



Side Event for the Africa Regional Review of the Global Compact for  
Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration:  
**Strengthening Partnerships for Expanded Regular Migration Pathways:**  
**Friday 4 October 2024, 15.00 - 16.45 WCA (GMT+1:00)**  
online

Registration link: [here](#)

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French

**Concept Note and Agenda**

**I. Background**

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) emphasizes the critical role of engaging a diverse range of stakeholders in the governance of migration, including governments, the private sector, the diplomatic community, international organizations, civil society, faith-based organizations, diaspora, and migrants themselves. It advocates for the establishment of regular and formal mechanisms for consultation and collaboration among these key actors to enhance the availability and flexibility of regular migration pathways. This highlights the importance of structured and inclusive dialogue in shaping migration governance.

To build on the momentum generated at the National Workshop on Regular Migration Pathways, held in Abuja, Nigeria on 13 and 14 December 2023, continued dialogue among governments, the private sector, the diplomatic community, international organizations, civil society, faith-based organizations, diaspora, migrants and other stakeholders is essential for creating an inclusive, cooperative, and rights-based approach to migration governance, especially when it comes to expanding and formalizing regular migration pathways. Such collaboration ensures that policies on regular migration are coherent, effective, sustainable, and garner broad public support.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Nigeria invites you to this side event, which aims to facilitate continued engagement between stakeholders, provide a platform to deepen collaborations, explore innovative approaches, and outline the next steps for ensuring that regular migration pathways are accessible, inclusive, and sustainable, within Nigeria and on the continent of Africa, as well as at the global level. The event will provide a platform for discussing actionable strategies for sustaining and enhancing the development and expansion of regular migration pathways that serve all migrants, including those in situations of vulnerability, as well as foster partnerships, and best practices in implementing migration pathways such that national and international development goals can be accelerated. The conclusions drawn from this side event will contribute to the Africa Regional Review of the GCM, focusing on effective partnerships to uphold migrant rights and promote sustainable development through safe, orderly and regular migration pathways.

## II. Objectives

The objectives of this event are to:

1. Strengthen partnerships among stakeholders (government, the private sector, the diplomatic community, international organizations, civil society, faith-based organizations, diaspora and migrants) to facilitate regular migration pathways under GCM Objective 5 (Enhancing the availability and flexibility of regular migration pathways).
2. Identify challenges and propose practical solutions for improving regular migration pathways, aligning with GCM Objective 6 (Facilitating fair and ethical recruitment and safeguarding conditions that ensure decent work for all migrant workers).
3. Foster dialogue among governments, the private sector, the diplomatic community, international organizations, civil society, faith-based organizations, diaspora and migrants to facilitate the implementation of GCM objectives, specifically Objectives 5, 6, 16, 17 and 19.
4. Develop a collaborative roadmap with defined next steps to ensure the sustainability of initiatives, reinforcing Objective 17 (Eliminating all forms of discrimination and promoting evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration).

## III. Agenda

105 minutes

Interpretation: English, French

15:00-15:05	Welcome
15:05 -16:05	<p><b>Panel Discussion:</b> Strengthening Partnerships for Expanded Regular Migration Pathways: A Collaborative Approach for Sustainable Solutions.</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Paola Pace, Chief of Mission a.i., IOM Nigeria.</li><li>• Amb. Ms. Catherine Udida mni, Director, Migrant Affairs Department, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons.</li><li>• Professor Ekrame Boubtane, Professor and Economist, University Clermont Auvergne.</li><li>• Representative of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission.</li><li>• Representative of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment.</li><li>• Representative of the International Labour Organization.</li><li>• Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.</li><li>• Representative of the Global Centre for Climate Mobility, Nigeria, a Civil Society Organization.</li></ul>
16:05-16:35	Action Planning and Next Steps
16:35-16:45	Conclusion and Closing Remarks