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## **Civil Society Informal Meeting on the Global Compact on Migration In Conjunction with the International Dialogue on Migration**

2:00pm – 6:00pm

17 April 2017

IOM New York Office

48<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chanin Building, 122 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York

### **Concept Note**

#### **Background**

The New York Declaration (A/RES/71/1 of 19 September 2016) adopted by UN Member States at the 19 September Summit on Refugees and Migrants set in motion a process of intergovernmental consultations and negotiations to develop a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) planned for adoption at an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018.<sup>1</sup>

The Modalities Resolution (MR)(A/71/L.58) agreed on 30 January 2017, established the procedures for the development of the GCM, and called on IOM to make use of its premier policy forum, the International Dialogue on Migration (IDM), to contribute to the preparatory process of the GCM. In line with this, IOM is dedicating the IDM in 2017 to in-depth dialogues aimed at stimulating exchanges of views between Member States and with other relevant stakeholders (including civil society) and identifying core elements of the global compact.<sup>2</sup>

The MR also underlines that the consultations and negotiations leading to the adoption of the GCM should be open, transparent and inclusive. It reiterates the importance of effective participation in the intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process by all “relevant stakeholders”, including civil society, diaspora communities, and migrant organizations (§ 6).<sup>3</sup>

The first IDM intersessional workshop will be held on 18-19 April 2017 in New York, and will discuss international cooperation on and governance of migration. A discussion on this topic will offer Member States and other stakeholders, including civil society, an opportunity to frame the core objectives for the GCM.

#### **Goals and Objectives**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/declaration>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.iom.int/idm-2017-global-compact-migration>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/our\\_work/ODG/GCM/modalities.pdf](https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/our_work/ODG/GCM/modalities.pdf)



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Given the importance of the IDM within the GCM preparatory process, the timing of its first intersessional workshop at the very start of the consultation phase of the GCM, and the expected attendance and participation of civil society from a range of regions and a diversity of sectors, an informal meeting open to all civil society actors can be a productive and efficient opportunity to:

- Present updates on the GCM preparatory process,
- Share assessments about civil society engagement and advocacy on the GCM through the consultation phase,
- Review preliminary concepts and preparations for the Regional Civil Society Consultations (RCSCs),
- Preview civil society key points and interventions in the first IDM intersessional workshop, and
- Brainstorm provisional next steps and timelines for civil society engagement through the GCM consultation phase.

In line with those goals, a ½ day informal civil society meeting will be organized on 17 April 2017, preceding the first intersessional workshop of the IDM, in New York. This informal meeting will be open to all civil society actors not just from the New York community, but also from all regions. A conference call line will also be available for civil society actors to participate remotely. This informal civil society meeting will take place in the conference room at IOM's New York offices.

### **Outcomes**

It is expected that discussions during this informal meeting will help streamline and synchronize civil society preparations to engage with the preparatory process of the GCM, and to ensure a coordination of efforts. It will also set precedence for other informal civil society meetings and communications throughout the GCM preparatory process, to produce an overall more productive and collective civil society effort and engagement through the entire process for the GCM and beyond.



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### Provisional Agenda

<b>2:00pm – 2:15pm</b>	<b>Entrance and Registration</b>
<b>2:15pm – 2:30pm</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Director-General William Lacy Swing</i>
<b>2:30pm – 2:45pm</b>	<b>Participant Introductions</b> <i>Colin Rajah</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Name, Organization, Regional Scope, Thematic Focus</li></ul>
<b>2:45pm – 3:45pm</b>	<b>Update on GCM Preparatory Process</b> <i>Michele Klein-Solomon</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thematic sessions</li><li>Multi-stakeholder hearings</li><li>Regional consultations</li><li>National consultations</li><li>Other sessions</li></ul> Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Given limited time and resources within civil society, how to prioritize focus for maximum effectiveness?</li><li>Where can we find opportunities to streamline our efforts across the range of activities within the preparatory process?</li></ul>
<b>3:45pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Regional Civil Society Consultations (RCSCs)</b> <i>Colin Rajah</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review preliminary meetings with regional actors, and initial concepts:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Africa</li><li>Asia</li><li>Europe</li><li>Latin America</li><li>Middle-East</li><li>North America</li></ul></li></ul>



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<b>4:30pm – 5:15pm</b>	<b>Preview Civil Society Interventions in IDM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Robert Vitillo, ICMC</i></li><li>• <i>William Gois, MFA</i></li><li>• <i>Maria Pia Belloni Mignatti, NGO Committee on Migration</i></li><li>• <i>Berenice Valdez Rivera, IMUMI / COMPA</i></li></ul>
<b>5:15pm – 6:00pm</b>	<b>Next Steps and Timeline</b> <i>Colin Rajah</i>