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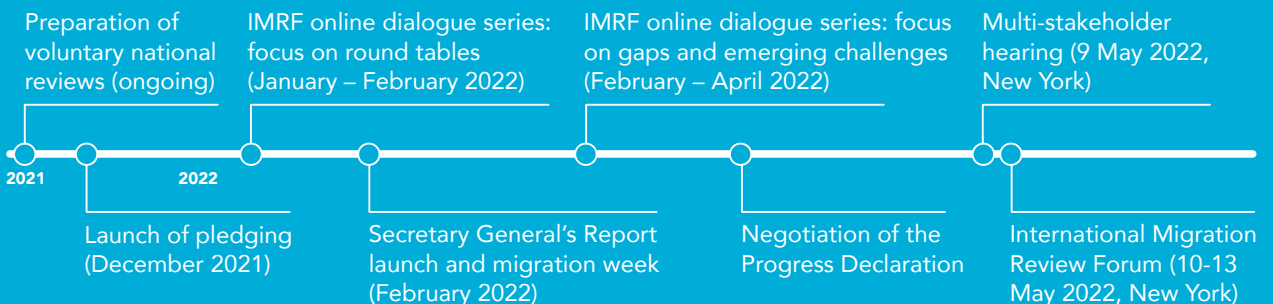
Migration Justice: Delivering on the Promise of the Global Compact for Migration

Paper 3: Using the International Migration Review Forum to further Migration Justice: Key Points on the Roadmap

In May 2022 the [International Migration Review Forum](#) (IMRF or Forum) will review implementation of the [Global Compact for Migration](#) (GCM or Compact) and consider current challenges in migration governance. The GCM contains a promise of people centred and human rights based migration governance. The IMRF is an opportunity to assess progress on that promise and drive further action to deliver on it. The Forum will take place over four days in New York in May 2022, but preparation in advance and follow up afterwards will help ensure the IMRF has an impact on upholding the human rights of migrants. Whilst there is no fixed way to engage with the IMRF we see lots of opportunities to try and use the Forum to further migration justice.

Key Points on the Roadmap

The UN Network on Migration (Network) has published a [calendar of events](#) (please check regularly for more details and updates to the timeline). The key events that we know of so far:



What are voluntary national reviews?

The GCM encourages voluntary national reviews and calls for these to be participatory, so governments should be engaging with migrants, NGOs and other stakeholders as they prepare their reports. The Network has issued [guidance on reporting](#) and has gathered all the reports prepared for the regional reviews ([Africa](#), [Arab States](#), [Asia and the Pacific](#), [Europe and North America](#) and [Latin America and the Caribbean](#)).

Ideas for action

- ▶ Advocate for and engage with participatory processes for voluntary reviews, for example by holding consultation meetings or setting up dialogues with relevant government ministries
- ▶ Prepare your own assessment of implementation, alone or in collaboration with others

What is pledging?

Pledging is intended to encourage States and other stakeholders to make specific, concrete commitments for action on GCM implementation. Pledges can be by any stakeholder, they can be individual or joint, they could be for specific policy actions, or resources, or partnerships.

Ideas for action

- ▶ Advocate for pledges from States and other stakeholders on your priority issues
- ▶ Develop pledges of actions you can take alone or in collaboration with others

Staying informed

Further details are expected in the coming weeks and months including on the possibility of resources to support participation to keep up to date with this process you can check regularly on the [UN Network for Migration Website](#), the [IMRF website](#), and [subscribe to their mailing list](#). Please also [subscribe](#) to be notified when we produce new briefing papers.

What is the IMRF dialogue series?

The IMRF dialogue series will consist of a webinar and an [online discussion space](#) on each of the planned topics. The first four dialogues will cover each of the clusters of objectives for the four round tables at the IMRF:

Round table 1: objectives 2, 5, 6, 12 and 18	Round table 2: objectives 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 21	Round table 3: objectives 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 22	Round table 4: objectives 1, 3, 7, 17 and 23
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The remaining dialogues will cover gaps and emerging challenges: **climate change; preventing loss of life; alternatives to immigration detention; youth; inclusive societies and COVID-19 response and recovery.**

What is the Secretary General's report and migration week?

The GCM asks the UN Secretary General to report every two years on GCM implementation. As well as assessing implementation and UN arrangements, the report will have a forward-looking section identifying some priority areas for international cooperation. Current plans include building a week of events around the launch of the report.

What is the progress declaration?

The GCM says that each IMRF will result in an intergovernmentally agreed Progress Declaration. Development of the Progress Declaration will be overseen by two Ambassadors in New York acting as co-facilitators, appointed at least two months in advance of the IMRF. Because this will be the first IMRF we do not have previous Progress Declarations to refer to. However, based on outcome documents from other UN forums we can imagine that the Progress Declaration will reflect on positive developments, identify new or persistent challenges and potentially set out steps to address these.

What is the multi-stakeholder hearing?

The multi-stakeholder hearing is mandated by the modalities resolution for the IMRF. It will be overseen by the President of the General Assembly and will take place on 9 May, the day before the Forum itself. It will allow more space for non-State stakeholders to intervene and a summary of the discussions will be presented in opening of the plenary of the IMRF.

What opportunities to engage at the IMRF itself?

If the public health situation allows, the IMRF should be a large global gathering of government representatives and other stakeholders working on migration. In addition to the opportunities for migrants, NGOs and other stakeholders to speak in the main meetings, other events such as side events, bilateral meetings and informal briefings can allow space to build relationships and share messages.

Ideas for action

- ▶ Propose speakers for the webinars and participate actively in them
- ▶ Engage with the online discussion space
- ▶ Prepare your own background documents for any of the dialogue themes with analysis and recommendations to inform the discussions
- ▶ Put together documents or hold briefing events that build on and respond to the dialogues

Ideas for action

- ▶ Participate in events in migration week to share your priorities and hear those of the Secretary General, States and other stakeholders
- ▶ Hold events linked to the report launch to provide your response to the Secretary General's report and share your recommendations
- ▶ Publish editorials, blogs or other written content responding to the report and sharing your priorities

Ideas for action

- ▶ Consider what issues and actions you would like to see reflected in the progress declaration and develop key messages and advocacy documents relating to these to share with governments at national level and through representation to the UN in New York
- ▶ Promote these messages by organising briefing events or participating in events by others

Ideas for action

- ▶ Register to participate (accreditation will be needed, details will be on the [Network website](#)) and prepare to raise your priorities
- ▶ Hold side events or briefings at the time of the hearing or in advance

Ideas for action

- ▶ Register to participate (accreditation will be needed, details will be on the [Network website](#)) and raise your priorities in the round tables, policy debate and general debate (it is not clear yet how many non-State stakeholders will get to speak in the main event)
- ▶ Hold side events on your priority themes or situations or to give a platform to others
- ▶ Arrange informal briefings with relevant States and other stakeholders
- ▶ Encourage stakeholder inclusion, in particular migrant inclusion, in Member State delegations