



---

# Global Compact for Safe, Orderly Regular Migration (GCM): From Process to Substance

---

Gervais Appave  
Special Adviser to the DG

# The Global Compact

1. What is the global compact?
2. What are the modalities/timelines agreed to?
3. What will the compact say about migrants' health?

# Key Documents

- Sustainable Development Goals – Target 10.7  
Facilitate **orderly**, **safe**, and **responsible** migration and mobility of people
- New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (19 September 2016)  
UN Doc. A/Res/71/1
- Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for **safe**, **orderly** and **regular** migration –  
UN Doc. A/71/L.58

# 1. What is a global compact?

- A solemn declaration?
- A convention?
- An action plan with specific targets and indicators?
- A combination of some or all the above?
- “...the outcome document to be adopted by the intergovernmental conference may include the following main components: actionable commitments, means of implementation, and a framework for the follow up and review of implementation”

- An inter-governmental process
- Appointment of a Secretary-General for the Conference
- Appointment of two co-facilitators to lead consultations and negotiations

- The Secretariat of the UN and IOM jointly service the negotiations
- Expertise of UN system as a whole...to support the process
- SG “in close consultation with IOM” to prepare a report with “facts and figures...opportunities, challenges and recommendations as input to ...a zero draft” ...

## 2c. Modalities: time lines

- Phase I (consultations): April 2017 to November 2017
- Phase II (stocktaking): November 2017 to January 2018
- Phase III (intergovernmental negotiations): February 2018 to July 2018

## 2d. Modalities: Thematic clusters

- **Human rights**, incl. social inclusion, cohesion, discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance
- **Addressing drivers of migration**, incl. climate change, natural disasters & human-made crises, through protection & assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution
- **International cooperation & governance of migration in all its dimensions**, incl. at borders, transit, entry, return, readmission, integration & reintegration

## 2.f Modalities: themes

- **Contributions of migrants and diasporas to development**, including remittances and portability of earned benefits
- **Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and slavery**, including identification, protection and assistance
- **Irregular migration and regular pathways**, including decent work, labor mobility, recognition of skill and qualifications
- **Regional Consultations** – ECLAC (Americas), ESCWA (MENA), ECA (Africa); ESCAP not decided; no ECE regional consultation

### 3. What will the compact say about migrants' health?

- Migrant health for the migration we want (most visible migrants)
- Migrant health in the context of the migration we do not want (least visible migrants)
- Migrant health for the migration that will occur anyway