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## Second Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Arab Region

### Multi-stakeholder Consultation

Tuesday, 2 July 2024

The purpose of this concept note is to propose the modalities for the multi-stakeholder consultation in preparation of the regional review on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in the Arab region. The multi-stakeholder meeting will take place on 2 July 2024, from 10:00 – 17:00 Cairo time including one hour break.

#### I. Background

The [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration \(GCM\)](#) is a non-binding document based on international law that builds on a set of global frameworks including the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In target 10.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Member States pledged to “facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies”<sup>1</sup>. The formal endorsement of the GCM by the United Nations General Assembly on the 19 December 2018<sup>2</sup> represented a paradigm shift in the approach to migration governance.<sup>3</sup> Putting people at the heart of migration governance, the GCM is anchored in human rights and calls for the respect, protection and fulfilment of the human rights of all migrants, regardless of their migration status. Its 10 guiding principles promote a gender-responsive and child-sensitive approach to migration governance and prioritize the well-being of migrants and the members of communities in countries of origin, transit and destination. They also reaffirm national sovereignty and recognize the respect for the rule of law and due process. Rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the GCM reaffirms the potential of migration for achieving sustainable development and simultaneously seeks to limit possible negative impacts. The GCM recognizes that good migration governance can only be achieved through adopting whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches and building strong partnerships at the national, regional and global levels. The GCM, with its 23 objectives and their associated actionable commitments and suggested actions, provides a 360-degree approach to migration governance and offers a road map to help achieve safe, orderly and regular migration.

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<sup>1</sup> A/RES/70/1.

<sup>2</sup> A/RES/73/195.

<sup>3</sup> A total of 152 Member States voted in favour for endorsing the GCM including 19 Arab countries, of which five voted against and 12 abstained from a vote.

Recognizing that most international migration takes place within regions, Member States invited relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, including the United Nations regional economic commissions to review the implementation of the GCM at the regional level to review the progress on its implementation beginning in 2020, and every four years thereafter.<sup>4</sup> The outcome of regional reviews will inform the IMRF of major regional trends, challenges, successful practices, and emerging issues. General Assembly resolution 73/326 on the modalities and organizational aspects of the IMRF emphasized the importance of engaging with all relevant stakeholders to ensure a whole of government and whole of society approach. General Assembly resolution 73/326 on the modalities and organizational aspects of the IMRF emphasizes the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, and the progress review fora will review all aspects of the GCM, according to its vision and its cross cutting and interdependent guiding principles.

## **II. Multi-stakeholder engagement in the Regional Review in the Arab Region**

### **1. Multi-stakeholder engagement in the regional review process**

In the Arab region, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the League of Arab States, in collaboration with the members of the Regional United Nations Network on Migration in the Arab region, and with the support of the Secretariat of the United Nations Network on Migration, are coordinating the GCM regional review process. The regional review process is composed of several components to ensure the widest and most effective engagement of all relevant stakeholders.

To ensure a whole-of-society approach to the regional reviews, IOM, ESCWA and the Regional United Nations Network on Migration in the Arab region with the support of the Secretariat of the United Nations Network on Migration organized two pre-consultations in November 2023 and April 2024, as well as six thematic consultation sessions in May 2024. The consultations brought together representatives of civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector and employers' organizations, trade unions, national human rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia among others.

The thematic consultation sessions served to raise awareness on the GCM and the regional review process and provided an opportunity for stakeholders to propose means to ensure their optimal engagement in the review process. An online survey was also conducted from October 2023 to January 2024. A document summarizing the key inputs that were received during the thematic consultations was subsequently posted to the UN website (<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/arab-states-2024>).

The review process will culminate in the organization of the regional review conference on 3-4 July 2024, which will convene all relevant stakeholders.

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<sup>4</sup> A/RES/73/195, para. 50; A/RES/73/326, para. 10.

## **2. Multi-stakeholder Consultation**

To ensure meaningful multi-stakeholder engagement in the Regional Review conference, IOM, ESCWA and the United Nations Network on Migration in collaboration with the members of the Regional United Nations Network on Migration in the Arab region will organize an informal multi-stakeholder consultation one day prior to the regional review conference. The consultation will bring stakeholders together to:

- a) assess the progress made in the implementation of the GCM in the Arab region, in line with the guiding principles laid down in resolution 73/195;
- b) discuss challenges and opportunities for meaningful stakeholder engagement in the Arab region;
- c) formulate key messages and recommendations to inform the Regional Review Conference as well as the 2026 International Migration Review Forum.

The multi-stakeholder consultation will consist of opening and scene setting sessions, followed by a multi-stakeholder panel and an open dialogue. The outcome of the informal consultation will be presented during the Regional Review conference. In addition to the presentation of the outcome of the informal consultation, each of the roundtables during the Regional Review Conference will include panelists representing the different stakeholders sectors as cited in the GCM.

## **III. Outcome of the multi-stakeholder meeting**

A Rapporteur will synthesize the key messages and recommendations resulting from the multi-stakeholder consultation. They will also be responsible for presenting this outcome during the relevant section of the conference. The multi-stakeholder consultation will further result in a summary report that will be attached to the outcome document of the regional review conference. The summary report will be published on the regional landing page of the Network's website (<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/arab-states-2024> ). The report will also serve as an additional input to the 2026 International Migration Review Forum.

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### Draft Agenda

**2 July 2024**

Cairo time	DAY 1
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00 - 10:10	<b>Opening session</b> (10 mins)
10:10 - 10:30	<p><b>Scene setting and presentation of the stakeholders' inputs</b> (20 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recap of the overall stakeholder engagement process, Monami Maulik, Civil Society Liaison Officer, United Nations Network on Migration</li> <li>- Brief presentation on the findings from stakeholder survey, IOM</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
10:30 - 11:30	<p><b>Multi-stakeholder panel 1</b> (60 mins)</p> <p>List of speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Representative from Online Thematic Consultation participants</li> <li>- Representative from the private sector</li> <li>- Representative from faith-based organizations</li> <li>- Representative from trade unions</li> <li>- Representative from Parliamentarians</li> <li>- Representative from civil society</li> </ul> <p>Representative from local authorities and communities</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p>
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:45 – 12: 45	<p><b>Multi-stakeholder panel 2</b> (60 mins)</p> <p>List of speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Representative from national human rights institutions and human rights organizations</li> <li>- Representative from the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement</li> <li>- Representative from academia</li> <li>- Representative from the private sector</li> <li>- Representative from the media</li> <li>- Representative from local authorities and communities</li> </ul>
12:45 -14:15	<b>Break (90 minutes)</b>
14:15 - 15:15	<p><b>Open discussion 1 (60 mins)</b></p> <p>Guiding question to frame the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on the status of implementation of regional and national plans and strategies on migration, per relevant GCM objective;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How the cross-cutting and interdependent GCM guiding principles, including the whole-of-society and whole-of-government principles, have been integrated by the respective ISCMs into existing plans and policies (and whether that helped address trade-offs and accelerate implementation);</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Floor Interventions</p>
15:15 – 15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Open discussion 2(60 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What the main gaps and challenges are to existing approaches, strategies and implementation plans at regional and national level;</li> <li>- Examples of promising practices and lessons learned that may be relevant for other regions (and could be presented at the IMRF);</li> <li>- Areas (GCM objectives and/or guiding principles) where the region would need support in terms of finance, capacity-building, policy advice, data gathering and analysis, technology, partnerships, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Floor Interventions</p>
16:30 -16:50	<p><b>Wrap-up/key summary of the Consultation (20 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rapporteur for the Multi-stakeholder Consultation</li> </ul>
16:50 -17:00	<b>Closing session (10 mins)</b>