good practices from implementing the GCM objectives within the sub region are shared.
- b) Experiences from developing the National Implementation Plans for GCM in the sub region are presented.
- c) Migration trends and cross border migration related priorities within the sub region are identified.
- d) Participants agree on way forward, including but not limited to a common pledge from countries in the EHoA.

### Participants

Champions countries in EHoA: Ethiopia, Kenya, and countries where country level UN Networks on Migration have been established: Djibouti, Rwanda, Somalia, and Uganda; The RECs in the EHoA (AU, EAC, IGAD); UN Network on Migration members.

### Venue and date

7-9 June 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya

### Proposed agenda

Time	Day 1 – 7 June – Agenda items	Moderator
<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	Arrival and registration	
<b>09:00-09:45</b>	Remarks by IOM Regional Director EHoA Remarks by UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya, Dr. Stephen Jackson Remarks from donors: US Ambassador to Kenya Delegation of the European Union to Kenya Remarks by Amb. Julius Bitok, Principal Secretary, State Department of Immigration and Citizen Services, Ministry of Interior and National Administration	MC Abdi Hersi, SRLPO, IOM RO EHoA
<b>09:45-10:00</b>	Session I : Setting the scene The aim of the session is to provide a comprehensive overview that sets the stage for the upcoming three-day meeting.  Interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the thematic recommendations from the Rabat Champions meeting</li> </ul>	Abdi Hersi, SRLPO, IOM RO EHoA
<b>10:00 -10:20</b>	Session II: Key findings: State of Migration Report	Tsion ABEBE, Senior Policy and Researcher Officer, IOM RO EHoA



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10:20-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-12:30	<p>Session II: Accelerating National GCM Implementation</p> <p>The aim of the session is to discuss national GCM implementation plans and explore how migration can be mainstreamed in overall development planning, notably through enhanced partnerships.</p> <p>Interventions: Presentation on the Step-by-Step Guide for government and relevant stakeholders: Implementing the GCM by Katharine Barwise, UN Network on Migration Secretariat Government of Kenya to share their experience – TBD Government of Ethiopia to share their experience – TBD</p> <p>Open discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has your country adopted a national GCM implementation plan? Are there plans to do so?</li> <li>• Has your country mainstreamed the GCM in development planning and SDG reporting?</li> </ul>	<p>Malambo MOONGA, Senior Programme Coordinator (Migration Mgt), IOM Ethiopia</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Session III: Discussion on cross-boundary issues in the East and Horn of Africa -Climate change and mobility nexus (good practices/lesson learnt)</p> <p>The aim of the session is to discuss good practices to address the climate change and mobility nexus and support resilience, adaptation and mitigation efforts building on the Kampala Declaration on Migration, Environment and Climate Change.</p> <p>5 suggested panelists (TBC) (10 min each) IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Center Lisa Lim Ah Ken, Reg Mig, Emt &amp; Climate Change Specialist, IOM RO EHoA FAO RO Representative Country Experience – Somalia CSO</p> <p>Discussion (40 min) - Has your country/ region outlined any specific priorities objectives or priority areas in relation to climate change and mobility?</p>	<p>NCM Kenya</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What kind of measures and good practices have been put in place to respond to the emerging situations as well as efforts to promote sustainable livelihoods and economic opportunities that can help reduce the need for migration and displacement?</li> <li>- To your country/ region what are the most important areas that require cross-regional collaboration and coordination?</li> <li>- Are there any gaps and how can they be addressed?</li> <li>- Joint research of climate change related data across the region.</li> <li>-How can the Network support at the country and regional level</li> <li>- What types of stakeholder and whole-of-government partnerships exist to address these priorities? what new partnerships are needed?</li> </ul>	
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	Coffee break	
<b>15:30-17:00</b>	<p>Session IV: Data collection: Recommended actions to accelerate the implementation of the GCM.</p> <p>The aim of the session to discuss ways in which to improve migration research, data collection and dissemination to inform policy making in line with GCM Objective 1 and the commitments made in the IMRF Progress Declaration.</p> <p>4 suggested panelists (TBC): UNNM on Migration Laura Nistri, Coordinator Regional Data Hub Country experience from Uganda IGAD Technical Working Group on Data</p> <p>Discussion (40 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can migration data make a difference in policy making?</li> <li>- Has your country/ region outlined any specific priorities objectives or priority areas?</li> <li>- What kind of measures and good practices have been put in place?</li> <li>- To your country/ region what are the most important areas relating to migration data, analysis and research that require cross-regional collaboration and coordination?</li> <li>- Are there any gaps and how can they be addressed?</li> </ul>	<p>Rodgers Mutende, National External Officer, IOM Kenya</p>



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	- What types of stakeholder and whole-of-government partnerships exist to address these priorities? what new partnerships are needed?	
<b>19:00 – 21:00</b>	Reception dinner	

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<b>09:00-11:00</b>	<p>Session V: Discussion on cross-boundary approaches to improve assistance to migrants in distress with the aim of preventing loss of life (good practices/lesson learnt)</p> <p>The aim of the session is to discuss good practices in relation to providing assistance to migrants in distress and saving lives in line with the commitment made in the IMRF Progress Declaration.</p> <p>4 suggested panelists (TBC) (10 min each)            Nimo ISMAIL, Senior Regional MPA Specialist, IOM RO EHoA Country Experience Djibouti            Nimo Ali, Candle of Hope Foundation            Lou-Salomé Sorlin, Migration Advisor for Africa-ICRC RO UNCHR</p> <p>Discussion (40 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has your country/ region outlined any specific priorities objectives or priority areas?</li> <li>- What kind of measures and good practices have been put in place to respond to the emerging situation?</li> <li>- To your country/ region what are the most important areas that require cross-regional collaboration and coordination?</li> <li>- Are there any gaps and how can they be addressed?</li> <li>- What types of stakeholder and whole-of-government partnerships exist to address these priorities? what new partnerships are needed?</li> </ul>	Janet Valverde, Migration Governance Officer, IOM Kenya
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	Coffee break	
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<p>Session VI: Discussion on cross-boundary issues in the East and Horn of Africa: Labour migration and Diaspora engagement as a driver for development</p> <p>The session will focus on labour migration as a key driver for economic development that helps address skills gaps, promote innovation, and support economic growth. Participants will</p>	NCM Ethiopia



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	<p>discuss ways to ensure that labour migration is managed effectively, and that migrant workers are protected and have access to decent work and living conditions. Discussions will also touch upon good practices for effective cooperation and coordination to engaging with diaspora communities which can help to promote investment, trade, and innovation, as well as support social and cultural exchange.</p> <p>4 suggested panelists (TBC) (10 min each) Tatiana HADJIEMMANUEL, Sr Regional Labour Mobility &amp; Human Devt Specialist, IOM RO EHoA RO ILO Country Experience Rwanda Representative from EAC</p> <p>Discussion (40 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has your country/ region outlined any specific priorities objectives or priority areas?</li> <li>- What kind of measures and good practices have been put in place to respond to the emerging situation?</li> <li>- To your country/ region what are the most important areas that require cross-regional collaboration and coordination?</li> <li>- Are there any gaps and how can they be addressed?</li> <li>- What types of stakeholder and whole-of-government partnerships exist to address these priorities? what new partnerships are needed?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>13:00 –14:00</b></p>	<p>Lunch break</p>	
<p><b>14:00-15:30</b></p>	<p>Session VII: Panel discussion on the preparations for the Regional Reviews 2024. The aim of the session is to prepare for the upcoming Regional Reviews and discuss how the outcomes of the informal dialogue can best inform the Regional Reviews.</p> <p>4 suggested panelists (TBC) (10 min each) Tatiana HADJIEMMANUEL, Sr Regional Labour Mobility &amp; Human Devt Specialist, IOM RO EHoA Phumza MANQINDI, IOM Liaison Officer to AU, IGAD and UNECA Azrah KARIM RAJPUT, UN Network on Migration Secretariat Representative from IGAD RCP on Migration</p> <p>Interventions: Presentation by IOM on the proposed next steps for the 2024 Regional Reviews</p>	<p>Katharine Barwise, UN Network on Migration Secretariat</p>



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	<p>Discussion (40 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can the EHoA region best participate and inform the 2024 round of Regional Reviews?</li> <li>- How can countries start preparing? What benchmarks should we be working towards?</li> <li>- What types of stakeholder and whole-of-government partnerships exist to address these priorities? What new partnerships are needed?</li> </ul>	
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	Coffee break	
<b>15:30-17:00</b>	<p>Session VIII: Implementation of on the pledges made in the framework of the IMRF</p> <p>Discussion on the pledge initiative in the EHoA</p> <p>Interventions: Presentation by IOM on the pledge initiative</p> <p>4 suggested panelists (10 min each) Country experience Kenya Country experience Ethiopia Migration Network Hub, UN Network on Migration Azrah KARIM RAJPUT, UN Network on Migration Secretariat Representative from IGAD RCP on Migration</p> <p>Discussion (30 min) -What are some of the pledges your country submitted in the runner up of the IMRF and what support is needed in their implementation</p>	Tsion ABEBE, Senior Policy and Researcher Officer, IOM RO EHoA

Time	Day 3 – 9 <sup>th</sup> June – Agenda item	Facilitator
<b>09:00-09:45</b>	Recap of summary report from Rapporteurs from day 1 and day 2	Bisharo Ali Hussein, IOM Kenya
<b>9:45 -11:30</b>	Discussion on the pledge initiative (continues)	Justin MACDERMOTT, Deputy Regional Director, IOM RO EHoA
<b>11:30- 12:00</b>	<p>Closing remarks by Sharon Dimanche, IOM Kenya Chief of Mission</p> <p>Government of Kenya</p>	
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	Lunch break and departure	





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