The Common Space
I. Migration Trends: Volume & Complexity

II. Common Grounds: State-State, State-CSO

III. Moving Ahead: Strengthen & Develop
Migration: 21st Century Mega-trend

1 Billion Migrants: One in Seven

- **International**: 215 million; 405 million by 2050
- **Internal**: 740 million, ????? by 2050

**Complexity Drivers:**

- **Feminization**: ca. 50% of migrants *(first time)*
- **Urbanization**: 50+ % population *(first time)*
Unprecedented Numbers & Complexity

1. **DEMOGRAPHY**: North – ageing; South – youthful; quadrupled

2. **DEMAND**: labour shortage vs. labour surplus

3. **DISPARITY**: increasing: economic, social

4. **DISTANCE**: shrinking: cheap transportation

5. **DIGITAL REVOLUTION**: fuels dreams and plans

6. **DISASTERS & DEGRADATION**: Natural & human made

7. **DREAMS**: life with dignity and prosperity.
Common Grounds

I – Inter-State Cooperation

II – State-Civil Society Cooperation

III – Common Action
I – Inter-State Cooperation

- GFMD’s successful dialogue: conflictive to constructive
- At least 16 Regional Consultative Processes
- States seek common ground: becoming senders and receivers
II – State-Civil Society Cooperation

- Mutual respect: national sovereignty and individual mobility
- Progress: growth of Common Space at GFMD
- State-CSO consultations to prepare for GFMD
- GFMD recommendations implemented by non-state actors
III – Common Action

- GFMD Common Space: institutionalized dialogue
- Encourages members to expand CSO consultations
- Look at improving existing areas, not repeating disagreements
Common Action – Areas to Strengthen

• Remittance transfer
• Facilitating migration procedures
• Information: safe migration options, rights & responsibilities
Areas to Develop: Diaspora

No partnerships, but cooperation feasible

- NGO-diaspora: working conditions in sending countries
- NGO-diaspora-local government: education & integration
- NGO-diaspora-local host associations: benefits & obligations
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The Path Ahead - High Road Scenario

Recognize and act on trends: demographic, climate change, etc...

- Multiple-entry Visas
- Dual Citizenship Laws
- Portable Social Security Benefits
- De-Criminalization of Irregular Migrants
- Multi-Skill Policy for ALL Skill Levels
- Integration as an Option for Migrants
- Pathway to Legal Status for Those Meeting Criteria
- Participation in RCPs and Global Dialogues (GFMD)