

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

Information note for participants

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

Format

Africa Regional Review Conference of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) will be held from 31 August and 1 September 2021 hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco. Due to the current Covid situation it is going to be a virtual conference.

Please find below general information on meeting arrangements that may be helpful for your participation in the Conference.

Additional information regarding the GCM can be found on the ECA web page dedicated to the Forum (<https://www.uneca.org/events/gpspd/conference-africa-regional-review-global-compact-safe-orderly-regular-migration>)

Overview

The Regional Review Conference will provide a platform for Member States and stakeholders to take stock, highlight achievements, review challenges and opportunities, identify gaps, discuss regional priorities and identify resource requirements in implementation of the GCM. It will be preceded by a multi-stakeholder consultation on **27 August 2021**. Furthermore, African Member States and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to organize side events on 26 August 2021.

Registration

All participants must register online via the link provided in the invitation letter. They are encouraged to do so well in advance to accelerate the accreditation process. All participants who have successfully registered online will receive a confirmation email containing a link to the designated online platform for virtual participation.

Technical guidance

The Conference will be held virtually. All participants will receive Zoom connection link to the session via email. Those with speaking roles (i.e., chairs, panellists, moderators, etc.) will have the ability to activate their microphones and show their video, while all other participants will be able to follow the proceedings and post comments and questions in the chat box. Questions posted in the chat boxes will be relayed to the chair and moderator of the segment. It is recommended that participants use either a laptop or a desktop computer to connect to the meeting. Although smart devices may be used, the options for viewing may be limited and sub-optimal.

Once participants click on the Zoom link provided, they will get step-by-step instructions on how to join. It is recommended to start the login process an hour before the beginning of the segment so as to allow sufficient time to address technical difficulties should they arise.

For those who receive Zoom links, during the login process, in the field labelled “First Name”, please type the name of your institution followed by “ / “(forward slash) symbol. In the

field labelled “Last Name”, please type your title (Mr./Ms.) and your full name. This will facilitate the identification of all participants and their affiliations during the meeting.

Example

For Ms. Xxxxx Yyyyy, who works at ECA, and whose registered email address is zzzzz@un.org:

- In the field “First Name”, please type “ECA / ”
- In the field “Last Name”, please type “Ms. Xxxxx Yyyyy”
- In the field “Email,” please type “zzzzz@un.org”

On the screen, she/he will be seen by other participants as “ECA / Ms. Xxxxx Yyyyy”

There will be two types of participation in the event: “PANELLIST” and “ATTENDEE”. The technical setup of the meeting will be controlled by the “HOST”, who is a technical expert from the broadcasting support services of the United Nations.

Instructions for panelists

- The event link for the day will be activated an hour before the start of the day’s first segment. Sign in 30 minutes to one hour early before the segment that you plan to attend, to ensure that you are ready when the segment starts.
- Find a quiet space in a room free from distractions, with no or minimal background noise.
- Mute the sound on your mobile phone.
- Panelists will have the option to mute/unmute their microphone and turn on/off their video.
- Panelists (speakers) for a given segment should keep their video function on throughout the entire segment to maintain visual engagement with other participants.
- Mute your microphone when you are not speaking to eliminate background noise during the segment.
- Other pre-determined speakers who are granted “panellist” status during the question-and-answer period should turn on their video and microphone functions only during that portion, as indicated below.

During the question-and-answer period

- For pre-determined speakers: If given the floor, please turn on your video and microphone before speaking. Please identify yourselves by stating your name and organization.
- Before taking the floor, find a quiet space in a room free from distractions, with

no or minimal background noise, and mute the sound on your mobile phone.

- Keep your questions or remarks focused and concise so that others will also have an opportunity to speak.

Instructions for attendees

- The event link for the day will be activated an hour before the start of the day's first segment. Sign in 30 minutes to one hour early before the segment that you plan to attend, to ensure that you are ready when the segment starts.
- You will join the virtual meeting space with your microphone and video turned off by default (you will not be able to change this during the segment).
- During the question-and-answer period, you will be able to pose a question by clicking on the chat button and typing your question in the chat box. Please also type in your name and institution. Please ensure to select "ALL PANELLISTS" on the drop-down menu when sending a question. The moderator will read the questions aloud and direct it to the appropriate panelist for a response. However, if you would like to address your question to a particular panelist, kindly indicate so in the chat box.
- Kindly note that the organizer and the moderators will try to address as many questions as possible on a first-come-first-served basis. However, it may not be possible for all questions to be addressed owing to time constraints.
- Please respect other people's views during the segment, even if you do not agree with them. Also, kindly keep all interactions cordial and professional, including Event links
- The event link for the day will be activated one (1) hour before the start time of the first segment of the day. Please try to login as early as possible once the event link is active to ensure that you have sufficient time to resolve any technical difficulties and are able to connect to the segments on time.
- If you have a problem with the connection, send an email to [Hamza Jebbour \(hamza.jebbour@un.org\)](mailto:Hamza.Jebbour@un.org) and [Wendwosen Abebe \(abebe8@un.org\)](mailto:Wendwosen.Abebe@un.org) with reference to your means of connection (i.e., Zoom, Youtube or Facebook), the event number, along with your phone number. A broadcast technician will contact you in short order to provide assistance.

Languages

The working languages of the Conference are English, French and Arabic.

Documents

The Conference is a paper-smart event, during which only electronic versions of Conference documents will be made available to participants.

All Forum documents will be available via the webpage dedicated to Forum documents
<https://www.uneca.org/events/gpspd/conference-africa-regional-review-global-compact-safe-orderly-regular-migration>

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