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**Regional Conference on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration:  
Implementation and Policy Implications for the Arab region**

*3-4 December 2019, Cairo, Egypt*

**Programme of Work**

Day 1: 3 December 2019	
08:00 - 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Opening Session: Welcoming remarks from co-chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA) <i>Ms. Karima El Korri, Chief of Population and Social Development Section, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia</i></li> <li>• League of Arab States <i>Ms. Enas El Fergany, Director, Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States (LAS)</i></li> <li>• International Organization for Migration <i>Ms. Carmela Godeau, Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i></li> <li>• Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt <i>H.E. Ambassador Ihab Fawzy, Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs and International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt</i></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Snapshot of Migration and the Arab Region ESCWA <i>Sara Salman, Regional Advisor on Population Affairs, Population and Social Development Section, ESCWA</i></li> </ul>

	Group Photo
10:00-10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:30-11:30	<p><b>Session One: Setting the Scene: Global Cooperation Mechanisms for Improving Migration Governance</b></p> <p>This session will present the process leading up to the adoption of the GCM, and the key developments since then. The session will also discuss the GCM principles and objectives and highlight its relevance to the Arab region.</p>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCM: From the New York Declaration to the adoption in the Marrakech Conference, and the new UN Network on Migration <i>Ms. Jill Helke, Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM</i></li> <li>Unpacking the GCM: Principles, objectives, and priorities for the Arab region <i>Ms. Karima El Korri, Chief of Population and Social Development Section, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia</i></li> </ul>
	<b>General Discussion</b>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Session Two: Regional and National Cooperation Mechanisms for Improving Migration Governance</b></p> <p>The second session is dedicated to addressing the role of regional and national cooperation mechanisms for the promotion of good migration governance. The session will also identify ways to strengthen dialogue and partnerships between governments, CSOs, the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations, and international and regional organizations.</p>
	<b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mr. Ibrahim Awad, Professor of Public Policies, The American University in Cairo, Egypt</i>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The African Union 2063 Agenda: The Migration Policy Framework for Africa (MPFA) <i>Amb. Abdelhamid Bouzaher, Head of the African Union permanent delegation to the League of Arab States</i></li> <li>Key outcomes from the Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP) <i>Ms. Mai Ali, Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States (LAS)</i></li> <li>Whole-of-society approach: Role of Civil society in improving migration governance <i>Ms. Lara Ibrahim, Programs' Specialist, Cross-Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants</i></li> </ul>
	<b>General Discussion</b>

13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Session Three: Arab Countries’ Perspectives and Initiatives for the GCM</b></p> <p>This session will provide Member States with the opportunity to reflect on their experience in operationalizing the Global Compact for Migration. Member States are invited to present their national experiences, highlighting the challenges faced, success stories, existing and emerging priorities, and lessons learned.</p>
	<p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Ms. Enas El Fergany, Director, Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department, General Secretariat of the League of Arab States (LAS)</i></p>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Bassim Al Dahammsheh, Director of Nationality, Foreign Affairs &amp; Investment, Ministry of Interior, Jordan</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Hamida Rais, Director General of International Cooperation, Tunisia</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Ali Abdou, Assistant to the Permanent Secretary, Focal Point for Migration, Ministry of Interior, Comoros</i></li> <li>• <i>Amb. Nadia Mohammed Khair Othman, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sudan</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Youssef al Doussary, Population Committee, and Member of the National Migration Working Group, Qatar</i></li> </ul>
	<b>General Discussion</b>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>Session Four: Arab Countries’ Perspectives and initiatives for the GCM (cont’d)</b></p> <p>This session will provide Member States with the opportunity to reflect on their experience in operationalizing the Global Compact for Migration. Member States are invited to present their national experiences, highlighting the challenges faced, success stories, existing and emerging priorities, and lessons learned.</p>
	<p><b>Chair:</b> <i>Ms. Hajwa Abaker, Ministry of Justice, Sudan</i></p>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Ahmed Al-Allaq, Director of International Migration department, Ministry of Displacement and Migration, Iraq</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Reahab Abou Zein, Diplomatic Counselor, Lebanese Embassy in Egypt</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Essam Elghffa, Deputy Director, Department of International Organization, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Libya</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. T’feila Haden, Director of Cooperation, Studies and Programming at the Ministry of Interior and Decentralization, Mauritania</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Ahmed Skim, Director of Migration Affairs, Ministry of Moroccans Living Abroad, Morocco</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Amr El-Sherbiney, Minister Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Migration, Refugees, and Human Trafficking, Egypt</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr. Mohammed Al Adeel, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yemen</i></li> </ul>
	<b>General Discussion</b>

## Day 2: 4 December 2019

9:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Session Five: Migration and National Development Planning</b></p> <p>Good migration governance hinges on Governments’ abilities to mainstream migration in development plans. This session will offer an opportunity for a collective reflection on vision-driven approaches to development planning and migration policies and achieving the objectives of the GCM. It will also draw the linkages between migration governance and efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.</p>
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mr. Ayman Zohry, President of the Egyptian Society for Migration Studies (EGYMIG), Adjunct Professor at The American University in Cairo</i></p>
	<p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migration, the GCM and SDGs <i>Ms. Jill Helke, Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM</i></li> <li>• The experience of Morocco <i>Mr. Tarik Sissou, Head of Multilateral Cooperation Division, Ministry in Charge of Moroccan Expatriates, Morocco</i></li> <li>• The experience of Egypt <i>Mr. Saber Soliman, Assistant Minister of State for Ministry of State for Emigration and Egyptians Affairs Abroad</i></li> <li>• The experience of Tunisia <i>Ms. Hamida Rais, Director General of International Cooperation, Tunisia</i></li> </ul>
	<b>General Discussion</b>
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Session Six: Making Migration Work for All</b></p> <p>This session focuses on exploring some priority areas for making migration work for all in the Arab region. It will offer an opportunity for sending and</p>

	receiving countries and migrants to share their perspectives and experiences in maximizing the benefits of migration, limiting the challenges faced, and entry points for policy responses.
	<b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ms. Amira Ahmed, Professor, The American University in Cairo</i>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding pathways for regular migration: Member State successful experience <i>Mr. Ausamah Al Absi, CEO, Bahrain Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), Bahrain</i></li> <li>Migrants in vulnerable situations and priority interventions <i>Mr. Asem Rababaa, Executive Director, Adaleh Center for Human Rights Studies, Jordan</i></li> <li>Wage protection systems and migrant labour recruitment <i>Mr. Rajai Ray Jureidini, Professor at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar</i></li> </ul>
	<b>General Discussion</b>
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:30-15:00	<p><b>Session Seven: Unlocking Means of Implementation and monitoring progress of the GCM</b></p> <p>Arab governments have made a historic commitment to making migration work for all by adopting the GCM. The question is how to ensure that by the first regional review scheduled in 2020, and subsequent cycles of regional and global reviews, Arab countries would have made significant strides in aligning their migration related policies with the GCM. This session highlights the importance of data and monitoring frameworks and partnerships as enablers for accelerating the implementation of the GCM.</p>
	<b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mr. Mohamed Khachani, President, Moroccan Association of Studies and Research on Migration, Professor at University Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco</i>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operationalizing the GCM: The way forward for implementation through the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) <i>Mr. David Martineau, Migration Policy Officer - Migration Governance Indicators, IOM</i></li> <li>The experience of Iraq <i>Ms. Fawz Salih, Director of International Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iraq</i></li> </ul>
	<b>General Discussion</b>
15:00-15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>

15:30 – 17:00	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: The Way Forward</b></p> <p>This session will offer an opportunity for participants to discuss the global process leading up to the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) that will be organized in 2022. Discussion will focus on the 2020 regional review forum and the role of governments, non-government stakeholders, the UN Network for Migration, and other partners in engaging in and supporting the process.</p>
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ms. Karima El Korri, ESCWA, Ms. Kristina Mejo, IOM, and Ms. Enas El Fergany, LAS</i></p>
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the IMRF and the regional review <i>Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head of the Secretariat for the UN Network on Migration</i></li> </ul>
	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion</b></p>
17:00-17:30	<p><b>Launch of the Situation Report on International Migration, 2019</b></p>
17:30-18:00	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Enas El Fergany, LAS</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Kristina Mejo, IOM</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Karima El Korri, ESCWA</i></li> </ul>