



African regional review of implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

**31 August and 1 September 2021
(in virtual format)**

Guidance note for Session Chairs and Rapporteurs

- The Africa regional review of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) will be attended by senior experts and representatives from Member States, senior level policymakers, the UN entities (specialized agencies and funds and programmes, regional Commissions), and the stakeholders including NGOs and civil society groups. This will create an opportunity to engage in substantive discussion in an informal setting.
- The first day is earmarked for expert consultations. There will be four sessions for the different thematic groups to cover the different GCM objectives. The Chair will introduce the keynote speakers (name and affiliation) and provide summing up remarks at the end of the session. The Chair may make brief opening remarks to frame the discussion. Guiding questions are included in the agenda, which may be used to lead the discussion.
- Each session of 90 minutes will have four keynote speakers representing 2 member States, 1 UN agency, and 1 stakeholder representative. The Chair is expected to stick to the time allocated for the session. The presentations will be followed by Open Discussion. The presenters do not have to respond to each question, but rather cluster them into categories when responding to comments/questions. The Chair can use her/his closing remarks to summarize key issues raised and 3-5 recommendations from each session.
- The second day is the ministerial segment with participation of high-level policymakers. The official opening will be chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco and opening remarks will be provided by principals of UN Economic Commission for Africa, the International Organisation for Migration, the Commission of Social Affairs of the African Union Commission, a stakeholder representative and the State Minister for Economic Diplomacy and consular services from Ethiopia.
- The opening session will be followed by two sessions devoted to the presentations by member States on progress in implementing the Global Compact on Migration. A total of twenty member States will make statements in the two sessions. The Chairs of the two sessions will introduce the member State representative and provide summing up remarks at the end of the session.