



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

Rabat, 31 August and 1 September 2021 (in virtual format)

Provisional annotated agenda

Tuesday, 31 August 2021

1. Session 1: Opening of the meeting

The Government of Morocco will chair the opening session and after brief welcome remarks will invite the technical heads from ECA, IOM, AUC, the UN Network on Migration and the Government of Morocco to deliver opening statements.

The Chair of the session will conclude this session by talking briefly of the structure of the two-day event with the meeting of experts on Day 1 and the Ministerial meeting on Day 2.

2. Session 2: Thematic round table 1: Ensuring that migration is voluntary, orderly and regular

The representative from IOM Regional Office Nairobi, Kenya as Chair of the session, will introduce the rapporteur for the session (ILO representative) and the keynote speakers from Kenya and Senegal, ILO, and the representative from the International Trade Union Confederation, ITUC Africa. The Chair will invite the keynote speakers to provide their perspectives on the GCM Objectives covered under this thematic roundtable.

The Chair will moderate the open discussion following the keynote presentations and will conclude the session with his/her perspective.

3. Session 3: Thematic round table 2: Protecting migrants through rights-based border governance measures

The Chair of the session, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, will introduce the rapporteur for the session (IOM representative) and keynote speakers from Cameroon and Chad, UNICEF, and the ICRC Head of Delegation to the African Union (representing

civil society). The Chair will invite the keynote speakers to provide their perspectives on the GCM Objectives covered under this thematic roundtable.

The Chair will moderate the open discussion following the keynote presentations and will conclude the session with his/her perspective.

4. Session 4: Thematic round table 3: Supporting the integration of migrants and their contribution to development

The Chair of the session from the Africa Regional Office of the World Health Organisation, will introduce the rapporteur for the session from the UN Economic Commission for Africa, and the keynote speakers from Egypt and Eswatini, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the representative of the Pan-African Network in Defence of Migrant Rights. The Chair will invite the keynote speakers to provide their perspectives on the GCM Objectives covered under this thematic roundtable.

The Chair will moderate the open discussion following the keynote presentations and will conclude the session with his/her perspective.

5. Session 5: Thematic round table 4: Improving value-driven and evidence-based policymaking and public debate and enhancing cooperation on migration

The Chair of the session, Director (ad interim) of the African Migration Observatory in Morocco will introduce the rapporteur for the session (Kristina Mejo from IOM) and the keynote speakers from Niger and Tunisia, Arab States Regional Office of the UNFPA, and the representative from ICRC. The Chair will invite the keynote speakers to provide their perspectives on the GCM Objectives covered under this thematic roundtable.

The Chair will moderate the open discussion following the keynote presentations and will conclude the session with his/her perspective.

Wednesday, 1 September 2021

6. Session 1: Official Opening ceremony

H.E. Nasser Bourita, Minister for Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans Residing Abroad, Government of Morocco will chair the opening session and after brief welcome remarks will introduce the panellists and invite representatives from ECA, IOM, AUC, and a senior Minister from Ethiopia to deliver opening statements.

7. Session 2: Review of progress and challenges in implementing the Global Compact in Africa

This is the first of the two sessions for member States to present progress in their respective countries. The session will be chaired by the deputy minister from Liberia and the rapporteur will be a representative from Cote d'Ivoire.

Each statements by a member State will be for 8 minutes and the order of presentation will be organised alphabetically as follows: Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana and the Republic of Guinea.

8. Session 3 (contd.): Review of progress and challenges in implementing the Global Compact in Africa

This is the second of the two sessions for member States to present progress in their respective countries. The session will be chaired by the Minister of Gender, Children and Social Welfare from The Gambia and the Deputy Assistant Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking from Egypt.

Each statements by a member State will be for 5 minutes and the order of presentation will be organised alphabetically as follows: Kenya, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Nigeria, Seychelles, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Uganda.

9. Session 4: Key findings of the multi-stakeholder consultations

The session will be chaired by Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The representative of the Stakeholder Engagement Taskforce will be the rapporteur. A short presentation summarising the key outcomes of the stakeholder consultations that took place on 27 August 2021 will be followed by open discussion.

The objective of the session is to share stakeholder perspective with ministers and senior level policy makers from member States.

10. Session 5: Key findings from sub-regional reports

The session will be chaired by the African Union Commission and the rapporteur will be from the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD). A short presentation summarising the key outcomes of the earlier consultations will be followed by open discussion.

The objective of the session is to share the perspective of regional economic communities with ministers and senior level policy makers from member States.

11. Session 6: Key findings from the continental report

The session will be chaired by the UN Economic Commission for Africa. The rapporteur will be from the International Organisation for Migration. ECA will make a short presentation summarising the key outcomes of the continental report will be followed by open discussion.

The objective of the session is to share the key results of the continental report with ministers and senior level policy makers from member States.

12. Session 7: Summary of discussions

The session will be chaired by the African Union Commission. The rapporteurs from each round table will present short summaries of the key discussions of their respective session. The objective is to ensure that all key points are taken on board and discussed that highlight next steps in the implementation of the GCM.

13. Session 8: Closing of the meeting

The session will be chaired by the Government of Morocco. Representatives from AUC, IOM and ECA will provide concluding remarks. The meeting will conclude with final remarks from the Chair.