



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 September 2017

Excellency,

I am pleased to enclose herewith a letter from the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the global compact, the intergovernmental conference as well as their preparatory process, H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico and H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations.

In accordance with resolution 71/280, a preparatory meeting co-chaired by the co-facilitators shall be held in Mexico in early December 2017 to take stock of the inputs received. The letter of the co-facilitators transmits a preliminary information note on the meeting, which will take place in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, from 4 to 6 December 2017.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written in a cursive style.

Miroslav Lajčák

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New York, 27 September 2017

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, the intergovernmental conference, as well as their preparatory process.

By adoption of resolution 71/280, Member States have decided to hold a stocktaking meeting in Mexico in early December 2017. This meeting constitutes an essential part of phase II of the preparatory process. In this regard, we are pleased to enclose herewith a preliminary information note on the preparatory meeting to take stock, which will take place in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, from 4 to 6 December 2017.

The attached document is intended to provide basic information that will assist Member States in initial planning for participation. In the coming weeks and months, we will circulate a concept note, a logistics note, and the final programme. Additionally, we will convene a briefing for all delegations, which will be announced in the UN Journal.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to your continued engagement and to welcoming you in Puerto Vallarta.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Mexico to the United Nations

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Switzerland to the United Nations

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Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

Preliminary Information

Preparatory Meeting to take stock Puerto Vallarta, Mexico 4 to 6 December 2017

1. Introduction

In accordance with the resolution on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (A/RES/71/280), adopted 6 April 2017, the preparatory process leading to the adoption of the global compact includes three phases: (I) consultations (April to November 2017), (II) stocktaking (November 2017 to January 2018) and (III) intergovernmental negotiations (February to July 2018). This note provides an overview of the preparatory meeting taking place in phase II.

2. Context

In line with paragraph 23 of resolution 71/280, the preparatory meeting shall be held in Mexico in early December 2017 for a duration of three days and shall take stock of the inputs received, as outlined in paragraphs 15 and 22. The preparatory meeting will be co-chaired by the co-facilitators. Upon decision of the Government of Mexico, which has offered to host and cover the costs of the preparatory meeting, it will be held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico from 4 to 6 December 2017.

3. Objectives

During this preparatory meeting, participants will:

- (a) Take stock of inputs received during the thematic and regional consultations in phase I;
- (b) Present inputs from relevant processes outlined in paragraph 22 that have not been presented in the informal thematic sessions;
- (c) Engage in discussions and analyse the inputs received as they relate to facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration;
- (d) Discuss potential means of implementation, as well as follow-up and review mechanisms for a global compact.

4. Outcome

According to paragraph 25, the co-facilitators as co-chairs of the preparatory meeting will prepare a chair's summary of the meeting, which will inform the basis of the zero draft of the global compact.

5. Venue

Puerto Vallarta International Convention Center¹ (<http://cicpuertovallarta.com/>)
Av. Paseo de las Flores N. 505 Col. Villa las Flores,
Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, México

¹ Subject to UN approval and finalization of host country agreement.

6. Registration and participation

As part of the preparatory process for the global compact, the preparatory meeting will be open to participation by all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies that have observer status with the General Assembly.²

Delegations will be limited to four participants. The participation of the Head of Delegation is encouraged to be at Ambassadorial level (1 + 3). It is suggested that Member States envisage a delegation size of three to four participants, as three simultaneous segments will take place during the second day.

In addition, the General Assembly has invited intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly and organizations and bodies of the United Nations as well as registered national human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles. Also invited are registered non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and accredited representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, diaspora communities and migrant organizations.³

Additional information on the registration process for Member States and other stakeholders will be provided in due course.

7. Format

A preliminary proposed agenda is attached. The preparatory meeting will be held over a period of three full days, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. It shall consist of different formats in order to ensure open, transparent and inclusive discussions and to facilitate a fruitful outcome of the preparatory meeting. The first and third day will be held in plenary, while the second day will mainly be structured in parallel breakout segments in different rooms. During plenary segments interpretation will be available in all the official United Nations languages.

The first day will look back on the discussions in phase I of the preparatory process and provide a platform to stimulate the discussion with innovative initiatives, ideas, visions and concrete proposals. Discussion in three parallel breakout segments on the second day will serve to collect and discuss possible actionable commitments and means of implementation to be reflected in the global compact, by building on the outcomes of phase I. The third day aims to bring together the discussions from the previous two days and allows reflections on the zero draft of the global compact.

Participants are invited to actively engage in a dialogue and to provide concrete contributions to the discussions by reacting to the interventions made by panelists, presenters or previous speakers. Interventions should be limited to two minutes in plenary in order to ensure maximum participation. To allow participants enough time for the preparation of the work in the action groups on the second day, concrete questions will be made available ahead of the preparatory meeting.

The proposed structure and provisional agenda present a general draft and might be subject to further changes. A final programme will be sent in November 2017.

8. Next steps

A detailed concept and logistics note will be circulated in the month of October. An informal briefing on the stocktaking meeting will also be convened and announced in the UN Journal.

² See resolution A/71/280, paragraph 3.

³ Ibid., paragraphs 4, 6 and 9.

Provisional agenda

Day 1

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES
08:00 – 10:00	<i>REGISTRATION</i>	
10:00 – 11:00	<p>WELCOME CEREMONY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto (TBC) ▪ Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (TBC) ▪ Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration ▪ Co-facilitators 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome participants <p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal inaugural session
11:00 – 13:00	<p>INTRODUCTION SESSION – LOOKING BACK ON PHASE I</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-facilitators <p>Panel I – Global, regional, sub-regional and national perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration (focus: informal thematic sessions) ▪ UN Regional Economic Commissions (focus: formal regional consultations) ▪ Director General of the International Organization for Migration (focus: regional (RCPs) and national consultations outside the UN) ▪ Global Forum on Migration and Development <p>Followed by Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take stock of phase I through representatives of relevant global, regional and sub-regional platforms - Share highlights and recommendations of the different consultations and processes in a concise manner <p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel moderated by one of the co-facilitators - The format is “Davos-style” with each speaker making a 5-minute introduction followed by a discussion in the panel and with the audience. No power point presentations or formal speeches will be prepared. The idea is to foster an open debate and lively interaction. - UN Regional Economic Commissions to be represented by one designated representative - Chairs of RCPs (always a Member State) will be given extra time for interventions from the floor on behalf of the respective regional process or mechanism, as well as preferential speaking order
13:00 – 15:00	<i>LUNCH</i>	

15:00 – 16:30	<p>Panel II – Stakeholder perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Civil society ▪ Private sector ▪ Mayor ▪ Academia <p><i>Followed by Q&A</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take stock of phase I through representatives of different stakeholder groups - Include the inputs from the multi-stakeholder dialogues convened by the PGA - Share highlights and recommendations of the different consultations and processes <p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel moderated by one of the co-facilitators - The format is “Davos-style” with each speaker making a 5-minute introduction followed by discussion in the panel and with the audience. No power point presentations or formal speeches will be prepared. The idea is to foster an open debate and lively interaction.
16:30 – 17:55	<p>“IDEA LAB” SESSION – TOWARDS A VISION</p> <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-facilitators <p><i>Presentations of emerging ideas and initiatives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presenter 1 ▪ Presenter 2 ▪ Presenter 3 <p><i>Followed by Q&A</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Platform to stimulate analysis with innovative initiatives, ideas, visions and concrete objectives <p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TED Talk format, in amphitheater seating, in order to stimulate discussion and interactivity - The three presenters speak consecutively, and subsequently join a “Davos-style” panel to answer moderated questions - The speakers are meant to be stimulating and provocative and will represent neither Member States nor the UN system
17:55 – 18:00	<p>CLOSING DAY 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-facilitators 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recap day 1 - Outlook on day 2

Day 2

TIME	AGENDA ITEM			OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES
10:00 – 10:15	OPENING DAY 2 Introduction of working methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-facilitators <p>Moderators/rapporteurs of each session on podium or front of the room to be introduced</p>			Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce agenda of day 2 - Introduce the moderators and rapporteurs (both from Member States) for the six breakout sessions - Present working methods for the synthesis and consolidation of thematic areas based on the co-facilitators' summaries of the informal thematic sessions Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-facilitators, moderators and rapporteurs on podium
10:15 – 10:45	THEMATIC SYNTHESIS AND CONSOLIDATION SESSION – TOWARDS CONCRETE COMMITMENTS Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-facilitators ▪ Keynote speaker 1 ▪ Keynote speaker 2 			Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-facilitators reflect on the main messages heard in phase I, including regional and thematic consultations - Keynote speakers frame the discussions along the proposed focus of the action groups Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-facilitators and keynote speakers on podium - Plenary before going into breakout sessions
10:45 – 13:00	ACTION GROUP 1: HUMAN DIMENSION Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderator Open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>All participants</i> 	ACTION GROUP 2: COMMUNITY DIMENSION Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderator Open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>All participants</i> 	ACTION GROUP 3: LOCAL/SUB-NATIONAL DIMENSION Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderator Open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>All participants</i> 	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyze the full scope of the thematic discussions from different angles Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One or two concrete questions will be presented to participants for each action group a few weeks ahead of the meeting - Moderated each by a Member State - Rapporteurs are Member State representatives - The moderator will introduce the dimension and briefly present the questions that have been submitted to participants in advance for preparation - The open discussion is focused on discussing/proposing actionable commitments and means of implementation - At the end, the moderator and rapporteur summarize the main outcomes of the action group - The results are put into a pre-established format for concise inputs in the form of bullet points
13:00 –	<i>LUNCH</i>			

15:00				
15:30 – 18:00	ACTION GROUP 4: NATIONAL DIMENSION Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderator Open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>All participants</i> 	ACTION GROUP 5: REGIONAL DIMENSION Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderator Open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>All participants</i> 	ACTION GROUP 6: GLOBAL DIMENSION Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderator Open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>All participants</i> 	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyze the full scope of the thematic discussions from different angles Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One or two concrete questions will be presented to participants for each action group a few weeks ahead of the meeting - Moderated each by a Member State - Rapporteurs are Member State representatives - The moderator will introduce the dimension and briefly present the questions that have been submitted to participants in advance for preparation - The open discussion is focused on discussing/proposing actionable commitments and means of implementation - At the end, the moderator and rapporteur summarize the main outcomes of the action group - The results are put into a pre-established format for concise inputs in the form of bullet points

Day 3

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES
10:00 – 10:05	OPENING DAY 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-facilitators 	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce agenda of day 3 Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-facilitators on podium
10:05 – 11:00	REPORTING SESSION – THEMATIC SYNTHESIS AND CONSOLIDATION – TOWARDS CONCRETE COMMITMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6 rapporteurs from the action groups – reporting back from discussions on dimensions of international migration 	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on the action groups - Present concrete proposals of commitments and means of implementation and share outcomes to be included in the chair's summary Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderated by co-facilitators - Panel of all 6 rapporteurs (Member States)
11:00 – 13:00	FOLLOW-UP AND IMPLEMENTATION SESSION – TOWARDS A COHERENT INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE AND EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-facilitators Panel on institutional architecture and partnerships	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss possible means of implementation, follow-up and review of the global compact - Discuss overarching means of implementation, such as partnerships, capacity-building, financing, data, etc. Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-facilitators to chair and moderate the panels and the interactive discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration ▪ International Organization for Migration (IOM) ▪ Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) ▪ Someone to represent regional perspectives ▪ Civil society ▪ Private sector <p>Followed by Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel will focus on the perspectives of the institutions represented in the follow-up and review process of the global compact and their complementarities as a basis for coherent partnerships - Panelists should present their perspectives in 5 minutes - In the following discussion, delegations will react to the proposals of the panelists, and provide views on follow-up, review and implementation
13:00 – 15:00	<i>LUNCH</i>	
15:00 – 17:30	<p>CONCLUDING SESSION – TOWARDS A GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration ▪ Overarching perspective from a migration expert ▪ Co-facilitators <p>Followed by an interactive debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All participants 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary panel based on a reading of what the GCM may look like, by taking into account the discussions throughout the three-day meeting <p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-facilitators, Secretary-General as rapporteur of the meeting, and an overarching expert on podium - Followed by an interactive debate that may be used by delegations to again communicate key messages or to address any other business - Co-facilitators will moderate the session and Secretary-General will provide an outlook on the SG report - The independent expert, with extensive expertise in the area of migration, will provide an overarching perspective on the discussions that took place in the previous three days - The PGA will join the panel with representatives of the host country to commence the closing ceremony immediately after the conclusion.
17:30 – 18:00	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly ▪ Co-facilitators ▪ Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration ▪ Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico or the President of Mexico (TBC) 	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closing remarks and bid farewell <p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PGA, Co-facilitators, SGICM and Government of Mexico on podium