

Round table discussion on Global Compact for Migration (GCM) – concept note

Date and time: Monday 10th of October 2022 13:00-17:00 CET

Venue: Hotel in Sarajevo

Target: 20-25 participants from Academia, Civil Society, Private Sector, Government, targeting participants who expressed their interest or participated in the events preceding to IMRF.

Language requirements: BHS with interpreting services

Potential collaboration on the event: Sarajevo Open Centre, Red Cross, International Burch University, Center for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research, CPCD, KULT, other UN Agencies and NGOs involved in the refugee and migrant emergency response.

The 2030 Agenda recognizes migration as a core development consideration and marks the first-time migration integrated explicitly into the global development agenda. The 2030 Agenda is relevant to all mobile populations regardless of whether internal or cross border, displaced or not: “goals and targets will be met for all nations and peoples and all segments of society.” The 2030 Agenda recognizes migrant women, men and children as a vulnerable group to be protected, and as agents of development.

The event will aim to provide overview of GCM as the first inter-governmentally negotiated agreement, prepared under the auspices of the United Nations, covering all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner. Focus will be on reintroducing GCM to the relevant stakeholders, including the potential engagement entry points for the stakeholders, the review process including the 1. International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), BiH participation at this event, while presenting successes, challenges and innovative approaches on Global Compact For Migration implementation in practice to incite the discussion among stakeholders in BiH. This event will be framed around the results of the 1. International Migration Review Forum held in May in New York grouping the discussion around 3 thematic areas: Inclusion and Regular Pathways, Fight Discrimination, Labor Migration and Migrant Workers’ Rights.

Participants in the round table will be the key civic society stakeholders (20-25 participants).

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Goal:

- Reintroduce GCM and its correlation with 2030 Agenda
- Potential engagement entry points for stakeholders.
- Present IMRF and BIH participation at the event
- Present the GCM Progress Declaration
- Present some of the Successes, Challenges and Innovative Approaches on Global Compact For Migration Implementation In Practice

Expected results:

1. Improve understanding of migration and its contribution to the development
2. Improve understanding of GCM process
3. Define next steps in engagement of the stakeholders in GCM implementation using whole of society approach.

Concept of the Activity

The activity will be organized in two parts:

- 1) Introduction to GCM and its connections to the 2030 Agenda (in plenary) and
- 2) Debates on different topics within GCM, each linked to one or more specific SDGs (breakout into small group). Examples of topics are: inclusion, integration, including potential regularization but also alternatives to detention (ATD), sustainable returns, diaspora engagement and labor migration. Each group session can be led by a different partner (Burch, Red Cross, SOC, Center for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research). The discussions would be guided by the Recommended Actions under the Progress Declaration, as well as the Successes, Challenges and Innovative Approaches on Global Compact For Migration Implementation In Practice.

Responsible staff in charge of day to day operations

Sejla Keserovic and Margherita Vismara with the support of the potential collaborators and UNDP

Tools/supplies needed

Projector and screen

USB sticks for distribution of materials to participants

Pens, notebooks

Lunch and refreshments

4-5 Flip charts stands with paper and markers

Simultaneous interpretation plus equipment (in case we have COM opening the event and internationals participating in discussions)

Logistic and costs

Venue

Interpreting services and equipment

1 DSA and travel costs for participants arriving from different parts of the country

Visibility (banners, installations TBC)

Organizing lunch and refreshments

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WE have EUR 2000 that we could use for this, and UNDP advised that once we prepare a budget with our contribution they will see if they could contribute

Proposed Agenda

Setting the scene -quick overview of the event and introduction of the speakers- Margherita Vismara - 10mins

Agenda 2030 and SDG week – Ingrid Macdonald -10 mins

Migration and Development – Laura Lungarotti – 10 mins

Plenary - Presentation on GCM, IMRF including Successes, Challenges and Innovative Approaches – Sejla Keserovic- 25 mins

Coffee break -15 mins

3 Round table discussions – 90 mins

Coffee break – 15 mins

Plenary – Discussion and conclusion -45 mins

The round table facilitation:

One relevant civil society stakeholder – Facilitator

One IOM staff member – Co-facilitator

Secretariat – students from Burch University to take notes for all discussion groups (we can ask them to support this through our MOU)

Three breakout topics covering 4 out of 5 thematic areas of the recommendations outlined in the Report from Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Hearing held on 16th of May 2022 in New York

Themes:

Inclusion and Regular Pathways

Focusing on inclusion of migrants through different platforms and initiatives and collaboration with private sector through vocational training and other opportunities in fostering more strategic collaborations that focus on innovation, scalability and impact, in view of potential regularization processes. The discussion will also look at alternative accommodation solutions (ATD).

Facilitator: We could give this either to Burch to lead or one of the 4 Italian NGOs (Caritas, IPSIA etc)

IOM Staff: Sejla Keserovic

Some of potential participants

Red Cross (interested to participate)

4 Italian NGOs (Caritas, IPSIA etc)

Fight Discrimination

Focusing on fighting discrimination, xenophobia, and gender-based harassment, and promote racial justice. Here we could discuss the potential of leveraging the Istanbul Convention for promoting regularization for the victims of GBV.

Facilitator: Sarajevo Open Centre (potentially we could invite Ombudsman Office to facilitate)

IOM Staff: Margherita Vismara

Some of potential participants

Ombudsman Office

Agency for Gender Equality

UNFPA

Labor Migration And Migrant Workers' Rights

Focusing on potential of labor migration in addressing the skills shortages. This can be a continuation of the discussions held in USC recently.

Facilitator: RS Chamber of Commerce (they participated in some of the events that preceded IMRF)

IOM Staff: Darko Paranos

Some potential participants

ILO

Participants from the USC meeting

Potentially we can invite someone from private sector contacts that Swedish Embassy has, such as company from Prnjavor