

Regional Review Conference of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the Arab Region

Annotated Agenda (Final)

DAY 1: Wednesday, 24 February 2021	
Master of Ceremony: Mr. Othman Belbeisi, Senior Regional Advisor for the MENA region, IOM	
09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:00	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Executive Secretary, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) - Mr. António Vitorino, Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Coordinator of UN Network on Migration - Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary General, League of Arab States - Member States Representatives - H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco - H.E. Mr. Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt (recording) - Stakeholder Representative for Children and Youth Ms. Sarah Badr, Regional Focal Point MENA, Major Group for Children and Youth - Rapporteur of the Multi-stakeholder Consultation on the Regional Review in the Arab Region Dr. Ayman Zohry, Expert in Migration Studies, American University in Cairo
11:00-11:15	<p>Scene setting and regional synthesis of the voluntary GCM review reports by Member States</p> <p>Member States have actively engaged in the national GCM reviews and several have submitted their voluntary GCM review reports. The inputs from these reports were synthesized in a regional report that highlights regional trends, key policy developments, challenges, and promising practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultants drafting the regional report Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury, Associate Professor, Lebanese American University Dr. Amira Abdelrahman Ahmed Mohamed, Assistant Professor, The American University in Cairo
11:15-12:15	<p>Plenary Session 1: Voluntary reporting by Member States</p> <p>This plenary session will provide Member States with the opportunity to reflect on the progress made since the adoption of the GCM in 2018. Member States are invited to present on their national experiences, highlighting the challenges faced,</p>

	<p>success stories, existing and emerging priorities, and lessons learned. Member States that have opted to prepare a voluntary GCM review report are encouraged to present the key findings from their review.</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Talal Almutairi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Human Rights, Kuwait</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member State: Iraq, H.E. Mrs. Ivan Faiek Jabru, Minister of Migration and Displaced - Representative of Member State: Kuwait, H.E. Ambassador Talal Almutairi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Human Rights, Kuwait - Representative of Member State: Egypt, H.E. Ambassador Neveen Elhusseiny, Deputy Assistant Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking - Representative of Member State: Qatar, H.E. Ambassador Yousef Sultan Larem, Director of International organizations Department in the Ministry of foreign affairs - Representative of Member State: Lebanon, H.E. Ambassador Caroline Ziadeh. Director of International Organizations, Conferences and Cultural Relations - Representative of Member State: Tunisia, Ms. Hamida Rais Director general of international cooperation on migration Representative of Member State: Yemen, Mr. Mohammed Al-Adil, Vice-Minister of Immigrants Affairs Representative of Member State: Jordan, Mrs. Ghadeer Attia, Head of the Agreements and Contracts Department of the Minister of Labour
12:15-13:00	Break (45 mins)
13:00-14:00	<p>Plenary Session 2: Voluntary reporting by Member States (Cont'd)</p> <p>This plenary session will provide Member States with the opportunity to reflect on the progress made since the adoption of the GCM in 2018. Member States are invited to present on their national experiences, highlighting the challenges faced, success stories, existing and emerging priorities, and lessons learned. Member States that have opted to prepare a voluntary GCM review report are encouraged to present the key findings and messages from their review.</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Enas El Fergany, Director Refugees, Expatriates & Migration Affairs Department, League of Arab States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member State: Morocco, Mr. Ahmed Skim, Head of Department of Migration Affairs, Minister Delegate in charge of Moroccans residing abroad. - Representative of Member State: Somalia, H.E. Ambassador Mariam Yassin Hagi Yussuf, Special Envoy and Children's and Migrants Rights, Office of the Prime Minister of the Federal Government of Somalia. - Representative of Member State: Algeria, Mr. Chérif Oualid, Director of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria. - Representative of Member State: Libya, Mr. Issam Algafah, Director Office of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Representative of Member State: Sudan: Col. Elsadig Elfadil Helal, General Directorate, Passport & Immigration, Ministry of Interior <p>General discussion</p>
14:00-14:10	Break (10 mins)

14:10-14:20	<p>Plenary Session 3: Multi-stakeholder inputs to the GCM regional review Rapporteur of the Multi-stakeholder Consultation on the Regional Review in the Arab Region Dr. Ayman Zohry, Expert in Migration Studies, American University in Cairo</p>
14:20-14:50	<p>Plenary Session 4: Cross-thematic issues in line with the GCM Guiding Principles Member States have committed to achieving the GCM and agreed that the GCM is based on a set of cross-cutting and interdependent guiding principles. This plenary session explores cross-thematic issues that will enable and accelerate the implementation of the GCM. Moderator: Dr. Maysa Ayoub, Associate Director Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University of Cairo</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants Mr. Filipe Gonzales Morales - Representative from the thematic pre-consultation on migrant women, children and youth Mrs. Nourhan Abdel Aziz, Advocacy Advisor for North Africa, Save the Children Ms. Sara Al-Khatib, Program Officer, Solidarity Center <p>Interactive discussion from the floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: Member State: Mr. Ali Abdou, Focal Point Migration, Ministry of Interior of Comoros - Floor intervention 2: Member State: Mr. Nedal Magableh, Director of Legislation Department, of the Jordanian National Centre for Human Rights - Floor intervention 3: UN Representative Ms. Susanne Mikhail Eldhagen, UN Women Regional Director for the Arab States Region UN Women Regional Office for the Arab States - Floor intervention 4: UN Representative Dr. Karina Nersesyan, Deputy Regional Director, UNFPA Arab States Regional Office - Floor intervention 5: Stakeholder Ms. Marj Emad Ibrahim, Migrant Individual
14:50-15:55	<p>Round Table 1: Review of GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18 The first roundtable will focus on reviewing the progress in implementing GCM objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18. Participants will reflect on challenges, good practices, lessons learnt and discuss potential solutions to the obstacles hindering the achievement of those objectives. Moderator: Mr. Khalil Buhazaa, Director of Labour Affairs, GCC Executive Bureau, Bahrain</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member States Mrs. Sheikha Mohammad Al khater, Director of International Labour Relation Department, Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs, Qatar - Representative of the private sector

	<p>Mr. El Sayed Torky, Senior Advisor at the at Federation of Egyptian Industries (FEI)</p> <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (50 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: UN Representative Mr. Frank Hagemann, Deputy Regional Director, ILO - Floor intervention 2: Member State: Tunisia Mrs. Hamida Rais, Director General of International Cooperation on Migration, Ministry of Social Affairs - Floor intervention 3: UN Representative Ms. Monica Goracci, Director of the Department on Migration Management, IOM - Floor intervention 4: Stakeholder Mr. Wassim Rifi, the Regional Coordinator of Building and Woodworkers' International, Beirut - Floor intervention 5: Stakeholder Mr. Hamada Abu Nijmeh, Labour Policy Expert, Workers House Center - Floor intervention 6: Stakeholder Ms. Rima Kalush, Co-director, Migrant-Rights.org - Floor intervention 7: Stakeholder Ms. Joanna Yo, Migrant Forum in Asia - Floor intervention 8 Mr. Zied Charfi, Tunisian Confederation of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA)
15:55-16:00	<p>Summary of DAY 1</p> <p>Mr. Othman Belbeisi, Senior Regional Adviser for RO MENA, IOM</p>

DAY 2: Thursday, 25 February 2021**Master of Ceremony: Dr. Sara Salman, Regional Advisor on Population Affairs, UN ESCWA**

10:00-10:05	Recap of DAY 1 Ms. Kristina Mejo, Senior Regional Liaison and Policy Officer and Deputy Regional Director, IOM Regional Office for Middle East and North Africa
10:05-11:20	Round Table 2: Review of GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21 The second roundtable will focus on reviewing the progress in implementing GCM objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21. Participants will reflect on challenges, good practices, lessons learnt and discuss potential solutions to the obstacles hindering the achievement of those objectives. Moderator: Dr. Zeina Mohanna, board member, Amel Association International and Professor at the American University of Beirut Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Representative of Member States (5 min) Mr. Ali Abdulraman Hadi, Assistant Director of the Department of International Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding of the Ministry of Interior of Iraq- Representative of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Ms. Rania Ahmed, Deputy Regional Director Middle East and North Africa, IFRC Interactive discussion from the floor (60 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Floor intervention 1: Member State: Algeria Prof. Laskri Mohamed Tayeb, Council of the Nation- Floor Intervention 2: Member State: Lebanon Commandant Mr. Fadi Charbatji, Internal Security Forces, Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, Lebanon- Floor Intervention 3: Representative of faith-based organizations Mrs. Hessen Sayah, Head of the Migrants Department, Caritas Lebanon Migrants Center- Floor Intervention 4: Member States: Tunisia Mrs. Hamida Rais, Director General of International Cooperation on Migration, Ministry of Social Affairs- Floor Intervention 5: UN Representative Ms. Cristina Albertine, Regional Director, UNODC- Floor Intervention 6: UN Representative Ms. Ana Belén Anguita Arjona, Senior Community Protection Officer and Mixed Movements Focal point MENA Regional Bureau, UNHCR's- Floor Intervention 7: Stakeholder Mr. Mohamed Wajdi Aydi, Deputy Mayor, City of Sfax- Floor Intervention 8: Stakeholder Mr. Hamdi Abdulbaqi Barwary, Lawyer, Officer of Kurdistan Human- Floor Intervention 9: Member State: Lebanon Judge Mr. Ayman Ahmad, Focal Point Migration of the Ministry of Justice

11:20-11:30	Break (10 mins)
11:30-12:45	<p>Round Table 3: Review of GCM objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22</p> <p>The third roundtable will focus on reviewing the progress in implementing GCM objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22. Participants will reflect on challenges, good practices, lessons learnt and discuss potential solutions to the obstacles hindering the achievement of those objectives.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Paul Tabar, Director of the Institute for Migration Studies and a Professor in Sociology/Anthropology at the Lebanese American University</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Local authority and communities Mr. Salim Korkmaz, United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) - Representative of civil society/migrant organization Ms. Vian Ahmed, Regional Director at the Lotus Flower NGO <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (60 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: UN Representative Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari, Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, WHO - Floor intervention 2: Member States: Tunisia Mrs. Hamida Rais, Director General of International Cooperation on Migration, Ministry of Social Affairs - Floor intervention 3: UN Representative Mr. Javier Aguilar, Regional Adviser for Child Protection, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Office, UNICEF - Floor Intervention 4: UN Representative Mr. Pedro De Vasconcelos, Manager of the Financing Facility for Remittances, IFAD - Floor Intervention 5: Stakeholder Mr. Mamadou Bhoie Diallo, Collectif des Communautés Subsahariennes au Maroc (CCSM) - Floor Intervention 6: Member State: Lebanon Ms. Ola Sidani, Economic Expert & SDGs Advisor, Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Floor Intervention 7: Stakeholder Ms. Najwa Hanna, Regional Coordinator Public Services International (PSI) - Floor Intervention 8: Member State: Sudan Col. Elsadig Elfadil Helal, General Directorate, Passport & Immigration, Ministry of Interior - Floor Intervention 9: Stakeholder Mr. Mohamed Wajdi Aydi, Deputy Mayor, City of Sfax, Tunisia - Floor intervention 10: Member State: Lebanon Mrs. Ola Boutros, Deputy General supervisor for Lebanon crisis response plan and the focal point for migration, Ministry of Social Affairs

12:45-13:30	Break (45 mins)
13:30-14:45	<p>Round Table 4: Review of GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23</p> <p>The fourth roundtable will focus on reviewing the progress in implementing GCM objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23. Participants will reflect on challenges, good practices, lessons learnt and discuss potential solutions to the obstacles hindering the achievement of those objectives.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Amani El Jack, University of Massachusetts Boston</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Member State (5 min) Ms. Siham Mourabit, Head of Division of Human Rights, Humanitarian and Social Affairs at the African Union Directorate, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Morocco - Representative of National Human Rights Institutions (5 min) Mr. Issam Younis, President of the Arab Network for National Human Right Institutions. - Representative of Media Mrs. Khadija El Bab, Radio Nationale Maroc <p>Interactive discussion from the floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor intervention 1: Member State: Tunisia Mrs. Hamida Rais, Director General of International Cooperation on Migration, Ministry of Social Affairs - Floor Intervention 2: Member State: Iraq Mr. Ali Abderrahman Hadi Al Jamili, Director of the Migration Department, Ministry of Interior - Floor Intervention 3: Member State: Lebanon Ms. Denise Dahrouj, Chief of the International Affairs Department of the Ministry of Labour - Floor Intervention 4: UN Representative Ms. Roueida Adel El Hage, Regional Representative, OHCHR - Floor Intervention 5: UN Representative Ms. Rebecca Lamade, Regional Head of Programmes for Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, WFP - Floor Intervention 6: Stakeholder Mr. Leon Isaacs, Joint-Chief Executive Officer, DMA Group - Floor Intervention 7: Stakeholder Dr. Mohamed Saib Musette, Centre de Recherche en Economie Appliquée pour le Développement, Algeria
14:45-14:55	Break (10 mins)
14:55-15:35	<p>Plenary Session 5: Means of Implementation and Capacity Building</p> <p>Participants will discuss means to accelerate the implementation of the GCM and strengthen the capacity of all stakeholders.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia</p>

	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of the UN Network on Migration Secretariat on Capacity Building Mechanism Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head of the UN Network on Migration Secretariat - Representative of Academia Dr. Ibrahim Awad, Professor of Practice in Global Affairs and Director of the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies at the University of Cairo - Representative of Member State Ms. Hamida Rais, Director General of International Cooperation on Migration, Ministry of Social Affairs of Tunisia <p>Interactive discussion from the floor (25 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floor Intervention 1: Stakeholder Ms. Lara Arabian, Executive Manager, INSAN Association and CCRM, Lebanon - Floor Intervention 2: UN Representative Mr. Khaled Abdel Shafi, Director of the Regional Hub for the Arab States in Amman, UNDP - Floor intervention 3: Member State: Mr. Mohamed Basri, Ambassador, Director of Consular and Social Affairs, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation, and Moroccan Expatriates
15:35-15:45	<p>Presentation of Key Messages This session will present the summary of key messages and recommendations that emanated from the two-day discussions. The messages will also feed into the outcome document, which will be submitted to the first IMRF held in 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Kareem ALNOURI Deputy Minister at Ministry of Migration and Displacement, Iraq
15:45-16:00	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Carmela Godeau, Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM) - Ms. Enas El Fergany, Director Refugees, Expatriates & Migration Affairs Department, League of Arab States - Dr. Mehrinaz El Awady, Director of the Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development Cluster, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)