



Summary of the Informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly in order to consider the biennial report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration

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On 5 December, the President of the General Assembly convened an informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider the [biennial report](#) of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the [Global Compact on Migration](#) (GCM). The discussion focused on newly introduced actionable recommendations aimed at improving cooperation on missing migrants and providing humanitarian assistance to migrants in distress, as well as a limited set of indicators that are introduced to assist Member States in conducting reviews of the progress in GCM implementation.

The panel was constituted of the Vice President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Jeem Lippwe, Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia, Deputy Secretary General Amina J. Mohammed, the IOM Director General and Coordinator of the [United Nations Network on Migration](#) (Network) Amy Pope, and IOM Youth Changemaker and climate activist Rose Kobusinge. 37 Member States, four observers, three UN entities, and seven stakeholders delivered statements on the implementation of the Compact.

The report will be published by the General Assembly Conference services in all official languages on 26 December 2024.

The statements delivered by Member States can be found [here](#).

The Vice President of the General Assembly stressed the importance of reinforcing efforts to ensure that migrants in distress have access to safe pathways. He also stated that the recommendations on missing migrants and providing humanitarian assistance to migrants in distress and the indicators proposal shall be used in collaboration among Member States.

The Deputy Secretary General emphasized the crucial role of migration as a global reality influencing both individuals and the sustainable development of societies. She highlighted that the adoption of the GCM has provided Member States, UN entities, and civil society with tools to enhance cooperation and reduce migrants' suffering. She concluded by reminding Member States of their responsibility to mitigate harm and utilize the GCM's mandates to improve humanitarian responses.



The IOM Director General and Coordinator of the Network highlighted that negative attitudes toward migrants remain a significant challenge. To address this issue, she emphasized the need to enhance inclusive review procedures and strengthen the data disaggregation strategy to foster a better understanding of the current situation. She stressed that minimizing the ongoing suffering of migrants depends on effectively implementing the recommendations provided and utilizing existing tools, such as the ones in the GCM's Capacity Building Mechanism.

Rose Kobusinge, migration, environment, and climate change activist voiced the need for greater collaboration among all stakeholders to prevent next year from becoming yet another record-breaking year for migration-related deaths. She highlighted the importance of integrating young people and civil society in ways that empower them to leverage their local knowledge to enhance grassroots-level implementation. Concluding her statement, she asserted that migration itself is not a crisis; rather, the crisis lies in the failure to establish safe, regular, and orderly migration pathways.

Following the panelists, Member States delivered their statements, focusing on implementation, partnerships, and the way forward. Subsequently, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Criminal Police Organization, and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the implementation of the GCM. The International Labour Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the World Health Organization highlighted the progress achieved so far and the collaborative, interdependent nature of the GCM. Finally, the following seven stakeholders delivered their statements, addressing the challenges they face in their work, the unique aspects of their contributions, and opportunities for collaboration with Member States: Majors Migration Council, International Organization of Employers, Center for Migration Studies, NGO Committee on Migration, Church world services, Moomkin, and Bloque Latinoamericano.