

Second Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) in the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Region, 8-10 October 2024, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Concept Note

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) (General Assembly Resolution A/RES/73/195) calls for review of the progress of "... implementing the Global Compact in the framework of the United Nations through a State-led approach and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders ..." (paragraph 48) and invites "United Nations regional economic commissions ... to review the implementation of the Global Compact within the respective regions, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders" (paragraph 50).

Background/Context

Recognizing that most international migration takes place within regions, Member States called upon relevant subregional, regional, and cross-regional processes, platforms, and organizations, to review the implementation of the GCM at the regional level beginning in 2020, and every four years thereafter¹. The first review of the implementation of the GCM by the Member States of the UNECA Region was held virtually on 31 August – 1st September 2021. The resulting summary report informed the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) that took place at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 17-20 May 2022 and resulted in the adoption of the IMRF Progress Declaration, by General Assembly Resolution 76/266².

The 2nd Regional Review aims to facilitate increased regional collaboration among Member States in reviewing the implementation of the GCM and formulating recommendations for the next IMRF in 2026. The framework for this second round provides for discussions on regional priorities and gaps in GCM implementation, opportunities for regional cooperation on migration, integration of GCM objectives into existing migration governance frameworks, and monitoring of regional progress and challenges.

The Reports resulting from the Regional Reviews will be submitted to the President of the General Assembly and the co-facilitators of the IMRF Progress Declaration. The second review will assess progress on the implementation of the GCM, provide an opportunity for peer-learning exchanges, highlight sector-specific and thematic priorities related to migration; identify subregional priorities and gaps in the implementation of GCM; facilitate discussions on opportunities for enhancing regional and cross-regional cooperation on migration; mainstream GCM objectives into existing regional migration governance

¹ [A/RES/73/195](#), Para. 50 ; [A/RES/73/326](#), Para. 15

² [A/RES/76/266](#)

frameworks; and establish mechanisms to monitor regional progress and challenges in implementing recommended actions from the IMRF Progress Declaration.

Regional Review in the UNECA Region

UNECA is convening, jointly with the African Union Commission and UN Migration - IOM, as the Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration (Network), an Intergovernmental Conference to review the implementation of the GCM in Africa. The Network will support Member States in their regional reviews. The [Framework for the Regional Reviews](#)³ proposes ways in which the reviews can highlight regional dynamics and enhance regional cooperation on GCM implementation.

The Regional Review Meeting in the Africa will:

- a. Enable Member States and other relevant stakeholders to assess GCM implementation progress and any identified gaps and challenges, based on the outcomes of the first round of Regional Reviews.
- b. Enable Member States and other relevant stakeholders to assess regional progress and challenges in implementing the recommended actions set out in the [Progress Declaration](#) of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) 2022, and to formulate critical findings and recommendations to inform the 2026 IMRF.
- c. Discuss existing initiatives and experiences focused on strengthening the linkages between the GCM and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other relevant global and regional frameworks.
- d. Serve as a space to strengthen regional, subregional, and cross-regional cooperation on migration.

The organization of the Regional Review

The Regional Review Meeting will convene representatives of the African Member States; intergovernmental organizations; United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, and funds; and all relevant stakeholders from the UNECA region, including migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities, and communities, the private sector, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, and the media.
























The Regional Review Meeting will build on relevant discussions of subregional, regional, and cross-regional processes, platforms, and organizations that took place in the framework of the GCM Regional Reviews, including [GCM Talks](#), whose outcomes have been submitted on the [Network Hub](#).

The Regional Review Meeting includes an Intergovernmental Conference preceded by a Multi-stakeholder Conference. The Intergovernmental Conference will consist of an opening segment, followed by four thematic sessions which will provide Member States and relevant stakeholders with a space for discussion and to present and review progress on the GCM,

³ https://migrationnetwork.un.org/system/files/resources_files/Regional%20Reviews%20Framework.pdf

in line with the 360-degree vision of international migration which recognizes that a comprehensive approach is needed to optimize the overall benefits of migration.

The thematic sessions will be organized on the same basis as the four roundtables of the IMRF⁴. For each thematic session, a Member State speaker will start the discussion. The discussion will be moderated by a stakeholder representative. The Intergovernmental Conference will conclude with a closing segment.

Thematic Round Table	GCM Objectives
1: Ensuring that migration is safe, orderly, and regular.	    
2: Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance measures.	      
3: Supporting the integration of migrants and their contribution to development.	     
4: Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate and enhancing cooperation on migration.	    

High-level representatives of two Member States will be elected to co-chair the Intergovernmental Conference. Member States are invited to express their interest in co-chairing the Conference. The Co-Chairs will deliver remarks during the Opening and the Closing. Stakeholders are invited to express their interest in acting as the Rapporteur who will report back from the stakeholder consultation, and in serving as moderator for one of the thematic sessions during the intergovernmental meeting.

The selection of speakers will be made by the Network with due regard to geographic and gender balance. To guide the interactive debate during the four thematic sessions, ECA together with IOM and the Network will prepare a background paper and four thematic papers in advance for each thematic session. To support Member States in preparing for the Meeting, the Network will prepare questions to collect additional feedback on the implementation of the GCM.

⁴ [A/RES/73/326, Para. 21](#)