A special session on Future of the Forum is held as an integral component of each GFMD Summit Meeting. Its main objective is to take stock of the progress and achievements of the Global Forum from one Chairmanship to the next, and to consider the prospects ahead.

The Future of the Forum session in Quito offers an opportunity to reflect on what the Global Forum has achieved since the last Summit held in Marrakesh in December 2018 and the foreseeable future, vis-à-vis the current and dynamic landscape of international migration. It will be open to all Heads of Delegations of participating Member States and GFMD Observers, including the representatives of the three GFMD Mechanisms for civil society, business and mayors.

I. From Marrakesh to Quito – A brief Progress report by the GFMD 2019 Chair (17h00 – 17h25)

- Chair’s Report on the Thematic Agenda of 2019 Chairmanship
  - Amb. Santiago Chávez, Chair of the GFMD 2019

- Implementation of the GFMD Ten Year Review recommendations - report by the WG Co-Chairs Germany and United Arab Emirates (UAE)
  - Ms. Irene Biontino, Counsellor Humanitarian/Migration, Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN in Geneva
  - Mr. Alex Zalami, International Relations Adviser, United Arab Emirates

  o Brief Response by Review Co-Chair,
  - Ambassador Eduard Gnesa, GFMD Chair 2011 and Co-Chair of the GFMD Ten-Year Review Exercise 2018

  o Brief Response by the GFMD 2019 Chair
  - Amb. Santiago Chávez, Chair of the GFMD 2019

II. GFMD Prospects Beyond Quito – Perspectives from Key Stakeholders (17h25 – 18h00)

A. GFMD 2020 Chairmanship
  - H.E. Nasser Al Hamli, Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation, United Arab Emirates
B. GFMD Mechanisms - representatives of the 3 mechanisms –
- Mr. Stephane Jaquemet, Director of Policy, ICMC
- Ms. Ronnie Goldberg, Senior Counsel, United States Council of International Business & Chair of IOE Policy Working Group on Migration
- Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary-General, UCLG

C. GFMD and the GCM - IOM as Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration
- Amb. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, IOM

III. From Quito to Dubai in 2020 – General Debate (open to both Governments and GFMD Observers (18h00 - 18h55)

IV. Closing of the Future of the Forum Session (18h55 – 19h00)
- Amb. Santiago Chávez, Chair of the GFMD 2019