

GFMD Dialogue on the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

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With the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants on September 19th 2016, the governments also decided to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. The Declaration explicitly specified the contributions to the global compact by the Global Forum on Migration and Development. This task was reiterated at the recent GFMD Summit in Dhaka, where participating governments signaled a strong commitment to engage the GFMD throughout the process.

According to the schedule presented last year by the President of the UN General Assembly, the negotiations for the modalities resolution, co-facilitated by the Permanent Representatives of Mexico and Switzerland in New York, should be finalized by January 31st 2017. The GFMD Co-Chairs Germany and Morocco are thus organizing a special event to continue the exchange started in Dhaka on the role the GFMD should take in the process and the contributions it could make to the global compact.

All the Friends of the Forum are herewith cordially invited to participate at this GFMD dialogue.

Final Agenda

- Opening by the GFMD Co-Chair Germany
Mr. Sönke Lorenz, Head of Unit of Migration Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany
- Introductory remarks by the former GFMD Chair Bangladesh on the relevant conclusions of the Dhaka Summit
Ambassador Mr. Shameem Ahsan, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UNOG
- Update on the resolution of modalities for the process for adoption of the Global Compact for safe, regular and orderly migration by Mexico and Switzerland
Amb. Raúl Heredia, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UNOG
Mr. Pietro Mona, Deputy Head, Global Programme Migration and Development, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
- Remarks by the SRSG
Mr. Francois Fouinat, Senior Adviser to Mr. Peter Sutherland, SRSG for International Migration
- Informal sharing of views and perspectives
 - Based on the modalities resolution what role should the GFMD take in the process?
 - What is the substance the GFMD could contribute to the global compact?
 - How should the GFMD formulate its contributions?
- Conclusions and way forward by the GFMD Co-Chair Morocco
Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General, Ministry in charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs