

## GCM REGIONAL REVIEW FOR UNECE STAKEHOLDER ONLINE DISCUSSION SPACE

### BACKGROUND

In January 2024, the United Nations Network on Migration (Network) will launch five discussion spaces, one for each region, on the Migration Network Hub. Each discussion space will open at least 8 weeks prior to each Regional Review. The discussion spaces will be a place where stakeholders<sup>1</sup> may continually post research reports, recommendations, data, and feedback on the implementation of GCM objectives and migration policy. An analysis paper of submissions for each regional Discussion Space will be prepared prior to each Regional Review and posted on the website.

### STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

The discussion spaces will be open to viewing to all those who are registered to the Hub, meaning stakeholders, Member States and UN entities. Only stakeholders and UN system members will be able to post comments and reports. These comments will need to be first approved by the moderators.

The discussion spaces will be structured into two phases:

- The **first phase**, lasting 4 weeks, will focus on gathering inputs from stakeholders for the Regional Review meetings through reports, recommendations, data and research. A summary report will be drafted and shared at least two weeks prior to each Regional Review.
- The **second phase**, post-Regional Review meetings, will center on stakeholders sharing feedback and next steps. The information gathered may then feed into preparatory processes for the IMRF in 2026 and future regional activities.

Guiding questions will help to focus the discussions. For the first phase, guiding questions will be centered around collecting information that will feed into the planning of agenda and discussions of each Regional Review. For the second phase, The Network will be posting questions centred around reflections, follow-up points and actions leading up to the next IMRF. The guiding questions will first be developed and shared with regional Network colleagues for feedback and comments before posting them.

### TIMELINE

The timeline for the UNECE region discussion space will be from 18 January to 16 February 2024. A summary report will be disseminated at least two weeks prior to the Regional Review, by 23 February.

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<sup>1</sup>Pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 73/195, paragraph 44:

“We will implement the Global Compact in cooperation and partnership with 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, the media and other relevant stakeholders”.

## GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR UNECE REGION

### *Questions for pre-Regional Reviews (18 Jan to 16 Feb)*

1. What are some examples of promising practices and achievements on the implementation of the GCM that relate to collaboration within the region?
2. What are the main gaps and challenges, and lessons learned, to existing intra- and cross-regional collaboration on the implementation of the GCM? Do you have suggestions as to how to better overcome these challenges?
3. What types of thematic experts, sub-regions or sectors require specific support and are important throughout the GCM Regional Review?
4. Outline areas (GCM objectives and/or guiding principles) where the region would benefit from strengthened cooperation in terms of, capacity-building, policy advice, data availability including collection, sharing and analysis, technology, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and others. Likewise, outline areas that have been prioritized and have gathered more momentum, and why.
5. What are some of the key areas of progress, challenges, and opportunities on the implementation of the GCM in the region that you would like Member States to discuss during the GCM Regional Review, and why?

### *Questions for post- Regional Reviews*

1. What are suggestions to improve/strengthen the process of engaging stakeholders, including in preparatory activities, communications campaigns, and participation in the Review meetings both at global and regional levels?
2. What are suggestions for ensuring inputs from civil society organizations and stakeholders as governments prepare National Voluntary Reports for the next International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2026?
3. Will you be planning any stakeholder-organized parallel events or reports leading up to the IMRF? If so, of which kind and with which purpose?

### **Role of Moderators**

Regional Network colleagues can be invited as expert moderators to drive discussions. Moderators for each discussion space will be able to filter sensitive comments made by stakeholders by approving or not comments submitted. Moderators will also respond to comments and posts when appropriate, tailored to the specific context of each region. Their expertise will ensure that discussions address regional nuances and sensitivities, fostering a more meaningful and impactful dialogue.

Responsibilities of the moderator and moderation team throughout the online discussion period will include:

- Plan the discussion and outreach activities
- Solicit participation from all sectors of stakeholders including civil society, migrants, local authorities, private sectors, other experts/practitioners/academics
- Moderate responses, reply to comments, guide discussion, and engage with participants:
  - Maintain momentum and monitor progress
  - Translation, if required, depending on the audience

After each discussion, the Network secretariat will prepare and disseminate a short summary in the discussion space to consolidate in one place all outputs and links with the support of the moderation team.