

Annex I

Guidelines for participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, parliaments, diasporas, migrants, migrant organizations, the private sector, National Human Rights Institutions and other relevant stakeholders

1. Introduction

At the high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants, held on 19 September 2016, the General Assembly adopted by consensus the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants ([A/71/1](#)). In the Declaration, Member States committed to develop a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, to be adopted at an intergovernmental conference on international migration to be held in 2018.

In accordance with the resolution on the modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (A/RES/71/280), adopted by the General Assembly on 6 April 2017, the preparatory process leading to the adoption of the global compact includes three phases: (a) consultations (April to November 2017), stocktaking (November 2017 to January 2018) and (c) intergovernmental negotiations (February to July 2018).

This note focuses on the participation of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, parliaments, diaspora communities, migrants, migrant organizations, the private sector, and national human rights institutions (collectively referred to throughout this document as “multiple stakeholders”) during the preparatory process of the negotiations for the global compact.

2. Accreditation and registration for the preparatory process

At the request of the Office of the President of the General Assembly (OPGA), the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN/NGLS), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA), United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Global Compact, with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), have started a process to facilitate the participation of the multiple stakeholders in the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings and the six informal thematic sessions.

(a) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC

Relevant non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) wishing to participate are invited to register with the United Nations Secretariat for each of the meetings using the joint registration platform. Please see “Informal thematic sessions” and “Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings” below.

(b) Special accreditation for entities not in consultative status with ECOSOC

Relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, diaspora organizations, migrant organizations, academic institutions, and private sector entities that are not in consultative status with ECOSOC wishing to participate are invited to apply for special accreditation using the following website (<http://bit.ly/GCM-Prep-Process-Special-Accreditation-Apply>). The list of applicants seeking special accreditation will be circulated to Member States on a non-objection basis. The deadline to apply for special accreditation is Monday, 17 April 2017.

(d) National human rights institutions

National human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles are invited to register with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Please see also “Informal thematic sessions” and “Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings” below.

(e) Representatives of parliaments

Members of parliament may participate in the preparatory process as part of their national delegations. In addition, a small parliamentary delegation may attend through the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a Permanent Observer to the United Nations. Separate registration will not be necessary.

3. Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings

The President of the General Assembly will organize four days of informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings, between April 2017 and June 2018, with representatives of multiple stakeholders. Member States are encouraged to participate in these multi-stakeholder hearings.

A summary of the hearings, to be prepared by the President of the General Assembly, will be made available as an input for the intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact.

A stakeholder steering committee, comprised of representatives from multiple stakeholders, will support the preparations of the informal hearings by (a) recommending speakers, (b) providing inputs to the programme, and (c) contributing to the summary of the hearings.

All representatives of stakeholders wishing to attend the multi-stakeholder hearings are invited to register for each hearing separately. Registration will be opened several weeks prior to each hearing. At the time of registration, persons will have the opportunity to express their interest in a speaking role as part of the programme. The Office of the President of the General Assembly will determine the final list of speakers included in the hearing based on advice from the stakeholder steering committee.

4. Informal thematic sessions

The President of the General Assembly will hold six informal thematic sessions on facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration.¹ These meetings will address, but not be limited to, the 24 elements outlined in annex II, paragraph 8, of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.

The General Assembly has invited relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as well as relevant accredited representatives of the multiple stakeholders to participate in the meetings.

All representatives of relevant multiple stakeholders wishing to attend the informal thematic sessions are invited to register for each meeting separately. Registration will be opened several weeks prior to each of the meetings. At the time of registration, persons will have the opportunity to express their interest in a speaking role. Speaking opportunities, if any, will be determined in light of the overall programme of each thematic session. Where speaking opportunities exist, recommendations on the selection of speakers may be sought from the stakeholder steering committee.

¹ See table of main preparatory events for the themes of each of the six thematic meetings

5. Informal dialogues organized by the co-facilitators

The co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations will invite relevant stakeholders, including civil society, scientific and knowledge-based institutions, parliaments, local authorities, the private sector and migrants themselves to contribute views on the global compact, in particular by holding informal dialogues. When possible, such dialogues will be held at the margins of the informal thematic sessions.

6. Stakeholder steering committee

The UN will establish a steering committee comprised of representatives from the multiple stakeholders to support broad and inclusive participation in the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings and the informal thematic meetings.

The members of the steering committee will be selected on the basis of expertise and diversity of constituencies, with due regard for geographical, gender and age balance. Members of the committee will not be considered for speaking roles on the programmes of the informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings.

A call for membership for the steering committee will be launched in April 2017.

7. Dedicated website

All stakeholders are invited to regularly check the website portal <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/> for the latest information pertaining to the follow-up to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the preparations of the global compact.

Main preparatory events for the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

EVENT	LOCATION	DATES*
Informal thematic sessions		
Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance	United Nations Office, Geneva	8-9 May 2017
Addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crises, through protection and assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution	United Nations Headquarters, New York	22-23 May 2017
International cooperation and governance of migration in all its dimensions, including at borders, on transit, entry, return, readmission, integration and reintegration	United Nations Office, Geneva	19-20 June 2017
Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits	United Nations Headquarters, New York	24-25 July 2017
Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims	United Nations Office, Vienna	4-5 September 2017
Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications and other relevant measures	United Nations Office, Geneva	2-3 October 2017
United Nations Regional Commissions		
Regional preparatory meeting, organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	Santiago	August 2017
Regional preparatory meeting, organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	Beirut	26-28 September 2017
Regional preparatory meeting, organized by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	Addis Ababa	19-20 October 2017
Regional preparatory meeting, organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	Bangkok	6-8 November 2017
Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearings		
Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (full day)	New York	26 July 2017
Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (full day)	Geneva	4 October 2017 TBC
Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)	New York	18 December 2017
Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)	New York	Mid-February 2018 TBA
Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)	New York	April 2018 TBA
Informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing (half day)	New York	June/July 2018 TBA

For other relevant meetings, processes, mechanisms and initiatives please consult the workplan developed by the Secretary-General

(*) Subject to change