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Regional perspectives on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Side event organized by the United Nations regional commissions at the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

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3.30–5.15 p.m.

Atlas 1 Room, Palmeraie Golf Palace, Marrakesh, Morocco

While international migration is a global phenomenon, most migration occurs within the same world regions. Different regions display diverse migration trends, impacted by varying drivers, opportunities and legal regimes and leading to diverse outcomes. Migrants are often drawn to countries near their own by factors such as shared histories, labour policies and practices, linguistic and cultural similarities, uneven development between neighbouring countries, preferential legal migration options and ease of travel. Understanding and addressing the regional dimensions of migration is thus crucial for ensuring safe, orderly and regular migration.

Recognizing the importance of the regional dimension of international migration and the need for regional cooperation, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration entrusts subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations —including the United Nations regional commissions— with a critical role in reviewing the implementation of the Global Compact within their respective regions, beginning in 2020, in order to inform each edition of the International Migration Review Forum. Against this backdrop, the side event will offer an opportunity to address the regional priorities, opportunities and challenges that could influence the successful implementation of the Global Compact and discuss the role that the United Nations regional commissions can play in its follow-up and review process.



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