



**First briefing on Logistics and
organizational matters for the**

**Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt
the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and
Regular Migration**

**10 – 11 December 2018
Marrakech, Morocco**



Introduction



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- Morocco is honored to welcome you all on 10-11 December 2018, in Marrakech, for the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).
- As you know, the UN Secretary-General has appointed the SRSG as Secretary-General of the Conference to serve as overall focal point within the UN Secretariat.
- Morocco is working hand in hand with the SRSG, her Office and the UN Secretariat, to ensure the success of the Conference and the smooth proceedings of its works.



Migration Week



- Morocco has the pleasure to invite you to the “Migration Week”, in Marrakech, from 5 to 11 December 2018.
- “Migration Week” will start with the 11th Summit of Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) on 5-7 December 2018, and culminate in the GCM Conference, on 10-11 December 2018.
- Side events and other high-level meetings will be organized in between and on the margins of the two meetings.



The 11th GFMD Summit



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- The GFMD Summit will take place from 5-7 December, under the co-chairmanship of Morocco and Germany.
- The three-day Government-led Meeting on 5-7 December will feature:
 - Roundtable discussions,
 - a Common Space for government and non-governmental stakeholders,
 - a GFMD Business Meeting,
 - GFMD's Platform for Partnerships,
 - a special session on the Future of the GFMD,
 - and side events.
- Further information on this Summit can be found on the GFMD website: www.gfmd.org or by contacting the GFMD support Unit at: support.unit@gfmd.org



The GCM Conference



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- The formal program of work of the Intergovernmental Conference will comprise:
 - A plenary meetings, on 10 and 11 December, from 9AM to 8PM
 - Two dialogues, on 10 and 11 December, from 10AM to 1PM, and from 3PM to 6 PM
- The Global Compact will be adopted at the opening of the plenary of the Intergovernmental Conference.



Expected participation



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- **Level of participation:**

- UNGA resolutions 71/280 et 72/244 underline that the Conference “shall be held at the highest possible political level, including Heads of States or Governments”.

- **Size of the delegations:**

- There is no limit on the size of the delegations coming to Morocco.
- There are limits on the number of delegates allowed to participate in the GCM. Seating in the plenary hall and dialogues rooms is 3+3 and 1+1, respectively.

- **Participants:**

- The Conference is estimated to have 5000 to 6000 participants.
- According to UNGA resolutions 71/280 et 72/244:
 - Participation is open to all UN Member States and all members of specialized agencies that have observer status with the UNGA.
 - Intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the UNGA and organizations and bodies of the UN to participate as observers ;
 - all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, parliaments, diaspora communities and migrant organizations (see para 6 of UNGA resolution 71/280).



Registration



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- For the GCM, Registration of delegations of participating States and the EU is handled by the UN Protocol and Liaison Service via the online “eAccreditation system” available through the eDelegate Portal at <http://delegate.un.int>.
- Pre-registration for the GCM will open on 3 October and close on 28 November.
- Registration for the GFMD is a completely separate process. Please see www.gfmd.org



Side events



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- Side events will take place on the days preceding the Intergovernmental Conference (5-9 December 2018).
- In early July, Member States will be invited to submit proposals for their side events.
- A template for proposals of side events will be sent out to all delegations shortly.

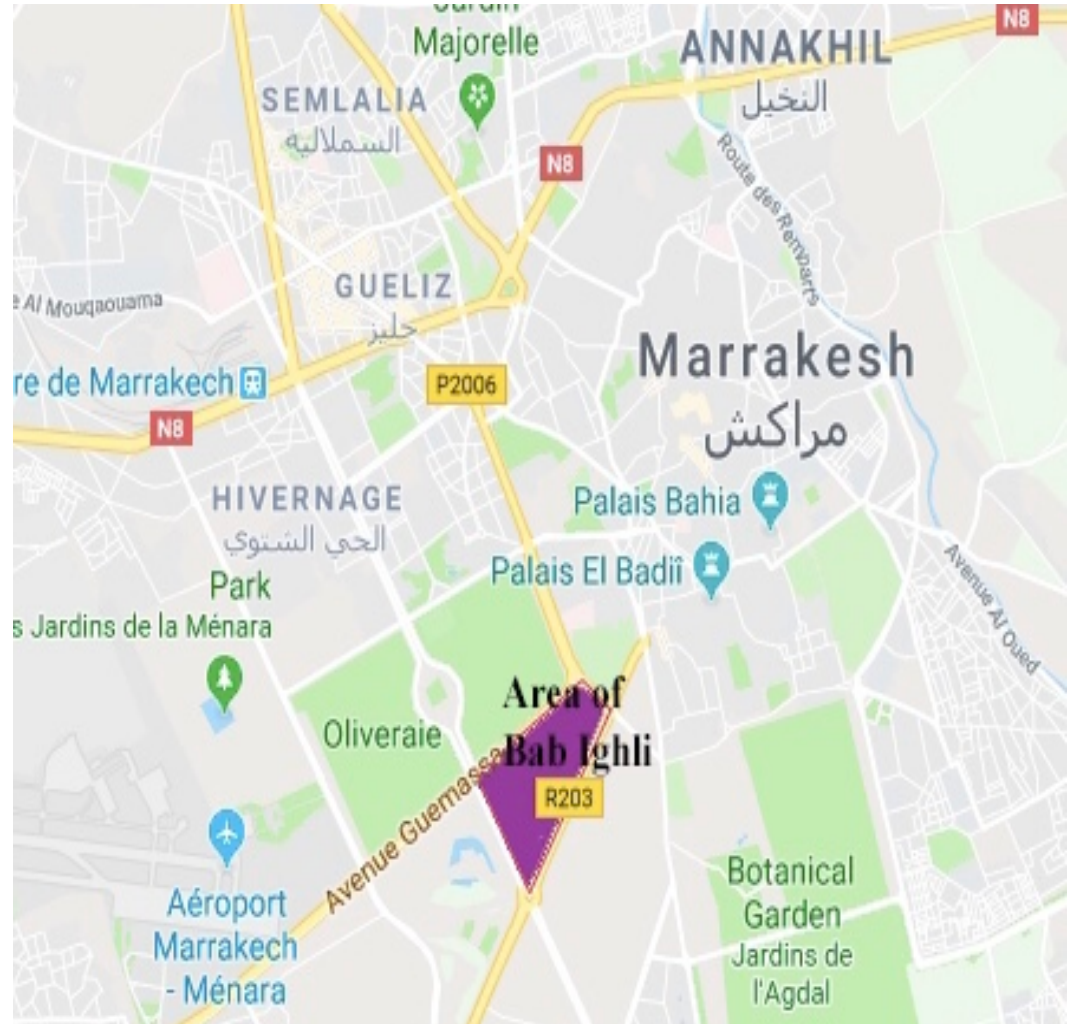


Venue of the Conference



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- The Conference will be held in a new facility that will be constructed in the area called **Bab Ighli** in Marrakech (same location where COP22 was organized)
- 10 min from the airport, the train station and the center of the Medina (old city of Marrakech)





Security arrangements



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- The Conference venue will be considered as premises of the United Nations (Blue zone).
- Access to the Conference venue will be controlled by the United Nations Security and Safety Services (UNDSS).
- Morocco security forces will be in charge throughout Marrakech, such as the airport and at hotel venues and on the routes between the airport, hotels and the outside perimeters of the conference venue.
- All personnel entering the conference venue will be screened under the supervision of the UN Security and Safety Services (UNDSS).
- All persons will be screened, except Heads of Delegation at the level of Government Minister and above.
- Fire and medical support facilities are on site.



Visa requirements



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- All foreign delegates entering Morocco must have a passport which is valid for at least 3 months.
- In order to find out if a visa is required for Morocco, please visit the following website: <https://www.diplomatie.ma/en/Conseilsauxvoyageurs/tabid/3175/language/enUS/Default.aspx>
- Visas could also be issued upon arrival for international delegates. Details on the procedure will be provide at a later stage.



Transportation



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- Marrakech has an international Airport (Marrakech-Menara, IATA:RAK).
- Participants could also transit through Morocco's main hub, Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport -IATA: CMN-.
- Casablanca airport has a network of approximately 100 destinations and more than 30 airlines.
- There are more than 5 daily flights from Casablanca to Marrakech with "Royal Air Maroc".
- Information and help desks for participants will be available at both airports.



Accommodation



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- As Morocco's leading tourist hub, Marrakech has an important hotel infrastructure, made up of more than:
 - 65 000 rooms;
 - 1,400 accommodation establishments, including more than 170 classified hotels, Palace of the prestigious, the boutique hotel through the riads, the city other meets all needs
- Reservations could be made directly with the desired hotels and through online booking sites.
- Further information on selected hotels and conference rates will be provided at a later stage.



Practical information



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- The local currency is the Moroccan Dirham (MAD). Currency exchange services are available at the airport, hotel receptions (for smaller amounts in USD and EU only) and outside the hotels.
- Average temperatures in Marrakesh in December range from 8 °C (45 °F) at night, to 19 °C (67 °F) during the day.
- The international dial for Morocco is +212. To make a local call, you must first dial 0.
- Type C and E (220-240 V) are the electrical sockets used. It is recommended to bring adapters/converters.



Key Documents



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1. Resolution A/RES/72/244
 - Modalities for the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, 22 January 2018

2. Note by the Secretary-General A/72/271*
 - Proposed organization of work of the Intergovernmental Conference, 1 August 2017



For further information



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- Further information will be provided at the next briefing.
- For more information about the Intergovernmental Conference, please visit [:https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/intergovernmental-conference-2018](https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/intergovernmental-conference-2018).
- Please direct your questions to GCmigration@un.org