



Stakeholder engagement in the second round of Regional Reviews of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

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This note outlines ways in which the Network will promote meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders¹ in the Regional Reviews and their preparatory processes called for in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). It builds on the framework proposed by the relevant GCM-related resolutions² (see Annex 1) as well as the UN Network on Migration (Network) proposed framework for the preparation and organization of the Regional Reviews of the GCM³. This note is in accordance with relevant General Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions, including on the consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations⁴ and on civil society engagement with international and regional organizations⁵.

The Network seeks to support collective efforts to protect and expand civic space, in line with the GCM's guiding principles to ensure a whole-of-society approach. This note also seeks to provide greater cohesion across regions and complement the modalities and activities of regional Networks, including of the United Nations Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) in organizing the Regional Reviews⁶ within their particular specificities and needs.

Regional Reviews: a whole-of-society approach

A whole-of-society approach to the Regional Reviews promotes genuine engagement of stakeholders which actively aims at inclusivity, transparency and diversity in all stages

¹The GCM (para 44) commits to 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." <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/451/99/PDF/N1845199.pdf?OpenElement>

² The GCM (para 48) commits to "review the progress made at the local, national, regional and global levels in implementing the Global Compact in the framework of the United Nations through a State-led approach and *with the participation of all relevant stakeholders*", <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/451/99/PDF/N1845199.pdf?OpenElement>

The GA resolution on the Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums (para 10) invites "to review the implementation of the Global Compact, within their respective regions, and to contribute to the work of the forums, *with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders*", https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/default/files/docs/a_res_73_326_0.pdf

³ https://migrationnetwork.un.org/system/files/resources_files/Regional%20Reviews%20Framework.pdf

⁴ General Assembly, Resolution 1996/31, Consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations, 25 July 1996, available at <https://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/pdf/res96-31.pdf>.

⁵ Human Rights Council, A/HRC/RES/38/12, Civil society space: engagement with international and regional organizations, 6 July 2018, available at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session38/Pages/ResDecStat.aspx>.

⁶ This includes regional migration Networks or pre-existing migration coordination platforms that have been set up or strengthened with a view to enhancing coordination amongst the relevant actors and providing coherent support by the UN system to Member States in the implementation of the GCM at the country/regional level.



including the preparatory process for reviews, the review meetings and follow up towards the IMRF in 2026 as follows:

Transparency: Generating an open call for engagement to all relevant stakeholders across sectors, countries and sub-regions;

Inclusivity: Creating room for the widest possible access for all relevant stakeholders through different forms of engagement;

Diversity: Ensuring non-discriminatory access to all, with particular attention to under-represented voices, including migrants themselves; and

Meaningful participation: All relevant stakeholders should have equal and effective access to all preparatory, follow-up and review processes.

Ensuring meaningful stakeholder engagement in the preparation and organization of Regional Reviews

The Network encourages all relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, including the United Nations Regional Economic Commissions or regional consultative processes (RCPs) to meaningfully involve stakeholders in the preparation and organization of the Regional Reviews through appropriate methods of consultation accessible to all relevant actors. Below are a number of practical steps that Member States can consider.

I. Preparatory process

Stakeholders can be encouraged to participate in and co-organize activities as part of the preparatory process including the [“GCM Talks”](#) and side-events at country, sub-regional, regional or global levels. GCM Talks and other preparatory consultations may be co-organized by Member States, stakeholders and Network members as peer-learning exchanges to continue discussions on how best to implement the GCM and to highlight sector-specific or thematic priorities.

The Network will facilitate opportunities for all relevant stakeholders to input into the preparatory process by giving sufficient advance notice, disseminating a public call, including on the relevant Regional Review webpages and making the information available in multiple languages.

Preparatory consultations could be organized with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. Hybrid or in-person meetings should be considered for the purposes of inclusivity and extending access.

Where relevant, the Network will provide space on the [Migration Network Hub](#) and create online discussion spaces dedicated to gathering inputs and written submissions by stakeholder entities as part of the Regional Reviews process.



II. Multi-stakeholder consultations

The Network will facilitate the organization of one multi-stakeholder consultation for each of the five UN regions that will feed into the Regional Reviews. The registration process will be further elucidated for each region and be based on a cohesive approach to ensure transparency, inclusivity and diversity.

The Network will facilitate GCM Talks to draw inputs from of all relevant stakeholders, including at sub-regional levels where possible. GCM Talk consultations may be held to shape the agenda and priorities of the multi-stakeholder consultation. They may be co-hosted with stakeholders and divided into smaller discussions, for example on thematic priority areas.

Member States are free to attend the multi-stakeholder consultation.

The Network will post a summary of the consultations on its website and encourages Member States to invite a stakeholder rapporteur to brief Member States during the relevant inter-governmental meetings.

Regional Networks will be vital components of the Network's support in the preparation and organization of the Regional Reviews and will ensure the coordination of the Network support for stakeholder engagement within their respective regions. Contact information for each regional Network can be obtained by contacting the Network secretariat at unmignet@iom.int.

III. The Inter-governmental meetings

The Network suggests to encourage broad and meaningful stakeholder participation in the various sessions, including through representation in panels and roundtables.

Opportunities will be provided for stakeholders to organize activities and side events during the meetings.

III. Financial implications

Subject to available funding under the relevant Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund funding window, an open application process will be facilitated by the Network. Allocation decision will be made by the Chair of the Migration MPTF Steering Committee based on recommendations from the Network Executive Committee.

The priority for selection will be based on ensuring diverse representation by all relevant stakeholders.



Annex 1: GCM and IMRF Progress Declaration provisions

In resolution 73/195 (“Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”), the General Assembly:

- Committed to a whole-of-society approach promoting broad multi-stakeholder partnerships to address migration in all its dimensions by including migrants, diasporas, local communities, civil society, academia, the private sector, parliamentarians, trade unions, national human rights institutions, the media and other relevant stakeholders in migration governance (para 15 (j)).
- Committed to implementing the GCM at the national, regional and global 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 (para 41 and 44).
- Review the progress made at local, national, regional and global levels in implementing the Global Compact in the framework of the United Nations through a State-led approach and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders (para 48).
- Encouraged all Member States to develop, as soon as practicable, ambitious national responses for the implementation of the Global Compact, and to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national level, such as through the voluntary elaboration and use of a national implementation plan. Such reviews should draw on contributions from all relevant stakeholders, as well as parliaments and local authorities, and serve to effectively inform the participation of Member States in the International Migration Review Forum and other relevant (para 53).

In resolution 76/266 (“Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum”), the General Assembly further:

- Takes note with appreciation of the regional reviews of the implementation of the Global Compact and the reviews of progress at the national level, including, on a voluntary basis, the elaboration and use of national implementation plans and the mainstreaming of the Global Compact in plans and legislation, drawing on contributions from and the meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders, including migrants, as well as parliaments and local governments, in line with a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.
- Recognizes the many efforts and the progress made and the good practices that have emerged in implementing the Global Compact and in realizing our collective goal of advancing safe, orderly and regular migration, and in the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, by national and local governments, the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, migrants, diasporas, civil society, local communities, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, academia, the private sector, parliamentarians, trade unions, national human rights institutions, the media, humanitarian actors, volunteers and other relevant stakeholders.
- Invites relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms, dialogues, forums and organizations, including the United Nations regional economic commissions and regional consultative processes on migration, in reviewing the progress made in the implementation of the Global Compact at all levels, to consider ways to enhance cooperation related to its full implementation, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders and in line with a 360-degree vision.



- Integrates migration as a cross-cutting issue in national development plans, development cooperation and other relevant frameworks, and through the voluntary elaboration of ambitious and inclusive national implementation plans, in line with a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.
- Calls upon the Network to cooperate with Member States and relevant stakeholders to strengthen collaboration, peer learning, engagement and linkages at the global, regional, national and local levels.

Annex 2: Checklist for supporting stakeholder participation

These suggestions aim to complement rather than prescribe how each region and regional Network decides upon appropriate processes.

- Registration to attend meetings is open, transparent and inclusive within physical meeting space or virtual meeting capacity.
- Expressions of interest to make interventions on panels and from the floor are solicited by registration on a first come basis, in an open call and to complement the modalities of Regional Economic Commissions.
- Speaking slots for stakeholders in the multi-stakeholder consultations and on panels and roundtables during the Regional Reviews are decided based on agreed upon criteria by the regional stakeholder mechanism or task team with support from the Network Executive Committee and Secretariat. The selection process will seek to ensure diversity and balance by expertise, sector, country, sub-region and gender, among other factors.