

International Migration Review Forum 2022

Background information

I. INTRODUCTION

In the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), Member States decided that the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) - a quadrennial high-level meeting - will serve as the primary intergovernmental global platform to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the Global Compact, including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

This background note sets out the organizational aspects and the draft program for the first International Migration Review Forum, according to the General Assembly resolution 73/326, entitled “Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums.”

II. FORMAT AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS

The inaugural IMRF will take place from 17 to 20 May 2022, under the auspices of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York, preceded by a one-day informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, which will be held on 16 May 2022.

The IMRF will be chaired by the President of the UN General Assembly. The United Nations Network on Migration (the Network) is responsible for effective and coherent support in the implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM, and will promote the involvement of all relevant stakeholders in line with the GCM vision and guiding principles.

Participation

Participation is encouraged at the highest possible political level throughout the IMRF, including Heads of State or Government. Member States are encouraged to include representatives of various ministries, sectors, local authorities, and stakeholders in their delegations in accordance with the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

The effective participation of all relevant stakeholders is also foreseen as described in the resolution 73/326.

Format

The IMRF consists of four interactive multi-stakeholder round tables, policy debate, and plenary.

The President of the General Assembly will organize and preside over a one-day informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing on 16 May 2022. The President of the General Assembly will also invite a representative of civil society to present a summary of the hearing during the opening segment of the IMRF.

Round tables - The four round tables will offer space for a discussion covering all the objectives of the GCM to review the progress made in its implementation at all levels, bearing in mind that the GCM is based on a set of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles.¹

With input from the Network, the Secretary-General will prepare background notes for the round tables and make these available before the IMRF.

¹ A/RES/73/326, OP 21(a)

The discussions will be interactive, evidence-based, and action-oriented with the participation of all relevant stakeholders. Each round table will be presided over by two Co-Chairs to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly.

All 23 objectives of the Global Compact will be covered through the 4 roundtables as follows:

ROUND TABLE 1

Co-chairs: **Egypt and Germany**

				
2 MINIMIZE ADVERSE DRIVERS	5 REGULAR PATHWAYS	6 RECRUITMENT AND DECENT WORK	12 SCREENING AND REFERRAL	18 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION

ROUND TABLE 2

Co-chairs: **Ecuador and Tajikistan**

					
4 LEGAL IDENTITY AND DOCUMENTATION	8 SAVE LIVES	9 COUNTER SMUGGLING	10 ERADICATE TRAFFICKING	11 MANAGE BORDERS	13 ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION

ROUND TABLE 3

Co-chairs: **Portugal and Thailand**

					
14 CONSULAR PROTECTION	15 ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES	16 INCLUSION AND SOCIAL COHESION	19 MIGRANT AND DIASPORA CONTRIBUTIONS	20 REMITTANCES	22 SOCIAL PROTECTION

ROUND TABLE 4

Co-chairs: **Azerbaijan and Morocco**

				
1 DATA	3 INFORMATION PROVISION	7 REDUCE VULNERABILITIES	17 ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION	23 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The round tables will result in technical summaries to be presented in the policy debate.

Policy Debate - The [Director-General of the International Organization for Migration](#) (IOM), as Coordinator of the Network, will facilitate the policy debate focusing on challenges in the implementation of the [Global Compact](#), including the [links](#) with the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), the capacity-building mechanism, and contemporary and emerging issues related to [migration](#).²

The policy debate will also consider possible guidance for the [United Nations system](#) to strengthen its efforts in improving system-wide effectiveness and coherence and in supporting the [Member States](#) in implementing the Global Compact, upon the request of Member States, based on their national policies and priorities.³

Plenary - The plenary discussion will be divided into an opening segment, a general debate, and a closing segment.⁴ The opening segment of the plenary will feature statements from the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director-General of the IOM, as the Coordinator of the Network, one representative from the migrant community, and a representative from civil society

Member States are encouraged to present the results of their reviews of progress in implementing the Global Compact, on a voluntary basis and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, as part of their national statements.

Outcome

The formal outcome of the IMRF will be a progress declaration. The President of the General Assembly, on 8 February 2022, appointed H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office in New York, and H.E. Mr. Olivier Maes, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations Office in New York, to conduct open, transparent, and inclusive intergovernmental consultations with a view to agreeing on the progress declaration.

The co-facilitators are in the process of facilitating informal consultations on the Progress Declaration, which shall be adopted during the closing segment of the plenary of the IMRF on 20 May 2022⁵.

Additionally, the summaries of the plenary, round tables, and the policy debate will be distributed by the President of the General Assembly within ten working days following the conclusion of the IMRF.⁶

III. OTHER ASPECTS

The first IMRF presents an important opportunity for the international community to lay the foundations for the forum over the longer term, including through voluntary national stocktaking of the implementation of the Compact, announcing pledges, and sharing good practices.

Voluntary GCM reviews

Member States are invited to review, with the participation of relevant stakeholders, the status of implementation of the GCM at the national level, in preparing for the IMRF; and therefore, are encouraged to prepare and submit their voluntary GCM reviews and national implementation plans to the secretariat of the Network (unmignet@iom.int) after which they will be posted on the Network's website (<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/>)

Further information on the methodology for preparing the voluntary GCM reviews is available at: https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/imrf_roadmap_-_with_annexes.pdf.

² A/RES/73/326, OP23

³ Ibidem.

⁴ A/RES/73/326, OP18(b)

⁵ A/RES/73/326, OP26(c)

⁶ A/RES/73/326, OP24(b)

Pledging Initiative

A pledging initiative was envisaged to build momentum for the review of the implementation of the GCM and assist all actors in contributing to its implementation in tangible ways. Member States and all relevant stakeholders are invited to announce pledges towards the objectives of the GCM.

Pledges should be concrete and measurable, respond to existing needs, and could include actions at local, national, regional, or international levels. They should be realistic, forward-looking, time-bound, and preferably developed and implemented in partnership with other stakeholders in a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

The template to submit a pledge is available at:
<https://www.un.org/en/migration2022/pledging-initiative>.

Repository of Practices

The IMRF will be the key forum to review the impact that the GCM is having on national and international cooperation efforts on migration. In this respect, Member States are encouraged to share their practices demonstrating what governments, organizations, and people worldwide are doing to promote the well-being of migrants and their communities.

Member States are invited to upload their policies and practices to the Migration Network Hub Repository of Practices.

Further information on the methodology for submitting a practice is available at:
https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/imrf_roadmap_-_with_annexes.pdf.

Migration Dialogues

The Network is hosting the Migration Dialogues series (January – April 2022) to support Member States and other relevant stakeholders in preparing for the IMRF.

These webinars aim to offer an open and inclusive space where Member States and all other relevant stakeholders can discuss all 23 objectives of the GCM and help identify gaps in implementation and emerging challenges.

Additional information is available at: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/migration-dialogues>.

Side events

Given the ongoing situation linked to COVID-19, all side-events on the margins of the IMRF will be held virtually. The information to submit a proposal to organize a side event is available on:
www.un.org/migration2022.



IV. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

- General Assembly Resolution 73/195, Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration,
 - <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/default/files/docs/gcm.pdf>
- General Assembly Resolution 73/326, Format and organizational aspects of the international migration review forums,
 - https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/default/files/docs/a_res_73_326_e.pdf
- Secretary-General's Report on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration
 - <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/resources/secretary-general-report>
- Secretary-General's Report 2022 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - https://migrationnetwork.un.org/system/files/resources_files/faq_sg_report_english.pdf
- Multi-Partner Trust Fund for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration
 - <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/mptf>
- Regional Reviews of the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration
 - https://migrationnetwork.un.org/hub/regional_review_page?text=&gcm_objectives=All&cross_cutting_theme=All®ion=All&country=All

The draft program, resources, and other information may be found on the [President of the General Assembly website](#) and on the dedicated IMRF website: www.un.org/migration2022

V. Tentative Program

16 MAY	IMRF Day 1 17 MAY	IMRF Day 2 18 MAY		IMRF Day 3 19 MAY	IMRF Day 4 20 MAY
MORNING 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.					
Conference room 4 Informal Interactive Multi- Stakeholder Hearing	Trusteeship Council Chamber Roundtable 1	Conference room 4 Roundtable 3	Trusteeship Council Chamber Roundtable 4	General Assembly Hall Plenary Opening segment • Statements by PGA, UNSG, IOM DG- as Coordinator of the Network-, migrant community, civil society General debate	General Assembly Hall Plenary General debate (cont.)
AFTERNOON 3 p.m. to 6p.m.					
Informal Interactive Multi- Stakeholder Hearing (cont.)	Trusteeship Council Chamber Roundtable 2	Trusteeship Council Chamber Policy debate Facilitated by IOM DG, as Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration		Plenary General debate (cont.)	Plenary General debate (cont.) Closing segment • Adoption of Progress Declaration • PGA remarks