



High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development,
Roundtable 3: *Strengthening partnership and cooperation on international migration, mechanisms to effectively integrate migration into development policies and promoting coherence at all levels.*

- Statement by the Government of Sweden

Honourable co-chairs,

As the current Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, Sweden sees an increasing need for governments and development actors to coordinate on, plan for and act upon the opportunities and challenges that migration brings.

As an EU Member State, Sweden is collectively engaged in the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility that aims to realize policy coherence and partnerships with countries and regions across the globe.

The High-level Dialogue offers a unique opportunity to make progress, by calling for closer intergovernmental cooperation, enhanced multilateral coordination and improved policy coherence for development.

Today, we could make advances on all of these fronts, by issuing three forceful statements:

First, we should clearly recognise the success of the GFMD as the major deliverable in the field of migration and development since the last High-level Dialogue in 2006. It is an indispensable

platform for constructive trust-building and knowledge-sharing, and its informal working methods are key to its success.

Second, while welcoming the steps taken by the Global Migration Group to improve inter-agency coordination and working methods, governments as member states should send clear signals to the principals of the GMG. IOM is the leading migration organization and the only one with migration as its core mandate. The GMG could benefit from IOM expertise and field offices network. Sweden therefore supports the proposal by the United States of America, that IOM could support each GMG chair as a permanent co-chair, and possibly act as the secretariat for the Group. From a Swedish perspective, we believe this would improve the GMG's responsiveness to governments and improve the multilateral coordination at headquarters as well as country levels.

Since this is linked to the broader global agenda on migration and development, it is important that the Special Representative of the Secretary General, Peter Sutherland, continues his much appreciated work on identifying priorities for international cooperation on migration, stimulates debate and discussion, and initiates a broader analysis and proposals regarding migration governance.

Third, emphasising the role of migration in the post-2015 development agenda and requesting the Secretary General, through his Special Representative, to explore how it can be factored into this agenda in more detail. This could be done together with interested states and organisations, by defining partnerships and a common set of targets and indicators in this regard. Sweden is ready to take an active role in such an initiative.

In closing, let me emphasise that Sweden, as the current Chair of the GFMD, will be working in close cooperation with governments and other stakeholders to take relevant output from this High-level Dialogue forward in the GFMD.

Thank you!