



UN Ninth Coordination Meeting on International Migration

Conclusions of the 2010 GFMD Chair

2010 Chair's objectives

- The 2010 GFMD sought to promote a broader understanding of migration, through evidence-based discussions.
- Mexico acted with transparency to build confidence among all interested parties to openly discuss concepts such as:
 - irregular migration
 - human development
 - migrants' contributions to development
 - climate change and migration

Central Theme: "Partnerships for migration and human development: shared prosperity – shared responsibility"

Preparatory process

- The Chair undertook a series of informal consultations on a new discussion framework.
 - Three meetings of the Friends of the Forum and 5 meetings of the Steering Group were held in Geneva to prepare for Puerto Vallarta.
- The background documents for the seven sessions were prepared from March to September by governments, international organizations and government delegates.
 - *Ad hoc* working groups on “Protecting and empowering migrants for development” and “Policy coherence, data and research” also carried out studies and workshops.
- Mexico received contributions to cover the participation of experts and delegates from developing countries of more than €800,000 from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Spain, United States, France, Israel, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom, Sweden, Switzerland, the MacArthur Foundation, and the IOM.

International Organizations' Cooperation

- Mexico worked closely with the Global Migration Group (GMG) to open new spaces for international organizations in the Forum.
 - The GMG was closely involved in the preparation of the sessions' documents and also organized the symposium "*Overcoming barriers: building partnerships for migration and human development*".
- The UN Country Team for Migration established a Taskforce to coordinate their efforts.
- IOM assisted Mexico with delegates' travel arrangements and Mexican visa applications.
- Mexico is grateful for the support received from the UN in preparation of the Puerto Vallarta meeting and looks forward to a continued collaboration.

Civil Society

- At the invitation of the Mexican Chair, the BBVA-Bancomer Foundation coordinated the organization of the Civil Society Days.
- More than 400 delegates and observers from 80 countries attended this meeting, along with representatives from 33 countries.
 - 12 working sessions took place, on issues such as human security and the protection of human rights, and migrant empowerment.
- The Common Space was an innovative and successful approach to strengthen government-civil society interaction. Informal and open discussions took place through panels comprised by 2 representatives from governments, 2 from international organizations and 2 from civil society. The topics analyzed were:
 - Improving public perceptions of migration
 - Migration and human development: enhancing partnerships

Puerto Vallarta Meeting

- The Government Meeting was held on November 10-11.
- Over 131 UN Member-States participated in the Government Meeting, with 39 international organizations as observers. Assistance was approximately 650 participants, including:
 - 8 ministers
 - 26 vice-ministers
 - UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Director General of the IOM
 - SG Special Representative for Migration

Roundtable 1. Partnerships for Migration and Development

Main recommendations:

- The respect for the human rights of migrants, regardless of their immigration status, is an absolute principle.
- The elimination of erroneous or biased perceptions requires the broad dissemination of knowledge.
- Origin and destination countries should avoid the criminalization of migrants.
- Countries need to have a comprehensive policy and programs for returning migrants, both voluntary and forced cases.
- Governments should consider circular or temporary migration schemes.
- Irregular migration should remain on the agenda of the GFMD.

Roundtable 2. Human Mobility and Human Development

Main recommendations:

- The **ratification of UN Conventions** on the rights of the child and their national implementation ought to be promoted.
- **Gender-sensitive guidelines** on policies, programs and budgets, with appropriate indicators, should be developed. The impact of migration on families should also be considered.
- The **portability of pensions** and other social rights ought to be considered, as well as cost-effective health care models.
- **Cooperation mechanisms** between countries of origin and destination are important to improve job-matching and skills recognition.

Roundtable 3. Policy and institutional coherence to address the relationship between migration and development

Main recommendations:

- Indicators of the impact of migration on development are needed, as well as updated migration profiles.
- On climate change and migration, dialogue at the local, regional and global levels is important. Discussion of an appropriate legal and institutional framework should be considered.
- Regional consultative processes (RCPs) and inter-regional fora (IRFs) contribute to greater policy and institutional coherence at the national level and reinforce a whole-of-government approach.

The future of the GFMD

- There is a broad room for improvement, but the GFMD does constitute a space to share and identify good practices and promote collaboration.
- The GFMD should continue building on the results of the previous sessions and gradually incorporate innovative perspectives and new topics.
- The participation of UN agencies in the GFMD process should be strengthened through action oriented activities on the ground. International organizations are important partners in the implementation of GFMD recommendations.
- In a special session on the future of the Forum, governments agreed to begin an assessment of whether the GFMD is conducive to productive dialogue and tangible, action-oriented outcomes.

Migration and development agenda

- The 2011 GMDF will have a different format but will maintain an action-oriented focus. Mexico has extended its full support to the Swiss Chair.
- There are upcoming important opportunities to further support the GFMD.
 - 2011 UNGA Thematic Debate on migration and development.
 - 2013 High Level Dialogue to evaluate the achievements of the GFMD and to influence its future.
- The involvement of UN international organizations in this process will be key to ensure a balanced and coherent approach. The GMG has an important role to play in translating informal recommendations into concrete guidelines.



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