



**The Regional Conference on Migration and the
Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration:
II Preparation Workshop for the 2022 International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)**

Concept Note

Background

On December 19, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM)¹. This is an international cooperation framework that comprehensively addresses the different dimensions of migration, including those associated with work, economic or social factors, and the effects of disasters, environmental degradation, and climate change, among others.

In the context of the **Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean**, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in its role as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration, and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) with the participation of agencies, funds and programs of the United Nations² held a consultation on April 12, 2021 with subregional, regional and interregional processes, platforms and organizations³, some of which participated in the Regional Review meeting held from April 26 to 28, 2021⁴.

Taking into account that, for the most part, international migration takes place within regions, relevant subregional, regional and interregional processes, platforms and organizations, including United Nations economic commissions or regional consultative processes, have been invited to review the implementation of the GCM within their respective regions, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders⁵.

¹ See [A/RES/73/195](#).

² The United Nations Regional Network is made up of the following agencies, funds and programs: The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the International Labor Organization (ILO), the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Organization for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), the World Food Program (WFP), the United Nations Program for Development (UNDP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Human Settlements Programs (UN Habitat), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Office of the United Nations Project Services (UNOPS).

³ The following States and regional or subregional entities participated: Argentina (2021 Presidency Pro-Témpore of the South American Conference on Migration [SACM]), Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico (2021 Presidency Pro-Témpore of the Regional Conference on Migration [RCM]), Panama, Peru, the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Parliamentary Forum of Presidents of Legislative Branches of Central America and the Caribbean Basin (FOPREL), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Central American Parliament (PARLACEN), the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA), the Central American Commission of Directors of Migration (OCAM) and the Central American Integration System (SICA).

⁴ See <https://migrationnetwork.un.org/es/node/180>

⁵ Ver [A/RES/73/326](#).

The **International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)**⁶, the global quadrennial review body of the GCM scheduled for 2022, is the main global intergovernmental platform under the sponsorship of the UNGA where Member States can exchange on the progress made in the implementation of all aspects of the GCM, including those related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, at the local, national, and regional levels.

The first edition of the IMRF will take place from May 17 to 20, 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York with political representation expected from the highest level, including Heads of State or Government. In order to maintain an inclusive perspective on implementation achievements and identify opportunities for further cooperation, the participation of relevant stakeholders in all segments of the IMRF will be essential.

The IMRF will consist of four interactive, evidence-based and action-oriented roundtables⁷ with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, followed by a policy debate in the afternoon of the second day; a plenary session will be held on the third and fourth days. The Office of the President of the General Assembly (OPGA) will organize a day of informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings one day before the start of the IMRF with all relevant stakeholders.

The IMRF will present a unique opportunity to review the success of the GCM to date, bearing in mind that the GCM is based on a set of intersectoral and interdependent guiding principles, and to highlight the challenges that still exist or have emerged during its implementation. The event will issue a short and concise declaration agreed at the intergovernmental level⁸, which the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development may take into consideration.

Regional Conference on Migration

In line with the invitation extended by the UNGA to subregional, regional, and interregional processes, IOM has regularly updated the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) on the GCM⁹. More recently, IOM and ECLAC provided an update on the follow-up and review of the GCM for RCM Member States at the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) Meeting held on July 29, 2021, in Puebla, Mexico.

In their conclusions and recommendations, Member Countries thanked the IOM and ECLAC and requested to organize a virtual workshop on the revision of the GCM, which was held on September 17, 2021, virtually, and which included the following elements:

⁶ See [A/RES/73/326](#).

⁸ See [A/RES/73/326](#).

⁹ On December 19, 2018, the General Assembly endorsed the Global Compact for Migration through resolution A/RES/73/195, by a registered vote of 152 votes in favor, 5 against and 12 abstentions. The United States voted against; the Dominican Republic abstained. Although Member States cannot change their vote on a resolution, they can announce a change of policy. On December 17, 2021, the United States revised its declaration on the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration. See <https://www.state.gov/global-compact-for-safe-orderly-and-regular-migration-gcm/>

- i. The role of the GCM in supporting the work of the RCM.
- ii. The support of the United Nations Network on Migration to strengthen the RCM¹⁰.

In addition, the workshop also addressed how the RCM can contribute to the next IMRF.

This workshop was the first of two dialogue spaces, the second is the one proposed in this document. The objective of both sessions is to produce an RCM contribution to the IMRF.

The above also responds to the conclusions of the second session of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) held on December 1, 2021, in Mexico City, which in point 6, paragraph a states:

Point 6: To thank the IOM for the presentation Update on the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) 2022.

- a. Take note of Mexico's proposal to hold a 2nd Workshop on the results and contributions of the RCM to be delivered at the IMRF, with the support of IOM¹¹.

In this regard, on January 20, 2022, a coordination meeting was held between the Government of Mexico and the Presidency Pro-Témpore of the RCM in charge of El Salvador, in which it was agreed that the workshop would be held in Mexico City in April 2022.

Subsequently, at the suggestion of the Presidency Pro-Témpore of the RCM in charge of El Salvador and the IOM Regional Office, it was agreed that the workshop would be held on March 31 and April 1, 2022.

Note: Although not all RCM Member Countries have voted in favor of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration, being part of the RCM, they are free to participate and express their opinion on the decisions resulting from the dialogue tables, always considering the national sovereignty of each State, as a guiding principle of the GCM.

Product

It is intended that, as a result of the dialogues, presentations and conclusions of this workshop, an RCM declaration will be approved with a regional position on the follow-up to the Global Compact for Migration, which will be used for participating in the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in May of this year.

¹⁰ Conclusions and Recommendations of the meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) held on July 29-30, 2021, in Puebla, Mexico, with the participation of representatives from Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States of America.

¹¹ Conclusions and Recommendations of the second meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) held on December 1, 2021, in Mexico City, Mexico, with the participation of representatives from Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States of America.

Venue: -Mexico's Ministry of Governance.

Registration

In order to participate in the workshop, confirmation should be sent by e-mail to the RCM Executive Secretariat. A maximum of 2 officials per Member Country should confirm their attendance.

Courtesies

Courtesies will be provided only to two representatives from each middle-income RCM Member Country; 2 representatives from the Regional Network of Civil Organizations for Migration (RNCOM) and 2 representatives from the South American Conference on Migration (SACM). The participation of a representative of the SACM PPT and its Technical Secretariat is expected.

Participation level

As this is a workshop, a technical level of participation is expected, especially middle or senior management with decision-making capacity; however, the invitation is open to Vice-Ministers who decide to attend.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Date: March 31 and April 1, 2022

Ministry of the Interior of Mexico

Schedule: March 31: 10:00-17:00 (CDMX)

Schedule: April 1: 09:00-12:30 (CDMX)

March 31, 2022

9:30-10:00 am: Registration and official photograph

10:00-10:30	1. Welcoming Remarks: -RCM Presidency Pro-Témpore (El Salvador) -International Organization for Migration and Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration (IOM) -Ministry of the Interior (Mexico)
10:30-10:45	2. Presentation on the roadmap to IMRF (United Nations Migration Network Secretariat)
Progress and priorities of the Member Countries	
10:45- 11:45	3. Presentation of the progress, challenges, and priorities of the Member Countries in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Belize• Canada• Costa Rica• El Salvador

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States • Guatemala
11:45-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:00	<p>4. Presentation of the progress, challenges, and priorities of the Member Countries in the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honduras • Mexico • Nicaragua • Panama • Dominican Republic
13:00-14:30	5. Lunch
Regional challenges and priorities	
14:30-15:30	<p>6. Presentation of the summary of regional results (IOM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable 1: objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18; (Adverse factors of migration, regular routes, etc.). • Roundtable 2: objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21; Migration governance (life-saving and sustainable reintegration) • Roundtable 3: objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22; Inclusion, etc. • Roundtable 4: objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23; Data, information, and evidence-based policies; international cooperation
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:30	7. Moderated discussion on challenges and priorities of the region for a safe, orderly, and regular migration. (All countries).
17:30-17:50	8. Presentation of good practices of the Regional Network on Migration.
17: 50	Open Dinner

April 1, 2022

10:00-11:30	1. Revision of the proposed RCM Declaration
11:30- 12:00	2. Adoption of the RCM Declaration facing the PMM
12:00-12:30	<p>3. Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Government of Mexico -International Organization for Migration (IOM) - RCM Presidency Pro-Témpore Presidency 2022 (El Salvador)

EVENT FUNDING

Venue, accommodation (2 nights), 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and interpretation: Mexican Ministry of the Interior. Attendees should consider that there won't be airport-hotel-airport transfers or any financing for such transfers.

Flights: International Organization for Migration.

The International Organization for Migration will cover the air tickets of **two** representatives of the following RCM Member Countries and RNCOM:

- Belize
- Costa Rica
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Dominican Republic
- RNCOM

The participants of this event should share the following information with the RCM Executive Secretariat (CRMST@iom.int) before March 02, 2022:

- Complete name
- Institution
- E-mail address
- Copy of passport
- Signature and acceptance of the invitation letter, which will be sent to the participants in due time.

IOM will manage the purchase of tickets directly; it will not be possible to reimburse tickets purchased by participants.