Second Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Region

Information note for Stakeholders of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Region

Venue, format and timing

The Regional Review Meeting will be held on 11 March 2024, back to back with the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and will consist of a Multi-stakeholder Hearing and an Intergovernmental Conference. The Regional Review Meeting will be a fully in-person event and be webcasted on the UN Web TV for remote viewing at: http://webtv.un.org.

The Multi-stakeholder Hearing\(^1\) will take place in conference room XXIV, from 08:30 to 10:00 CET, ahead of the Intergovernmental Conference of the GCM Regional Review. UNECE Member States and Observers are encouraged to attend the Multi-stakeholder Hearing. The Intergovernmental Conference will follow directly and be open to all relevant stakeholders for attendance.

It is recommended to arrive in conference room XXIV by 08:15 in order to begin on time. Please note that the walk from the Peace Gate entrance of the Palais to conference room XXIV is approximately 10-15 minutes. Therefore, it is suggested to arrive at the Peace Gate before 08:00. The Peace Gate opens at 07:00.

The Intergovernmental Conference will take place in conference room XIX, at 10:00 to 13:00, and 15:00 to 18:00 CET. It will consist of an opening segment, followed by four thematic sessions, and a closing segment. It will convene representatives of the UNECE Member States and Observers; intergovernmental organizations; United Nations entities; and all relevant stakeholders from the UNECE 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 Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration (Network) will host a High-level event on the Skills Dimension in Realizing Opportunities for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration on 11 March 2024, in conference room XXIV, from 13:30 to 14:45 CET.

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\(^1\) Please find the latest draft Concept Note and Agenda at the following link: https://migrationnetwork.un.org/europe-and-north-america-2024
Registration

Registrations were open for UNECE Member States and Observers and stakeholders for the Multi-stakeholder Hearing and Intergovernmental Conference via the UNOG Indico system until 4 March 2024. All participants, including those holding a UNOG Badge, must have registered on Indico. Registration is essential not to miss important information, including preparation of the list of participants.

Badges and access to the Palais des Nations

Entry to the Palais des Nations is facilitated through a digital badging system. Participants will receive a digital badge along with their approved registration through email, consisting of their photo, a QR code and the name and date of the meeting. Digital badges may be downloaded to any mobile device or printed.

Participants will be allowed entry to the Palais upon presentation of their digital badge together with a valid passport or a national identity card. All participants without a UNOG badge are advised to enter the Palais grounds through the Peace Gate.²

Interpretation

Interpretation will be provided in all three UNECE official languages (English, French and Russian) in the Intergovernmental meeting. The Multi-stakeholder Hearing and the High-level event will be in English only.

Speaking arrangements and interventions

Discussions during the Multi-stakeholder Hearing and four thematic sessions of the Intergovernmental meeting, and High-level event are intended to be interactive in nature. Time limits for interventions will be three minutes. The speaking time may be reduced according to the number of speakers and calculation of time available. Interventions will alternate between Member States and Observers and stakeholders.

Stakeholders are invited to submit written inputs preferably by 7 March and no later than 25 March 2024, to GCMReviewsUNECE@iom.int. In addition, stakeholders may post written inputs on the Migration Network Hub stakeholder discussion space for the UNECE GCM regional Review. Opened eight weeks prior to the Regional Review in March 2024, this is a place where stakeholder organizations are invited to share research reports, recommendations, data and feedback on the implementation of GCM objectives and migration policy.

² There might be a long queue at the gate due to other meetings starting on the same day, especially on Monday mornings. After entering the Palais des Nations grounds, you may need 10-15 minutes to walk to the meeting room (see the map here). Gates to enter the Palais des Nations will open at 7:00.