

International Migration Review Forum: Informal Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Hearing

*Monday, 16 May 2022, 10:00 - 18:00 (EST)
Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters*

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Background

The inaugural International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) will take place from 17 to 20 May 2022, under the auspices of the General Assembly, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 73/195 and 73/326. The IMRF serves as the primary intergovernmental global platform to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), including as it relates to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

One day prior to the IMRF, on 16 May 2022, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/326¹, the President of the General Assembly will organize and preside over an informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing with all relevant stakeholders and will invite the representative of civil society to present a summary of the hearing during the opening of the plenary of the IMRF.

The one-day informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing provides a significant opportunity for all relevant stakeholders to engage actively in the implementation, follow-up, and review of the GCM², building on the regional reviews. Both the GCM and resolution 73/326 reiterate the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders in the IMRF.

In preparation for the hearing, the Office of the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the United Nations Network on Migration (Network), held an open consultation with stakeholders on 16 March 2022. The recommendations provided by stakeholders served to inform the organization and agenda of the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing preceding the Forum.

¹ Format and organization aspects of the international migration review forums (A/RES/73/326):
https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/default/files/docs/a_res_73_326_e.pdf

² 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, the media and other relevant stakeholders in migration governance. See, General Assembly, Resolution 73/195, Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, 11 January 2019, paras. 15 and 44, available at <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/default/files/docs/gcm.pdf>.

Scope

Since the adoption of the GCM, several countries have advanced in integrating its objectives and guiding principles into their national planning, laws, policies, and practices, despite the significant challenges and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many stakeholders have been actively involved at the local, national, regional, and global levels, including through the regional reviews which contributed to addressing issues of common interest, including the promotion and protection of human rights of migrants, access to COVID-19 recovery and health plans regardless of migratory status, developing more and better options for regular pathways, ensuring access to decent work and labour rights, alternatives to detention, gender and child-sensitive policy-making, and the urgency to prevent the loss of migrants lives in transit, among others.

Likewise, in the preparatory process towards the IMRF, stakeholders have indicated a wide array of priorities to consider in the development of the IMRF's Progress Declaration through the townhalls, their written submissions and participation in consultations in line with the whole-of-society approach of the guiding principles of the GCM. This includes the participation of local governments and stakeholders as allies in efforts to promote and implement the GCM and enhance coherence across commitments, as also illustrated in the Secretary General's report on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration³.

Stakeholders are fundamental to the success of the GCM's implementation, follow-up and review. As such, the hearing will provide the opportunity to discuss their work with migrants and communities including at local, national, regional, and global levels, to share examples of successful practices, and to make concrete recommendations for future action.

The 360-degree vision and the ten cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles of the GCM will frame the discussions. These will be targeted at understanding the experiences of migrants and supporting policy interventions that redoubles efforts to respect and protect the human rights of all migrants and the well-being of communities. This includes meaningfully engaging migrants and host communities in decisions that concern them.

The discussion will also be informed by the Secretary-General's Report on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and its recommendations on:

1. Promoting inclusive societies and including migrants in COVID-19 response and recovery;
2. Promoting safe and regular migration;
3. Preventing loss of life and other tragedies during migration; and
4. Building capacity.

³ Secretary General's report on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (A/76/642): https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbdl416/files/resources_files/sgs_report_english.pdf

Format

The hearing will consist of opening and closing segments, and three thematic discussions as follows:

- 1) **Assessing the progress, gaps, and challenges in the implementation of the GCM**, where participants will be invited to share experiences and initiatives to implement the GCM (e.g., policy tools, platforms for peer learning, advocacy strategies, among others);
- 2) **Commitments to advance the implementation of the GCM, including in advancing the recommendations of the SG report**, to set out forward-looking recommendations and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to present pledges;
- 3) **Group reflection**, to contribute collectively to a summary of the key recommendations and pledges that will feed into the opening plenary of the IMRF.

Outcome

The hearing will result in a summary of key recommendations to be presented at the opening segment of the plenary of the IMRF by the civil society representative. In particular, the summary will capture the discussions and key recommendations for the next four years on:

- Advancing recommendations, promising practices and strategies to address gaps in GCM implementation at regional, national, and local levels;
- Improving inclusion of all stakeholders, in the implementation, follow up, and review of the GCM;
- Formulating pledges by stakeholders, including multi-stakeholder pledges on GCM implementation at the national and regional levels, including through the development of GCM national implementation plans or GCM mainstreaming in existing action plans and frameworks;
- Enhancing the use of existing mechanisms, to measure and monitor progress on and support reviews of GCM implementation, in between sessions of the IMRF;
- Utilising the Capacity Building Mechanism of the GCM, including the Migration Network Hub and Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund.

Regional reviews of the GCM - Reports and summaries from stakeholder consultations:

Africa

https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbd1416/files/docs/african_rr_multi_stakeholder_wrap_up.pdf

Arab States

https://migrationnetwork.un.org/system/files/docs/gcm-regionalreview-outcomedocument-en-final_clean_01mar22.pdf (see Annex I, II and III)
https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbd1416/files/docs/multistakeholder_dialogue_report-en-final_clean.pdf

Asia and the Pacific

https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbd1416/files/docs/cpr2_eng.pdf

Europe and North America

https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbd1416/files/docs/gcm_unece_regional_review_multistakeholder_meeting_report_by_rapporteur_1.pdf

Latin America and the Caribbean

https://migrationnetwork.un.org/sites/g/files/tmzbd1416/files/resources_files/regional_review_of_the_global_compact_-_civil_society.pdf

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME	
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening Segment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly 2. H.E. Mr. António Vitorino, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration 3. Migrant Voice speaker (TBC)
10:30 – 13:00	<p>Thematic discussion I: Assessing the progress, gaps, and challenges in the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration</p> <p>This session aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highlight concrete examples of key progress, gaps, and challenges in the implementation of the GCM at local, national, regional, and global levels; and 2. Provide recommendations on strengthening the engagement of stakeholder sectors. <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Interventions by: Panellist 1: Migrant association Panellist 2: Local and regional authorities Panellist 3: Civil society Panellist 4: Migrant and diaspora organization Panellist 5: Academia Panellist 6: Private sector Panellist 7: Trade union Panellist 8: Parliamentarian Panellist 9: NHRI Panellist 10: Faith-based organization Panellist 11: International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Panellist 12: Media Panellist 13: Human Rights Mechanism</p> <p>Followed by interactive discussion with interventions from the floor</p>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 17:20	<p>Thematic discussion II: Commitments to advance the implementation of the GCM including in advancing the recommendations of the SG report</p> <p>This session aims to provide action-oriented recommendations towards</p>

	<p>advancing implementation of the GCM, including drawing from the recommendations of the SG report, and lessons learned from the regional reviews processes.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Interventions by: Panellist 1: Africa regional review Panellist 2: Americas regional review Panellist 3: Asia-Pacific regional review Panellist 4: European organization Panellist 5: Arab regional review</p> <p>Followed by interactive discussion with interventions from the floor</p>
<p>17:20 – 17:50</p>	<p>Thematic discussion III: Group reflection</p> <p>This session seeks to deliberate collectively on the key outcomes and recommendations to be delivered during the opening session of the IMRF.</p> <p>Summation of key recommendations by: Moderator of Session I - Summary of key outcomes Moderator of Session II - Summary of key outcomes</p> <p>Moderator:</p>
<p>17:50-18:00</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Civil society representative for the opening of the plenary of the IMRF 2. H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Interpretation will be provided in six official UN languages