

Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

Procedural Note for the Fourth Informal Thematic Session: “Contributions of migrants and diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits”

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United Nations Headquarters, Trusteeship Council Chamber**

I. Introduction

In resolution A/RES/71/280 “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 fourth informal thematic session will address contributions of migrants and diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits.

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 five to seven 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 speakers' 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 (five to seven 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 (ten to 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 conclusions of the informal thematic session and briefly inform about the next steps.

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 Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Thematic expert, having followed both days, provides a short overview of the main discussions and the interlinkages between the panels▪ Interactive exchange between the moderators, the thematic expert and Member States on the outcomes of the session
17.50-18.00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators