



In accordance with the resolution on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (A/71/280), per OP 22, Member States have called upon “...the Secretary-General, in close consultation with IOM, to develop a work plan for Member States by March 2017 in order to make use of relevant processes, mechanisms and initiatives in the field of migration...”.

The present document is a work plan which outlines those “relevant processes, mechanisms and initiatives in the field of migration” as specifically called for in A/71/280. This work plan covers the entire preparatory process in its three phases leading to the adoption of the global compact. This work plan will be periodically updated on the dedicated website: <https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/>.

Phase I of the process covers the period from April 2017 – November 2017 and will focus on consultations. During this consultation phase, Member States will have an opportunity to provide their inputs and share views on developing a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. The Member States will have this opportunity through the six informal thematic meetings on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration to be held in New York, Geneva and Vienna (OP15A, B and C) and the meetings of the UN Regional Economic Commissions (OP22a). The General Assembly will receive relevant background documents ahead of each informal thematic session (OP18). Other fora for inputs and sharing of views will include other relevant processes, mechanisms and initiatives in the field of migration, such as the regional consultative processes (OP22b), the Global Forum on Migration and Development (OP22b) and the IOM International Dialogue on Migration (OP22b). In addition, the first two of four multi-stakeholder hearings (OP30) will be held during Phase I. The consultations undertaken during Phase I will feed into the preparatory stocktaking meeting and the preparation of the Secretary-General’s report under Phase II.

Phase II of the process covers the period from November 2017 to January 2018 and will take into consideration the consultations undertaken during Phase I. The outputs/summaries of each event under Phase I will be shared with Member States for their consideration under Phase II, as they participate in the preparatory stocktaking meeting to be hosted by and held in Mexico in early December (OP23). A chair’s summary of the preparatory stocktaking meeting will be prepared by the co-facilitators (OP25). During Phase II, the Secretary-General’s report as input to the zero draft of the global compact and the intergovernmental negotiations will also be released (OP26). The preparatory stocktaking meeting and ensuing reports will help feed into the intergovernmental negotiations under Phase III.

Phase III of the process covers the period from February to July 2018 and is the final phase leading to the adoption of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. Phase III will include the release of the zero draft of the global compact (OP27) ahead of the intergovernmental negotiations which will take place several days each month from February through July 2018 (OP28). This Phase will also include the last two multi-stakeholder consultations (OP30).

In order for inputs to be delivered either in Phase I or Phase II, a Member State or a group of Member States must bring them forward, either in the informal thematic sessions or at the stocktaking meeting. All Member States may make references to any inputs received, which will be made available on a dedicated website: <https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/>.

The intergovernmental conference to adopt the global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration is listed at the end of the work plan after Phase III (OP1(a)).

The modalities resolution also gives reference to the establishment of a new UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on International Migration, included to be the Secretary-General of the Conference (OP10) and to act as the focal point of the United Nations system for providing support to the state-led preparatory process and the organization of intergovernmental conference, (OPs10 and 12).

The color coding below indicates the following grouping of events:

Thematic sessions
UN Regional Economic Commissions*
Regional Consultative Processes
Multi-stakeholder consultations
Global Forum on Migration and Development
IOM International Dialogue on Migration
Preparatory stocktaking meeting; other meetings; distribution of documents; negotiations

PHASE I – CONSULTATIONS			
March 2017			
2 March	Regional Consultative Process	Budapest Process Consultation Meeting “Ministerial Conference 2018 and the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration”	Istanbul, Turkey
31 March		SRTSG work plan delivered to Member States	New York
April 2017			
5 April TBC		PGA to circulate documentation for the first thematic session and comprehensive note to the General Assembly	New York
6 April	Global Forum on Migration and Development	GFMD Dialogue on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration	Geneva

18-19 April	International Dialogue on Migration (IOM)	“Strengthening international cooperation on and governance of migration towards the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018”	New York
24-April	Regional Consultative Process	Prague Process - Capacity Building Workshop	Prague
24 April TBC		PGA to circulate documentation for the second thematic session to the General Assembly	New York
27-28 April	Regional Consultative Process	Budapest Process – 10 th Silk Routes Working Group Meeting/Final Conference of Silk Routes Partnership Project	Turkey TBC
May 2017			
2-5 May	Regional Consultative Process	Intergovernmental Consultation on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC) Full Round “Preparing for Future Migration Scenarios: IGC States’ Response to Large Scale Migratory Movements; update on Global Compacts, Strategic Discussions, Heads of Delegation meeting” TBC	Norway
8-9 May	First Thematic Session	Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance	Geneva
8-9 May	Regional Consultative Process	Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration (ARCP): Third Meeting of the ARCP on Migration and Launching of the Arab Migration Report for 2017 “Irregular Migration in North Africa”	Cairo
15-17 May	Regional Consultative Process	Global compact on international migration will be discussed with the migration experts from the 54 member states at a meeting of the 3 rd Pan-African Forum on Migration organized by IOM	Kampala
16-17 May	Regional Consultative Process	Intergovernmental Consultation on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC) Integration Working Group meeting: “Linguistic Integration of Adult Migrants: role of language integration, focus on language and the	Geneva

		work place, testing and other assessment techniques, educational support”	
22-25 May	Regional Consultative Process	Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime	Bali
22 May TBC		PGA to circulate documentation for the third thematic session to the General Assembly	New York
22-23 May	Second 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
24 May	Global Forum on Migration and Development	Thematic Workshop on “Migration and Climate”	Rabat
29 May TBC	Regional Consultative Process	Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA): migration data working group meeting	TBC
30-31 May	Regional Consultative Process	Intergovernmental Consultation on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC) Country of Origin Working Group meeting: “Selected/emerging management issues, task force on collaboration and sharing, impact of country guidance on COI production, Fast COI”	Geneva
June 2017			
19 June	Regional Consultative Process	Pacific Immigration Directors Conference (PIDC): Board Meeting	Apia
20-23 June	Regional Consultative Process	Pacific Immigration Directors Conference (PIDC): 20 th Annual PIDC	Apia
19-20 June	Third Thematic Session	International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration	Geneva

26 June TBC	Regional Consultative Process	Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA): border management working group meeting	TBC
26 June TBC		PGA to circulate documentation for the fourth thematic session to the General Assembly	New York
26-27 June	Fourth Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development		
28-30 June	Global Forum on Migration and Development	10th GFMD Summit “Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development”	Berlin
29 Jun – 1 July	Global Forum on Migration and Development	Civil Society Days	Berlin
July 2017			
11 July TBC	Regional Consultative Process	Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA): return and reintegration working group meeting	TBC
18-19 July	International Dialogue on Migration (IOM)	Protection of and assistance for migrants in vulnerable situations from a policy, cooperation and practical perspective	Geneva
24-25 July	Fourth Thematic Session	Contributions of migrants and diaspora to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits	New York
26 July	Multi-stakeholder hearing (full day)		New York
Last week of July		PGA to circulate documentation for the fifth thematic session to the General Assembly	New York
July TBA	Regional Consultative Process	South America Conference on Migration (RCP) XII Intersessional	Lima
August 2017			
4 August TBC		PGA to circulate documentation for the sixth thematic session to the General Assembly	New York
30-31 August	UN Regional Economic Commission	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	Santiago
September 2017			
4-5 September	Fifth Thematic Session	Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants	Vienna

		and trafficking victims	
14-15 September	UN Regional Economic Commission	Economic and Social Commission for Africa (ECA) comprising experts from all sub-regions	Addis Ababa
September TBA	UN Regional Economic Commission	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) with the League of Arab States	TBA
September TBA	Regional Consultative Process	Almaty Process on Refugee Protection and International Migration: 4 th Senior Officials Meeting TBD	Bishkek
October 2017			
2 October	Multi-stakeholder hearing (full day)		Geneva
3-4 October	Sixth Thematic Session	Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labor mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures	Geneva
10-11 October	Regional Consultative Process	7th Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration “Inter-state consultation mechanisms on migration and the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration”	Geneva
Second Half of 2017 (TBC)	Regional Consultative Process	Migration Dialogue from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Member States (MIDCOM)	TBA
Second/Third quarter of 2017 (TBC)	Regional Consultative Process	Migration Dialogue for Southern African (MIDSA): Ministerial Meeting	Swaziland
TBC	Regional Consultative Process	Migration Dialogue for West Africa (MIDWA)	TBA
TBC	Regional Consultative Process	5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean: 8 th Ministerial Conference on Migration in the Western Mediterranean	Rabat
TBC	Regional Consultative Process	Regional Conference on Migration (RCM): Vice Ministerial Meeting	TBA

TBC	Regional Consultative Process	Intergovernmental Consultation on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC) Workshop on international engagement on migration: “Process and substantive aspects of the discussions and negotiations on the two Global Compacts on refugees and migration, developments in the GFMD”	Geneva
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PHASE II – STOCKTAKING

November 2017			
6-8 November	UN Regional Economic Commission	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	Bangkok
November TBA	UN Regional Economic Commission	Economic and Social Commission for Africa (ECA); Meeting during African Development Forum X	Addis Ababa
December 2017			
4-6 December		Preparatory stocktaking meeting	Mexico
18 December	Multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)		New York
December TBA		Release of Secretary-General’s Note on the organization of work of the intergovernmental conference in 2018	New York
December TBA	Regional Consultative Process	Intergovernmental Consultation on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC) Mini Full Round	Geneva
January 2018			
January TBA		Release of the chair’s summary of the preparatory stocktaking meeting	New York
January TBA		Release of Secretary-General’s Report	New York
January TBA		Conclusion of negotiations for the modalities	New York

		resolution on the intergovernmental conference to adopt a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration	
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PHASE III – INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS		
February 2018		
February TBA	Release of the zero draft of the global compact by the co-facilitators	New York
February TBA	Multi-stakeholder hearing (half day) following release of the zero draft	New York
February 3 days TBA	Intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact	New York
March 2018		
March 4 days TBA	Intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact	New York
April 2018		
April 4 days TBA	Intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact	New York
April TBA	Multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)	New York
May 2018		
May 5 days TBA	Intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact	New York
June 2018		
June 5 days TBA	Intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact	New York
June TBA	Multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)	New York
July 2018		
July 5 days TBA	Intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact	New York
September 2018		
September - TBA	Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the global compact	TBA

*Discussions with UNECE member states are still ongoing regarding consultations in the region.

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