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## **The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)**

The **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)** is expected to be the first, intergovernmentally negotiated agreement, prepared under the auspices of the United Nations, to cover all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner. It presents a significant opportunity to improve the governance on migration, to address the challenges associated with today's migration, and to strengthen the contribution of migrants and migration to sustainable development.

The process to develop this GCM started in April 2017. The formal process included six high-level thematic sessions, six regional consultations, five multi-stakeholder hearings, and six rounds of intergovernmental negotiations, all of which IOM supported by jointly servicing the process with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for International Migration (OSRSG), Louise Arbour.

A number of multi-stakeholder consultations were also held at the country level. As part of country level preparation to adopt the GCM, Sri Lanka conducted a National Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in August 2017 to identify country's priorities and challenges associated with migration.

Here is the full report: [Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration National Consultation Outcome Report Sri Lanka](#)

The text of the GCM was finalized on 13 July 2018. This is the first time that Member States of the United Nations have come together to negotiate an agreement covering all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner. The GCM text is the culmination of over 18 months of multi-stakeholder dialogue, and consultation and intergovernmental negotiations.

The GCM text will be presented for adoption at the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration in Marrakesh, Morocco, on 10 and 11 December 2018. The Intergovernmental Conference is convened under the auspices of the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the UN General Assembly, as called for in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants of 19 September 2016.

After the Marrakesh conference, the GCM will be brought back to New York for formal adoption by the UN General Assembly (likely in December 2018).

For more information on the Global Compact for Migration:

<https://www.iom.int/global-compact-migration>