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

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## A. Introductory Overview

- Laying the ground: The GCM and its development
- Regional Review in the Arab region( Is this about the process? Pls clarify)
- General objectives of the GCM regional report
- Methodology

## B. Policy and Enabling Environment

Migration policy development: key trends

- Migration governance strategy
- Migration-related policies and reforms
- Challenges (How are these challenges different from the challenges that will be discussed at the end under means of implementation? The challenges tend to be similar can we fuse them below)

## C. Country Report Findings by GCM Objective: Overview

- Most countries established platforms for implementation of the GCM
- Overall, countries reported considerable progress in achieving the 23 GCM objectives, to varying degrees depending on relevance to country contexts
- 13 out of 22 countries in the Arab region have submitted their country reports reflecting the progress made towards the 23 GCM objectives.

## C. Country Report Findings by GCM Objective: Objectives that received focus

- Obj 1 (data collection),
- Obj 2 (minimize factors that compel people to leave their country),
- Obj 10 (combating human trafficking) and
- Obj 23 (cooperation)

## C. Country Report Findings by GCM Objective: Objectives that received some attention

- Obj 3
- Obj 4
- Obj 6
- Obj 11
- Obj 13-22

## C. Country Report Findings by GCM Objective: Underreported Objectives

- Obj 5 (enhance regular migration),
- Obj 7 (reduce vulnerabilities in migration),
- Obj 8 (save lives/missing migrants),
- Obj 9 (strengthen response against migrants smuggling) and
- Obj 12 (strengthen procedures for appropriate screening, assessment & referral)



## **D. Regional Collaboration: Context**

- The Arab region continues to deal with the political unrest, armed conflicts and economic challenges that have long underpinned its migration realities. 2020 has been an extremely challenging year as the world continues to deal with the still-unfolding COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on all levels of society, the economy and politics.
- Most countries continue to serve as sending, transit and receiving sites for migrants.
- GCM is serving as a welcome accelerator for country efforts to better manage migration challenges. Common affliction by the COVID-19 pandemic, interdependence on expatriates and spill-over from the region's humanitarian crises has further emphasized the need for regional and global partnership.

## **D. Regional Collaboration: Country Efforts**

- Bilateral collaboration efforts largely focused on labor migration.
- GCC countries bilaterally donate considerable development & humanitarian assistance to other Arab countries.
- Bilateral partnerships adopted a holistic view addressing citizen's socio-economic challenges
- Border management partnerships with adjacent countries.
- Multilateral collaboration efforts,

## E. Means of Implementation

### Challenges and Risks

1. With the exception of a few countries, most national authorities were challenged by **the region's political, economic and humanitarian crises aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic's restrictions and socio-economic impact.**
2. **Severe national capacity constraints** prevented more progress on a number of objectives, particularly those where legislative reform and economic investment were involved.
3. **Decline in financial revenue** associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and reduced volumes of regular migration movements have increased the economic constraints in many countries.
4. **The risk of further negative impact by COVID-19** upon national capacity is high and real, at least during 2021.
5. **The continuation and resurgence of humanitarian crises** will drain existing resources as well as further distract countries from taking a longer-term approach to managing migration.

## E. Means of Implementation

### Opportunities

1. **GCM's** call for cohesive, comprehensive and safe approaches to managing migration in the context of sustainable development seems to be **appreciated by most countries**.
2. Countries that have advanced in **developing data-driven policies**, legislative frameworks and cross-sectorial action are in a good position to share their experiences with others still struggling to do so.
3. The good progress made in recognizing, engaging with and utilizing **regional and international cooperation mechanisms and partnerships** can be utilized to further strengthen national capacities to address the GCM.
4. The establishment in most countries of **high-level and cross-sectorial government platforms to address GCM** objectives can be strengthened and enhanced.

**The End**

**Thank You !**