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Briefing on the road to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

April 13, 2022

15h to 16h (CEST) – Online

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Background

In 2018, National Governments endorsed the [UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) (GCM) and the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) (GCR). These frameworks are rooted in and provide a path for achieving the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) by ensuring better migration and forced displacement governance. All three of these frameworks recognise the key role that local and regional governments (LRGs) play in supporting migrants and displaced persons for the development of sustainable communities.

That same year LRGs around the world took a leadership role and endorsed the [Marrakech Mayors Declaration](#). Asserting that migration is primarily a local phenomenon, signatories of the declaration called for the full and formal recognition of the transformative role that local governments play in the implementation of the GCM and the GCR and are committed to achieve both Compacts in unison.

From May 16 - 20, 2022, National Governments will meet for the first time to assess their progress towards the GCM at the UN [International Migration Review Forum](#) (IMRF).

Objectives

This briefing aims to inform the LRG constituency of the opportunities and challenges with regards to elevating local voices at the IMRF, as well as share information about the Mayors Mechanism's [Call to Local Action for Migrants and Refugees](#), an initiative by the MM steering committee members [UCLG](#), [MMC](#) and [IOM](#), in partnership with [UNHCR](#), which will be launched at the IMRF.

Through this briefing, LRGs will be able to learn about what's at stake at the IMRF and assess possible avenues for engagement as well as share their inputs and considerations with the Mayors Mechanism.

This briefing forms part of the online peer learning event '[Migration & Displacement in Contexts of Crisis; What are LRGs doing?](#)', hosted from 11 – 13 April, but will be equally accessible to participants who want to tune in for just this segment and learn about the IMRF.

There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.

Agenda

1. Technical details

2. The road to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

- Monami Maulik, Civil Society Liaison Officer, UN Network on Migration
- Sophie van Haasen, Coordinator, GFMD Mayors Mechanism

3. Open floor

Guiding questions:

- *How is your local or regional government taking action on migration governance?*
- *Have you been invited by your national government to contribute to discussions about national implementation and review of the GCM and/or the GCR?*
- *Have you interested to elevate your voice on migration and displacement at the international level?*
- *Would you like to get involved in the Call to Local Action for Migrants and Refugees?*

4. Wrap up and way forward