



2022 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

Side Event

Actioning the commitments of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) progress declaration to advance the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

15 July 2022, 13.00-14.30 EDT

The event will be hosted via the Zoom platform, in English. Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAldeisqjMvHdA5xNfig1ucweCZt-4dLVIF>

Concept note and Agenda

BACKGROUND

In May 2022, United Nations Member States, the United Nations system, and stakeholders gathered for the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). They sent a resounding message: migration and sustainable development are inextricably linked. We will therefore not achieve the Sustainable Development Goals without attaining safe, orderly and regular migration.

This message reflects lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought into focus migrants' essential role in fostering healthy and prosperous communities. Since the onset of the pandemic, migrants have been on the front lines, providing essential services, maintaining critical supply chains, connecting and caring for others. Too often, migrants face disproportionate impacts of the pandemic due to structural inequalities.

In line with this year's HLPF theme *Building back better from the COVID-19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda*, we must waste no time in actioning the commitments of the IMRF to leverage the power of migration and the more than 280 million migrants worldwide.

OBJECTIVES

This event will bring together the Member States, stakeholders and the United Nations Network on Migration to:

1. Identify good practices and lessons learnt in the governance of international migration, including during the pandemic, to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.
2. Building on the above, identify concrete actions to strengthen the linkages between the GCM, the 2030 Agenda and their review forums, based on the findings of the first IMRF.

This will be the first opportunity to bring together key IMRF partners to discuss how to move forward on the Progress Declaration in fulfillment of the SDGs. The event will highlight commitments made by Member States and calls to action from stakeholders. It will also identify gaps and opportunities in the implementation process.



AGENDA



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Opening Remarks (5 minutes)

Ms. Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director General of Operations, IOM

Panel Discussion (30 minutes)

Lessons learnt and recommendations from member states and stakeholders on strengthening the linkages between the GCM and the 2030 Agenda.

Moderated by: Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs and Acting Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Panelists/Discussion Starters

- Ambassador Olivier Maes, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg; Co-facilitator of the IMRF Progress Declaration
- Ambassador Egriselda López, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations
- Mrs. Raoudha Jouani, Director in charge of Poverty, Social Policy and Migration, Ministry of Economy and Planning, Tunisia
- Mrs. Paddy Siyanga Knudsen, Vice President, Global Research Forum on Diaspora & Transnationalism (GRFDT)

Open Floor Interactive Discussion (40 min)

Identify concrete actions to strengthen the linkages between the GCM, the 2030 Agenda and their review forums, building on the above discussion starters and based on the findings of the first IMRF.

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Guiding Questions:

- How has GCM implementation advanced sustainable development outcomes at the national and/or local level? (Please provide specific examples) What lessons have been learned through the COVID-19 pandemic, which can help inform inclusive socio-economic recovery?
- What are some promising practices to align GCM and SDG reporting?
- What is needed at the local, national, and regional levels to strengthen the alignment of GCM implementation, follow-up and review with the achievement of the 2030 Agenda?
- What recommendations do you have for the development of minimum indicators to measure GCM progress that should draw from the 2030 Agenda? What key areas of measurement should there be a focus on?



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- In what ways can we encourage relevant subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with their respective mandates, to contribute to the review of the implementation of the Global Compact?

Note: a dedicated discussion space will be created on the Migration Network Hub: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/hub/discussion-space>. The discussion space will be launched during the HLPF side-event and remain open after the side event to enable continued discussion on actioning the commitments of the IMRF Progress Declaration. Contributions from the discussion space can be used to help inform the development of the Network's global workplan.

Concluding Remarks (5 minutes)

Mr. Luca Renda, Head of the Recovery Solutions and Human Mobility Unit, UNDP Crisis Bureau