

# Africa Regional Review Conference of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

## Multi-Stakeholder Consultation

### Draft Concept Note

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## Background

As part of international stakeholders' renewed effort to come together and address migration as one of the most significant issues of our time, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) was adopted as a new global approach to migration governance. The GCM recognizes the multi-dimensional reality of international migration and its positive contribution to the development of all countries involved. Cognizant of the need to provide a comprehensive and coherent framework for safe, orderly and regular migration, the GCM provides a holistic approach to improve international cooperation on migration. It highlights the very nature of international migration as a cross-border and multi-faceted phenomenon. It reflects states aspiration to cooperate in the governance of migration and the need to respect the human rights of migrants regardless of their migration status.

Regional reviews of the GCM are a process – or series – of discussions contributing to a greater understanding of regional and sub-regional migration issues, the outcome of which will inform the IMRF of major regional trends, challenges, successful practices, and emerging issues. Furthermore, the General Assembly resolution [73/326](#) on the modalities and organizational aspects of the International Migration Review Forum in paragraph 5 emphasized the importance of engaging with all relevant stakeholders to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. These include but not limited to representatives of regional processes, platforms and organizations, relevant non-governmental organizations, academic, scientific and knowledge-based institutions, private sector, trade unions, faith based, migrant and youth organizations, diaspora communities and other relevant stakeholders.

## Multi-stakeholder engagement in the Regional Review in the Africa Region

### a) Thematic Based Multi-stakeholder consultations

In line with the principles and commitments outlined in the GCM, and in preparation for the first African Regional Review Conference on the implementation of the Compact, the United Nations Network on Migration (UNNM) convened 4 thematic stakeholder consultations with relevant stakeholders for a transparent, inclusive, diverse and meaningful civil society engagement and participation in the implementation, follow-up and review of GCM in Africa.

The purpose of these stakeholder consultations was to facilitate and expand collaboration and participation in the regional and continental review process, and to elicit stakeholder experiences and views around the review objectives, namely:

- To take stock of the overall progress of implementation of objectives to date;
- Identify key challenges, opportunities, gaps and emerging issues;
- Identify established and emerging good practices and lessons learnt;
- Identify resource requirements and capacity building needs
- Formulate recommendations.

The stakeholder consultations were modelled in clusters forming of four thematic areas. Please refer to the network's website for the outcome documents and reports: <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/country-regional-network/africa>

### b) Multi-stakeholder consultation

In preparation for the first Africa Regional Review of the GCM and keeping within the GCM implementation principles, IOM, as the secretariat of the United Nations Network on Migration (UNNM) will organize a multi-stakeholder consultation on the 27 August 2021. Reinforcing the engagement of all stakeholders across the continent, the multi-stakeholder consultation will bring stakeholders together to:

- 1) Assess the progress made in the implementation of the GCM in the Africa region;
- 2) Discuss challenges and opportunities for meaningful stakeholder engagement in the Africa region;
- 3) Discuss and consolidate the key salient points that came out of all four thematic areas.

- 4) Formulate key messages and recommendations to inform the Regional Review Conference as well as the 2022 International Migration Review Forum.

### **c) Format**

The Multi-stakeholder consultation will bring together stakeholders across all sectors, including but not limited to, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector and employers' organizations, trade unions, national human rights institutions, academia and others.

The multi-stakeholder consultation will be held virtually via the zoom platform.

Link available on the network website and will be shared via the GCM Africa mail.

### **d) Expected outcomes**

The multi-stakeholder consultation will result in a summary report that will be attached to the outcome document of the regional review conference. The summary report will be published on the regional page of the Network's website (<https://migrationnetwork.un.org/country-regional-network/africa>). The report will also serve as additional input to the 2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).