

# First International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

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**In news-** The first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) is held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

## **About the IMRF-**

- The goal of IMRF is to review the progress made at the local, national, regional and global levels in implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).
- In 2018, UN Member States agreed to review the progress made at the local, national, regional and global levels in **implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in the framework of the United Nations** through a State-led approach and with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.
- The **quadrennial** IMRF will be hosted by the President of the UN General Assembly.
- **It consists of four interactive multi-stakeholder round tables**, a policy dialogue, and a plenary.
- It will result in an intergovernmental agreed **Progress Declaration**.
- The Forum will serve as the primary inter-governmental global platform to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects pertaining to migration and its intersection with the Sustainable Development Goals.
- The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) is the Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration which ensures effective and coherent system-wide support for the implementation of the GCM and supports the organisation of the four-day IMRF.

## **Global Compact for Migration (GCM)-**

- The GCM is the **first-ever intergovernmentally negotiating UN agreement on a common approach to managing international migration.**
- **It is based on a collective realization** that no single government can effectively govern migration alone- whether fully realizing the potential of global mobility or protecting people from the most pernicious aspects of migration – without cooperation, whether bilaterally, regionally, or globally.
- By creating this cooperative framework on international migration, States have developed a common terminology for discussing key migration issues and a blueprint for comprehensive, rights-based migration policies.
- **The GCM defines 23 objectives covering all aspects of migration (“360-degree” approach)** with an array of possible actions, drawn from best practice, that States may choose to utilise to implement their national migration policies.
- While **not legally binding**, the GCM’s guiding principles, objectives and actions find their root in established obligations and principles, underpinned by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and international law.

**Further**

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