

“Region(s)” and Regional Players for the purpose of the GCM Regional Review

UN Region	UN Regional Coordination Mechanism on migration	UN Regional Forums for Sustainable Development	UN Regional Groups	IOM Region	Political and Economic Unions (selected)	ISCMs
Africa (UNECA)	Sub-cluster on Social welfare, protection and human trafficking (coordinated by the IOM, AUC and UNECA)	Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (UNECA)	Africa Group	West and Central Africa East Africa and the Horn of Africa South Africa Middle East and North Africa	African Union UMA COMESA CEN–SAD EAC ECCAS ECOWAS IGAD SADC	ARCP AU HoAI MiD-IGAD MIDCOM MIDSA MIDWA PAFoM 5+5 Dialogue on Migration Khartoum Process Rabat Process ACP-EU MD
Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Societies (co-chaired by UNESCAP, IOM and UNFPA)	Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (UNESCAP)	Asia and the Pacific Group	Asia and the Pacific	APEC ASEAN SAARC PIF SCO	COMMIT Colombo Process PIDC Budapest Process Abu Dhabi Dialogue ACP-EU MD Bali Process
Europe (UNECE)	UN Issue-based Coalition on Large Movements of People, Displacement and Resilience in Europe (co-chaired by UNHCR and UNDP)	UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (UNECE)	Eastern European Group Western European and Others Group	European Economic Area and the European Union South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia	CIS Eurasian Economic Union EU	Almaty Process Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration Prague Process Budapest Process 5+5 Dialogue on Migration Khartoum Process Rabat Process ACP-EU MD EU-CELAC MD FIBEMYD RIAM

UN Region	UN Regional Coordination Mechanism on migration	UN Regional Forums for Sustainable Development	UN Regional Groups	IOM Region	Political and Economic Unions (selected)	ISCMs
						IGC Bali Process
Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC)	Issue-based Coalition on Human Mobility (being established)	Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (UNECLAC)	Latin American and Caribbean Group	South America Central America, North America and the Caribbean	ACS ALADI Andean Community of Nations Caribbean Community CELAC Mercosur OAS Organization of Ibero-American States SELA SICA UNASUR	CMC OCAM RCM SACM ACP-EU MD EU-CELAC MD FIBEMYD RIAM
Western Asia (UNESCWA)	Working Group on International migration in the Arab Region (co-chaired by UN ESCWA, LAS and IOM)	Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (UNESCWA)	Asia and the Pacific Group	Middle East and North Africa	GCC LAS OIC	ARCP Abu Dhabi Dialogue Bali Process

## Glossary:

UN Region	The Geographical coverage of the UN Regional Commissions, which has been used so far for follow-up and review of global initiatives.
UN Regional Commission	Regional outposts of the United Nations in their respective regions operating under the United Nations Economic and Social Council.
UN Regional Coordination Mechanism	Instrument for coordinating United Nations System support, enhancing inter-agency cooperation and coordination and strengthening policy and programme coherence of the UN at the regional level taking into account the special needs and conditions of the respective regions. Led by the UN Regional Commissions, as mandated by the UN ECOSOC resolution 1998/46.
UN Regional Collaborative Platform (UNRCP)	A suggested unified coordination mechanism to foster collaboration on sustainable development across UN development system entities operating at the regional level. Supported by the UN Secretariat's Development Coordination Office, these platforms are expected to absorb the existing UN coordination mechanisms – the UN Regional Coordination Mechanisms and the regional teams of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG), which bring together agencies, funds and programmes at the regional level providing backstopping support to entity in-country operations. (A/74/73 - E/2019/4 UN Secretary General's report).
UN Regional Forums for Sustainable Development (RFSD)	Are convened in the regions by UN Regional Commissions to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including its follow-up and review process, and to provide regional inputs to the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF).
Issue-based coalition (IBC)	Regional taskforces clustered around cross-cutting policy issues. Guided by the Regional UN System Meetings, they facilitate concerted action between different UN agencies and partners on the operational level.
UN Regional Group	Geopolitical regional groups of the UN Member States for UN GA and its Committees. Listed in this table to consider in case of any negotiations or voting on the Regional GCM Reviews.
Political and Economic Union	Intergovernmental organizations (including supranational unions, trade blocks, common markets, customs unions and regional economic communities) usually established through a treaty or charter.
Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration (ISCM)	State-led, ongoing information-sharing and policy dialogues at the regional, inter-regional or global level among those States with an interest in promoting cooperation in the field of migration. ISCMs comprise of RCPs, IRFs and global processes on migration.
Regional consultative process on migration (RCP)	State-led, ongoing, regional information-sharing and policy dialogues dedicated to discussing specific migration issue(s) in a cooperative manner among States from an agreed (usually geographical) region, and may either be officially associated with

formal regional institutions, or be informal and non-binding.

Interregional forum on migration (IRF)	State-led, ongoing, information-sharing and policy dialogues on migration, usually connecting two or more regions, and may either be officially associated with formal inter-regional institutions, or be informal and non-binding.
Global process on migration	Government-led international policy dialogues on migration at the global level, usually facilitated by an intergovernmental organization, and focusing either on overall migration governance at the global level, or specific themes (targeted migration consultations and discussions in global bodies that have specific responsibilities over certain elements of migration through international conventions and protocols), or interlinkages between migration and other areas, such as development (e.g. the Global Forum on Migration and Development).

**Notes:**

- i. This list does not include the “regions” as defined by each of the UN Agencies, e.g. UN Regions and Sub-Regions for Statistical Use, or ILO, UNHCR or UNDP Regions. It only refers to the geographical coverage of the UN Regional Commissions, since this has been used so far for follow-up and review of global initiatives. In this regard, it is important to note that some States are Members of more than one UN Regional Commission, e.g. Armenia, Russia, a few others are Member States to both UNECE and UNESCAP; Egypt, Libya and others are Member States to both UNECA and UNESCWA.
- ii. In a given UN Region there may be numerous ISCMs and political and economic unions.
- iii. Only selected political and economic unions are listed – based on their relevance, mandate in migration or engagement with ISCMs.
- iv. When considering the UN Regional Commissions, political and economic unions and ISCMs as the main regional players, it is important to note the overlaps and differences among their respective constituencies. There is a complete overlap among the membership of AU, UNECA and PAFOM. In West Asia, the League of Arab States and ARCP include all the UNESCWA Member States. The most problematic configuration is in Europe where UNECE has no mandate to deal with the GCM.
- v. UN Regional Collaborative Platforms are not listed in the table as they are still in development.