Measuring progress: GCM indicators
GCM Talk
27 February 2023

INFORMATION NOTE AND PROGRAMME

Background

In May 2022, under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly, the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) marked the first global review of the progress and challenges faced in the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). The resulting IMRF Progress Declaration provides states and all partners with a common way to accelerate the implementation of the GCM and to strengthen international cooperation on international migration.

In paragraph 70 of the Progress Declaration, Member States “request the Secretary-General, in his next biennial report, to propose, for the consideration of Member States, a limited set of indicators, drawing on the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda as contained in General Assembly resolution 71/313 of 6 July 2017 and other relevant frameworks, to assist Member States, upon their request, in conducting inclusive reviews of progress related to the implementation of the Global Compact, as well as to include a comprehensive strategy for improving disaggregated migration data at the local, national, regional and global levels.”

In response to this mandate, the United Nations Network on Migration established the workstream on “Development of a proposed limited set of indicators to review progress related to GCM implementation.” This workstream is co-led by IOM and UN DESA, and its membership is comprised of representatives of UN entities and other relevant stakeholders.

The workstream is convening this first GCM-Talk to introduce its working modalities and share a proposed timeline of activities for 2023. A preliminary overview of the responses given by Member States and other relevant stakeholders to the questionnaire soliciting feedback on the purpose and main elements of the limited set of indicators will also be highlighted.

This event is one in a series of briefings and consultations that the workstream is organizing to ensure that Member States and other relevant stakeholders are fully involved and consulted throughout the process.

The event aims to foster thoughtful and objective reflection on the purpose and main elements of the proposal for a limited set of indicators, according to the following guiding questions:

- What should the proposal for a limited set of indicators seek to accomplish?
- What do you consider to be critical elements in developing the proposal?
- How many indicators should the proposal include?
- What criteria should be used to identify the limited set of indicators?

1 The GCM-Talks is a platform to support Member States, the United Nations system, and stakeholders to continue discussions on how best to implement the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and will be central to the Network’s contribution to mandates emerging from the Progress Declaration of the first International Migration Review Forum.
Participants are encouraged to engage in the discussion actively, providing feedback on the proposed activities and timeline of the workstream on indicators.

A dedicated discussion space will be created on the Migration Network Hub to enable continued discussion on the GCM indicators.

**Format**

The event will be held via the Zoom platform and conducted in English. Participants must register in advance and indicate if they wish to request the floor **COB on Friday, 24 February**. A confirmation email will be sent to registered participants. Please register [here](#).
# Measuring progress: GCM indicators

**An introduction**

27 February 2023  
**Time:** 15:00 to 16:30 (Geneva) / 9:00 to 10:30 (New York)  
**Zoom Platform**

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<td>• Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head of the United Nations Network on Migration secretariat.</td>
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<td>Objectives and proposed timeline of the workstream on indicators</td>
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<td>• Ms. Marina Manke, Chief of IOM’s Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC)</td>
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<td>Scope of the limited set of indicators: a preliminary overview of questionnaire responses</td>
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<td>• Ms. Clare Menozzi, Population Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)</td>
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<td>Interactive discussion for Member States and stakeholders</td>
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|       | • *Moderator:* Mrs. Paddy Siyang Knudsen, Vice President, Global Research Forum on Diaspora & Transnationalism (GRFDT)  
**Key discussant:** Ambassador Rosibel Menendez, Deputy Permanent Representative of El Salvador, to the United Nations Office in Geneva.  
**Guiding questions:**  
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• What do you consider to be critical elements in developing the proposal?  
• How many indicators should the proposal include?  
• What criteria should be used to identify the limited set of indicators? |
| 16:25 | Closing and key takeaways                                               |
|       | • Co-leads                                                              |