

Second Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean

Concept Note

The purpose of this concept note is to propose the modalities for the **Second Regional Review Meeting on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) in Latin America and the Caribbean**.

The Regional Review Meeting will be held **from 18 to 20 March 2025** at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Headquarters, **Santiago, Chile**, and will consist of a Multi-stakeholder Hearing and a High-level Panel on Regular Pathways followed by an Intergovernmental Conference.

I. Context

Recognizing that most international migration takes place within regions, Member States called upon relevant sub-regional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, including regional economic commissions, and regional consultative processes to review the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM) at the regional level beginning in 2020, and every four years thereafter¹.

The first review of the implementation of the GCM in Latin America and the Caribbean was held virtually in April 2021. Its summary report² informed the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 17 to 20 May 2022 and resulted in the unanimous adoption of the Progress Declaration³.

II. Scope

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), as the Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration (UNNM), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) are the co-chairs of the Regional UNNM for Latin America and the

¹ UN General Assembly, [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) (A/RES/73/195, Para.50), 2019
UN General Assembly, [Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums](#) (A/RES/73/326, Para.15), 2019.

² UN Network on Migration, [Report on the regional review of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), 2022.

³ UN General Assembly, [Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum \(A/RES/76/266\)](#), 2022.

Caribbean and will, along with other regional UNNM members, collaborate to coordinate and support Member States in the 2025 Regional Review of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM), with the participation of relevant stakeholders.

Specifically, the regional review will enable⁴:

- a. Member States and other relevant stakeholders to assess GCM implementation, seek opportunities to strengthen regional and cross-regional cooperation as well as address the challenges and priorities identified in the first round of Regional Reviews and by regional processes and initiatives.
- b. Member States and other relevant stakeholders to assess progress, challenges and opportunities on implementing the recommended actions set out in the Declaration on the Progress of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).
- c. The formulation of key findings and recommendations to inform the 2026 IMRF.

III. Date and Organization

The Regional Review Meeting of the GCM will be held at ECLAC Headquarters in Santiago, Chile, from 18 to 20 March 2025.

The Regional Review meeting will convene ECLAC Member States and associate members, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations programmes, funds and agencies, as well as relevant stakeholders, 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.⁵

The intergovernmental meeting will consist of an opening segment, a high-level panel on regular pathways, followed by four thematic GCM review sessions, and a closing segment. The intergovernmental meeting will be open to all relevant stakeholders.

The four thematic sessions will be organized on the same basis as the four roundtables of the IMRF⁶. To guide the interactive debate during the four thematic sessions, the Network will prepare a short background note in advance for each thematic session.

⁴ UN Network on [Migration, Regional Reviews Framework](#), 2023.

⁵ UN General Assembly, [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) (A/RES/73/195, Para.44), 2018.

⁶ UN General Assembly, [Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums](#) (A/RES/73/326, Para.21), 2019.

Opening session	
High-level panel on regular pathways	
Session 1	<i>Inclusion (Objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22)</i>
Session 2	<i>Drivers of Migration and regular routes (Objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18)</i>
Session 3	<i>Migration governance, saving lives as well as safe, dignified return, readmission and sustainable reintegration (Objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21)</i>
Session 4	<i>Data, evidence-based policies and international cooperation (Objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23)</i>
Closing session	

Member States are invited to express their interest in co-chairing the intergovernmental meeting. High-level representatives of three Member States – one from each sub-region – will be selected for this role by 31 January 2025.

Member States are also invited to express their interest in providing a keynote speaker for the high-level panel as well as speakers for the thematic sessions by reaching out to UNNMLAC@iom.int. The selection will be made with due regard to geographic and gender balance.

To support Member States in preparing for the Review Meeting, the Network is proposing a set of guiding questions to collect advance feedback on the implementation of the GCM by the end of 2024. Please refer to Annex 1.

IV. Expected Outcome

It is expected that the regional review will result in:

- a. Regional progress, challenges and opportunities on implementing the recommended actions set out in the IMRF Progress Declaration identified.
- b. Opportunities to strengthen regional and cross-regional cooperation on migration agreed, including through regional and cross-regional pledges in line with the UNNM Pledging Initiative⁷.
- c. Key findings and recommendations to inform the 2026 IMRF.

Report

The Regional Review Meeting will result in a summary report that will synthesize inputs from the discussion at the Intergovernmental Meeting, the Multi-stakeholder Hearing and responses to the

⁷ [Pledging Initiative](#)

indicative set of questions (as per Annex 1). The outcome report will be published on the Network's [website](#). It will also serve as input to the 2026 IMRF.

V. Multi-stakeholder Consultations, Hearing and Rapporteur

The Network will support the organization of a multi-stakeholder consultations in Latin America and the Caribbean prior to the intergovernmental meeting in line with the objectives of the regional review and to prepare key messages to be deliberated at intergovernmental meeting itself.

A stakeholder rapporteur will brief Member States during the first day of the Intergovernmental Conference on the multi-stakeholder discussions. The Rapporteur, with the support of the UNNM and three sub-regional focal points, will be responsible for contributing to the agenda development for consultations and the Multi-stakeholder Hearing, preparing a draft summary report with inputs from the Multi-stakeholder Consultations, and briefing the Member States during the opening segment of the Intergovernmental Conference on the outcomes of the multi-stakeholder preparatory process and Hearing. It will also be the rapporteur's responsibility to participate and collect information from other consultations prior to the Regional Review meeting.

The rapporteur will be selected by the UNNM-LAC through a call for expressions of interest posted on the UNNM website, along with selection criteria, and open approximately one month. The decision will be published and communicated prior to the multi-stakeholder pre-consultations.

The Multi-stakeholder Hearing will take place on 18 March 2025, the day before of the Intergovernmental Conference of the GCM Regional Review.

VI. Roadmap

In preparation for the Regional Review meeting, consultations will be held as follows:

Date	Activity
25 to 26 September 2024	II Forum of Champion Countries in the Americas (San Salvador, El Salvador)
29 October 2024	1 st Briefing for Member States (virtual)
13 November 2024	Pre-consultations for multi-stakeholders (virtual)
January 2025	Consultation with multi-stakeholders (sessions 1-4, virtual)
February 2025	2 nd Briefing for Member States (virtual)
18 March 2025	Multi-stakeholder hearing (Santiago, Chile)
19 – 20 March 2025	Second Regional Review Meeting (Santiago, Chile)

VII. Documentation

- [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) (A/RES/73/195);
- [Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums](#) (A/RES/73/326);
- [Framework on the preparation and organization of the Regional Reviews of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#);
- Overview of the Latin America and the Caribbean Member States and stakeholder contributions to the Network Hub, the GCM Pledges and the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund. (tbc)
- Background notes on each Roundtable Discussion.

VIII. Logistics

The Logistics Note and the modalities of the review meeting will also be posted on the UNNM [website](#) and on the event website.

For further information regarding the GCM Regional Review for Latin America and the Caribbean and for receiving future communications please complete [this form](#).

Annex 1: Indicative set of questions for ECLAC Member States and associate members to prepare for the Regional Review

The UN Network on Migration (UNNM) is proposing a set of questions to assist ECLAC Member States and associate members in preparing for the second Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Member States are encouraged to prepare and submit feedback to the guiding questions listed below **by the end of 2024** ahead of the intergovernmental meeting to UNNMLAC@iom.int.

The submissions will be posted on the [UN Network on Migration website](#).

Regional and Cross-Regional Collaboration:

- What are the main gaps, challenges, and opportunities to regional and cross-regional collaboration on the implementation of the GCM?
- Outline areas (GCM objectives and/or guiding principles) where the region would benefit from strengthened cooperation in terms of finance, capacity-building, policy advice, data gathering and analysis, technology, multi-stakeholder partnerships, etc.
- What joint commitments (pledges) with other governments or stakeholders would you formulate to promote cooperation on this issue?

GCM Implementation Progress, Challenges and Opportunities:

- How has or will your government integrate the recommended actions to accelerate the implementation of the GCM as set out in the [2022 Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum](#) into their relevant national policies and plans?
- What is the main progress your country made on this, and what are the main challenges and opportunities?

Key Recommendations for the 2026 IMRF:

- What are key findings and recommendations that should inform the 2026 IMRF?

Any other comments or inputs that could be included:

GCM National Implementation Plan:

- Has your government developed a GCM national implementation plan or integrated the GCM and its guiding principles into existing frameworks, plans, and policies? If so,

please elaborate on the process. If not, please indicate if your government has plans to do so, and what the envisaged process is.

Achievements, Promising Practices, and Lessons Learned:

- Please list some examples of achievements, promising practices, and lessons learned that relate to national, inter- and sub-regional collaboration to the implementation of the GCM.