

Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration - Second Regional Review for Africa

8-10 October 2024

Call for proposals for side events

As an open space for the exchange of cutting-edge ideas, experiences, and lessons learned in the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration, the second Africa Regional GCM Review presents a unique opportunity for various stakeholders to organize side events that have a clear focus on the 23 objectives of the GCM and other related issues that will feed into its deliberations.

The UN Network on Migration invites Member States, United Nations organizations, major groups, and stakeholders to submit their proposals for side events to the UN Network on Migration in Africa (gcmfreview@iom.int) by 15th September 2024 using the attached template.

Side events can be organized either **in-person** or **virtually, from 30 September 2024 to 7 October 2024**.

Please note that these events should be organized with the objective of sharing experiences, best practices, and innovative perspectives on the GCM implementation in Africa, and should strengthen partnerships and the means of GCM implementation.

Selection criteria

Any entity interested in organizing a side event during the Africa Regional GCM Review can submit a proposal. Each organizer can only be involved in one side event. Please use the online form to submit proposals, attaching a **one-page** description of the event, which describes the organizers, partners, panelists, and speakers, and how the event would contribute to the second Africa Regional GCM Review.

The basic criteria for selection include the following:

- i. The theme of the side event should relate to at least one of the four thematic areas of the Africa Regional GCM Review or be cross-cutting in nature.
- ii. Consideration should be given to gender balance and geography (including local contexts) in the choice of speakers and panelists.
- iii. The format of the side event should ensure broad stakeholder participation, including that of the private sector and major groups, and actively involve the audience. Stakeholders as defined in the GCM include migrants, civil society, migrant and diaspora organizations, faith-based organizations, local authorities and communities, the private sector, trade unions, parliamentarians, national human

rights institutions, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, academia, the media and other relevant stakeholders.

- iv. The outcome of the side event should inform the overall outcome of the GCM regional report. Priority will be given to events with an innovative setup.

Event organizers will be informed of the results of the selection process and a list of all registered side events will be published after the registration process has been completed.

The UN Network on Migration, through the Africa Continental Network, will be responsible for the selection of the side events based on the criteria mentioned above. The Network will seek to ensure a balanced coverage of the 4 thematic areas of the Africa Regional GCM Review and will encourage organizers of similar events to collaborate where possible.

The UN Network on Migration will publish the list of selected side events on the Network website and circulate a dedicated side-event newsletter during the week of 16 September 2024. The summary report of the events will be made available on the Network website.

IV. Responsibility of the organizers

The organizers of the side events will be responsible for the following:

- Invite speakers and panelists to handle their visa and travel arrangements (if applicable, ECA and IOM-SLO will prepare an invitation letter to facilitate visa application).
- Inviting participants from member States, major groups, and other stakeholders.
- Preparing a summary report on the event and sharing it with the secretariat of the Africa regional GCM Review;
- Publicity, reproduction of materials, and media coverage.
- Selection of the venue and all costs related to the venue, equipment, and services.
- Any catering services that may be required, which must be arranged through the designated caterers of the Forum and fully paid by the organizers (if applicable);
- Events should be conducted in English or French. Arrangements for simultaneous interpretation will be the responsibility of the organizers.

Enquiries

All queries relating to pre-events and side events should be addressed to the following:

GCMAfricaReview@iom.int

Annex: Submission form

Requesting Organization *
Contact person's full name *
E-mail *
Phone number (with country and city area codes)
Proposed title of the event *
Description of event, including language and duration (250 words or less) *
Link for details (a URL to more detailed information) *
What GCM objective(s) is this event most relevant to, and how? *
Preferred dates (suggest three) and time (in EDT) *

Proposed speakers (names and brief summaries) *

Suggested agenda *

Plan of action (a brief description of the objectives and expected outcomes of the event) *

Format (will the event be hybrid, in-person or online? How many people are expected to attend? Equipment and/or interpretation provided?) *

Disclaimer: By submitting your request to organize a side event, you agree that:

"I have read and understand the side-event criteria. The costs related to the side event will be covered by the requesting entity/organization."