

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

### **Procedural Note for the Fifth Informal Thematic Session: “Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims”**

**Vienna, 4-5 September 2017  
Vienna International Centre, Plenary Room**

#### **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 fifth informal thematic session will address smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims.

#### **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 the plenary sessions. Organizers of side events are encouraged to coordinate their plans with the office of the Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference before 10 August 2017. Please contact [gcmigrationparticipationvienna@un.org](mailto:gcmigrationparticipationvienna@un.org).

## ANNEX 1: Agenda

### Day 1

Time	Concept
10.00-10.15	<p><b>Opening segment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcome remarks by the co-facilitators</li> <li>▪ Remarks by the Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference</li> </ul>
10.15-13.00	<p><b>PANEL 1: Smuggling of migrants</b></p> <p>This panel will examine actions taken and gaps in responses to the smuggling of migrants. Panelists will discuss: implementation of the definition of smuggling of migrants and the related obligations and commitments at international law; the range of stakeholders involved in investigating and prosecuting criminal actors, preventing smuggling of migrants and assisting and protecting smuggled migrants; national and cross-border coordination and cooperation, including between State and non-State actors; the challenges and opportunities of a framework seeking to both combat the smuggling of migrants and protect the rights of smuggled migrants; and the preventive impact of measures such as the availability of pathways for regular migration, or coordinated cross-border action against transnational smuggling networks.</p>
13.00-15.00	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Space for Side Events</p>
15.00-17.50	<p><b>PANEL 2: Trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery</b></p> <p>This panel will explore the crime of human trafficking including for sexual exploitation, forced labor, servitude and slavery, and related exploitative practices. This panel will examine actions taken and gaps in responses to trafficking in persons. Panelists will discuss: implementation of the definition of trafficking in persons and the related obligations and commitments at international law; the range of stakeholders involved in investigating and prosecuting criminal actors, preventing trafficking in persons and protecting its victims; national and cross-border coordination and cooperation, including between State and non-State actors; the challenges and opportunities of a framework seeking to both combat trafficking in persons and protect the rights of trafficking victims; and the preventive impact of measures such as risk assessment of re-victimization or re-trafficking in developing counter-trafficking responses, or initiatives to address exploitative labor practices within supply chains, or consumer-based action against products or services resulting from trafficked labor.</p>
17.50-18.00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators

### Day 2

Time	Concept
10.00-10.05	Welcome remarks by the co-facilitators
10.05-13.00	<p><b>PANEL 3: Appropriate identification, protection, and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims</b></p> <p>This panel will examine concrete measures undertaken to enhance protection and assistance of trafficking victims and smuggled migrants, as migrants in vulnerable situations. The panel would focus in particular on issues of (a) identification and referral, such as ensuring an adequate capacity amongst all relevant actors and the availability of information and related resources to migrants regarding rights, access and the extent of various forms of assistance and support; (b) protection,</p>

	such as ensuring the non-criminalisation of trafficked persons and smuggled migrants, or that specialised responses are linked with a broader protection framework including child protection and asylum procedures, and (c) assistance, including that access to support measures is not made conditional upon cooperation with State criminal justice authorities. The panel will provide examples of tools, highlight specific forms of protection and assistance and the roles of various actors.	
13.00-15.00	Lunch	Space for Side Events
15.00-17.50	<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 and the interlinkages between the panels</li> <li>▪ Interactive exchange between the moderators, the thematic expert and Member States on the outcomes of the session</li> </ul>	
17.50-18.00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators	