

## **Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration**

### **Procedural Note for the Second Informal Thematic Session:**

**“Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crisis, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution”**

**New York, 22-23 May 2017  
United Nations Headquarters, ECOSOC chamber**

#### **I. Introduction**

In resolution A/RES/71/280 entitled “Modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration”, the General Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the Secretary-General and by drawing on the expertise of the International Organization for Migration in particular, other members of the Global Migration Group and other relevant entities, to organize a series of informal thematic sessions on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration that shall address, but not be limited to, the elements outlined in annex II, paragraph 8, of its resolution A/RES/71/1.

The second informal thematic session will address drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crisis, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution.

#### **II. Format**

The informal thematic session will be held over the course of two days from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and will be co-chaired by the co-facilitators. The session will include brief welcoming remarks, the presentation of the issue brief, three expert panels, a summary panel discussion, and closing remarks.

##### ***a. Welcoming remarks***

The co-facilitators will make welcoming remarks presenting the informal thematic session (ten minutes).

##### ***b. Presentation of the issue brief***

The Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference will present the inter-agency issue brief for the informal thematic session.

##### ***c. Expert panels***

Each expert panel will be moderated by a Member State, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 17 of resolution A/RES/71/280. The moderator will open and close each expert panel and ensure the interactive nature of the discussions. The opening remarks from the moderator will be of 7 minutes.

There will be three experts on each panel. Each expert will make a brief introductory presentation on the theme (five to seven minutes each). Panelists will be asked to briefly frame the issues to be discussed in their panel session, and to include in their remarks relevant facts and figures related to

the scope of the issues to be discussed, highlight gaps in policy and implementation, and identify priorities for action.

The presentations of the panelists will be followed by an interactive discussion led by the moderator. During the discussions, delegations may ask questions and provide comments to the panelists or provide brief observations on the theme. The limit for interventions from the floor is three minutes. There will not be a pre-inscribed speaker's list.

The interactive discussion will include alternating segments between Member States and panelists. Other accredited stakeholders may participate in accordance with resolution A/RES/71/280.

On taking the floor, all participants are encouraged to reflect on effective national, regional and international policies, key policy priorities, data collection and disaggregation (by age, sex and migratory status) as well as capacities for implementation. Participants are encouraged to provide examples of good practices and multi-stakeholder partnerships and to present actions and commitments to inform the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

The moderator will provide concluding remarks at the end of each panel (7 minutes), summarizing the main points discussed, any conclusions, and issues of major relevance to the interactive discussion.

The precise structure of each expert panel is outlined in the attached agenda.

#### **d. Summary panel**

At the conclusion of the three expert panels, a summary panel composed of the three moderators and a thematic expert will be co-chaired by the co-facilitators. The moderators of each panel will provide their perspectives of the various views expressed during their panel discussions (fifteen minutes each). The thematic expert will then provide remarks about the interlinkages and overarching themes between the panels, as well as offer ideas for further discussion, potential commitments to consider and options for ways forward (fifteen minutes). The co-facilitators will then open the floor to reactions and comments from Member States, who may in turn also ask questions and bring forward recommendations regarding the substantive topic of the informal thematic session.

#### **e. Closing**

At the conclusion of the summary panel, the co-facilitators will outline their main conclusions of the informal thematic session.

#### **f. Side events**

Side events may be organized during the lunch break (1:15 pm to 2:45 pm) or preceding or following the plenary sessions. Organizers of side events are responsible for making their own arrangements but are encouraged to coordinate their plans with the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

## ANNEX 1: Agenda

### Day 1

Time	Concept
10.00-10.15	<p><b>Opening segment</b></p> <p>Welcome remarks by the co-facilitators</p> <p>Remarks by the Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference</p>
10.15-13.00	<p><b>PANEL 1: Sustainable development and poverty eradication</b></p> <p>This panel will identify development approaches that address poverty, underdevelopment, lack of opportunities and access to services that create conditions for balanced, sustainable and inclusive economic growth and employment, reducing vulnerabilities at all stages of migration. The panel will explore how well-governed and well-informed migration policies can harness the development benefits of migration to alleviate poverty, reduce inequality and realize the full potential of the 2030 Agenda for migrants and communities.</p>
13.00-15.00	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Space for Side Events</p>
15.00-17.50	<p><b>PANEL 2: Human-made crises as drivers of migration</b></p> <p>This panel will examine policy options for a more concerted focus on prevention of human-made crises, for example, through preventive diplomacy, conflict prevention, resolution, joint humanitarian-development and peacebuilding efforts, etc. The panel will advance ways to build peaceful and secure environments in communities of origin, transit and destination.</p>
17.50-18.00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators

### Day 2

Time	Concept
10.00-10.15	Welcome remarks by the co-facilitators
10.15-13.00	<p><b>PANEL 3: Adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters as drivers of migration</b></p> <p>This panel will explore ways that i) minimize the adverse effects of environmental degradation, climate change and disasters on migration and ensure effective preparedness and response mechanisms, while harnessing the potential benefits of safe, orderly and regular migration, and ii) link relevant international migration, climate change, environment, humanitarian and development policy frameworks to ensure complementarity and coherence in addressing climate change, hazard-related risks and associated migration pressures at the global, regional and national levels.</p>
13.00-15.00	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Space for Side Events</p>
15.00-17.30	<p><b>SUMMARY PANEL: Synopsis of the main conclusions and outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moderators present the key recommendations resulting from their panels</li> <li>▪ Thematic expert having followed both days provides a short overview of the main discussions</li> <li>▪ Interactive exchange between the moderators, the thematic expert and Member States on the outcomes of the session</li> </ul>
17.30-17.50	Co-facilitators draw the main conclusions of the interlinkages and the overarching theme of the session
17.50-18.00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators