

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and
Regular Migration
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Guidelines for Government Delegates

The purpose of this document is to assist delegates to prepare for their participation in the Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The rules of the procedure of the Commission, including those pertaining to the decision-making process, shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The plenary sessions of the Meeting will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into Chinese, French and Russian, which are the working languages of the Commission. All official documentation for the Meeting will be available in English, Chinese, French and Russian.

Meeting-related materials can be accessed from the following website:
<http://www.unescap.org/events/asia-pacific-regional-preparatory-meeting-global-compact-safe-orderly-and-regular-migration>.

Please note that, in accordance with the current efforts of the United Nations towards a digitized Secretariat, the ESCAP secretariat will be issuing only one set of printed Meeting documents per delegation, upon request.

Agenda items

Agenda item 2. Review of migration policies and programmes and their impact on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration and on supporting all dimensions of sustainable development
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Expected outcome: The Meeting will review the progress made in the Asia-Pacific region in facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration in line with the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and commitments in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and provide perspectives on key priorities for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to feed into the Chair's Summary of the Meeting (please refer to documents E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/1 and Corr. 1; as well as E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/2).

Requirements for intervention: The agenda item will be introduced through a presentation by the secretariat and a panel discussion on "Towards the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration" after which the floor will be opened for interventions by delegates.

The panel discussion is expected to highlight the background to the process of developing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, including the history of discussions of international migration through the United Nations, the emerging consensus on international migration developed through inter-State discussions, and the likely prospects for the shape and content of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. As the discussions would be part of an interactive panel discussion, interventions are expected to be focused in the form of questions to the panellists or short comments focused on the agenda item.

Following the panel discussion, the session will continue with country statements. **A maximum of five minutes will be allotted per country statement** presenting, in a concise manner, national experiences and lessons learned in efforts to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration, including good practices priority issues and emerging challenges which can be considered in the Asia-Pacific input to the process of developing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The statements may further highlight country priorities with regards to the focus, nature and process of implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Substantive discussions of specific issues may be included in the roundtable discussions.

Longer versions of statements could be submitted to the secretariat for uploading on the website. Formal presentations using presentation software are not required.

Representatives of United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations and civil society organizations will be afforded the opportunity to make brief statements on key regional issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration following the country statements.

Agenda item 3. Thematic discussions on key issues in the Asia-Pacific region for facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration
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Expected outcome: The Meeting will review key issues and provide recommendations related to facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration and regional priorities for consideration for the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in specific subject areas through moderated panel discussions followed by an open discussion with members and associate members:

- (i) Legal and orderly labour migration as a contribution towards all dimensions of sustainable development, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures;
- (ii) Addressing the drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, and conflict prevention and resolution;
- (iii) Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, and issues of appropriate identification and protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims;
- (iv) Regional cooperation and governance with regard to migration in all its dimensions, including at borders and during transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration.

Please refer to the following background documents: E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/3; E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/4; E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/5; and E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/CRP.1

The deliberations under this agenda item are expected to result in enhanced understanding of priorities of the Asia-Pacific region with regards to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the key thematic areas.

Requirements for intervention:

Each sub-item will be introduced through panel discussions including a mix of experts from Government, academia, civil society and the private sector as appropriate. These discussions will highlight key issues with regards to the related areas, and set the stage for subsequent interactive dialogue among member States.

Following the panel discussion, each sub-item will continue with country statements. **A maximum of five minutes will be allotted per country statement** presenting, in a concise manner, experiences, challenges and priorities related to the theme of the sub-item. Longer versions of statements could be submitted to the secretariat for uploading on the website. Formal presentations using presentation software are not required.

Agenda item 4. Consideration of the chair's summary

Expected outcome: The Meeting will review the draft Chair's Summary (please refer to document E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/WP.1), which will serve as the regional input for the stocktaking phase of the negotiation process of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The draft chair's summary will reflect issues raised by participants during the Meeting. Amendments will be considered by the chair

Requirements for intervention: Governments shall consider the draft chair's summary and propose amendments, as appropriate.

Agenda item 5. Adoption of the report of the Meeting

Agenda item 6. Closing of the Meeting

Expected outcome: The Meeting will have before it the report of the Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (please refer to Draft report (E/ESCAP/GCM/PREP/L.2). The Meeting will adopt the report of Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

Under agenda item 6, closing statements will be delivered by the Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP and the Chairperson of the Conference.

Requirements for intervention: Governments shall consider the draft report of the Meeting for adoption, and propose amendments, as appropriate. During the closing of the Meeting, Governments may wish to express their final views regarding the outcome of the Meeting.
