

Potential formats of engagement by interested Inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration (ISCM) in the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)¹

The below chart seeks to provide a non-exhaustive overview of how [inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration](#) (ISCM) could contribute to the global-level review of the [Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration](#) (GCM) – the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF).

The IMRF is the primary intergovernmental global platform for UN Member States to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects of the GCM, including as it relates to the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). The IMRF convenes every four years, starting in 2022 and is expected to result in an inter-governmentally agreed Progress Declaration, which may be taken into consideration by the [high-level political forum on sustainable development](#) (HLPF).

Held at the highest possible political level, the IMRF will take the form of four roundtable days, each focusing on a number of GCM Objectives (see figure 1 at the end of this document).

Referred to in the GCM and IMRF resolutions as “State-led processes and platforms at the global and regional level”; “global, regional and subregional forums”, “relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes and platforms,” “subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms” ISCMs are one of the stakeholders for the GCM implementation and review and the IMRF. RCPs are singled out for ensuring regional aspects of the GCM review. The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) is referred to individually.

Unlike States that contribute to the IMRF directly on their national migration governance, ISCM contribution to the GCM is a regional, collective input by the ISCM as a whole, and focuses on the work of the given ISCM as an entity and not on the engagement in the GCM of the ISCM member States.

ISCMs can choose from a variety of below types of inputs that can be submitted directly or indirectly or a combination of such inputs. These inputs should be possible to be compiled with minimum resources and time, but will constitute a big relevance for the IMRF and for reconfirming the ISCMs’ central role in regional, interregional and global governance of migration.

Since the IMRF review is structured around the GCM objectives, ISCMs are invited to consider their work that already contributes to these areas of migration governance.

Type of input	Mode of engagement
<i>Before the IMRF Conference</i>	
Own ISCM event to review the progress of the GCM implementation / GCM objectives within its ISCM region	Directly by the ISCM
Submission of an outcome document of the own ISCM event on the IMRF (e.g. ISCM meeting declaration or ISCM recommendations)	Directly by the ISCM (e.g. the ISCM Chair or the Head of the ISCM Secretariat)
Submission of a written compilation of effective practices and partnership models by the ISCM relevant for the GCM objectives and principles	Directly by the ISCM (e.g. the ISCM Chair or the Head of the ISCM Secretariat)
Joint event on / in preparation to the IMRF with other ISCMs	Directly by the ISCM and in cooperation with the partner ISCM(s)

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Type of input	Mode of engagement
Joint submission of a written input by a group of ISCMs	Directly by the group of partnering ISCMs and IGOs (e.g. by a jointly designated member representing all the ISCMs and IGOs involved and acting on their behalf)
Joint event on the GCM review with partner entities , such as intergovernmental organizations (IGO) or non-State actors	Directly by the ISCM and in cooperation with the partner entities
During the IMRF Conference	
Oral statement on behalf of the ISCM at the IMRF conference and its roundtable(s) relevant for the given ISCM's work	Directly by the ISCM (e.g. the ISCM (Co-)Chair, or the (Co-)Head of the ISCM Secretariat, or the Chair of the ISCM's Working Group on the GCM, or another member of the given ISCM as delegated by the ISCM Chair) Indirectly by a Member State or a group of Member States of the given ISCM Indirectly by an intergovernmental organization with which the given ISCM has a formal association
Submission of a written input/statement by the ISCM	Directly by the ISCM (e.g. the ISCM Chair or the Head of the ISCM Secretariat)
A side-event by the given ISCM on the IMRF margins	Directly by the ISCM
A joint side-event by the ISCM with partner ISCMs or IGOs or other partner entities	Directly by the partnering ISCMs
Joint statement at the IMRF conference by a group of ISCMs or with other partners	Directly by the given ISCMs (e.g. by a jointly designated member representing all the ISCMs involved and acting on their behalf)

Figure 1. IMRF Roundtables

IMRF Round tables			
Roundtable one	Roundtable two	Roundtable three	Roundtable four
 <p>Objective 2 Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin</p>	 <p>Objective 4 Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation</p>	 <p>Objective 14 Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle</p>	 <p>Objective 1 Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies</p>
 <p>Objective 5 Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration</p>	 <p>Objective 8 Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants</p>	 <p>Objective 15 Provide access to basic services for migrants</p>	 <p>Objective 3 Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration</p>
 <p>Objective 6 Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work</p>	 <p>Objective 9 Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants</p>	 <p>Objective 16 Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion</p>	 <p>Objective 7 Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration</p>
 <p>Objective 12 Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral</p>	 <p>Objective 10 Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration</p>	 <p>Objective 19 Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries</p>	 <p>Objective 17 Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration</p>
 <p>Objective 18 Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences</p>	 <p>Objective 11 Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner</p>	 <p>Objective 20 Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants</p>	 <p>Objective 23 Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration</p>
	 <p>Objective 13 Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives</p>	 <p>Objective 22 Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits</p>	
	 <p>Objective 21 Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration</p>		