

TROIKA- TERMS OF REFERENCE ¹

In line with the Operating Modalities endorsed at the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Brussels on 9-11 July 2007, the Troika² consists of the current Chair-in-Office, the outgoing Chair, and the future Chair of the Forum.

A: Mandate

The Troika:

- a. assists the Chair-in-Office, the country that chairs the GFMD process and hosts the Forum meeting, with the overall preparation and organization of the Forum;
- b. discusses strategic and political issues related to the Global Forum as a process, including its relationship with the Global Migration Group (GMG) and other international bodies, and makes recommendations on these areas to the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum;
- c. advises on the Chair's thematic programme and work plan, including the agenda, structure and format of the Forum meeting, as well as calendar of activities.
- d. assists the Chair-in-Office in seeking technical and financial support for the GFMD process.
- e. deliberates on voluntary offers to assume the GFMD Chairmanship and/assists the Chair in identifying and encouraging possible future Chairs of the Global Forum if no suitable voluntary offer is forthcoming; in both cases ensures, to the extent possible, that Chairmanship alternates between a developing and a developed country.
- f. attends regular meetings/telephone conferences with the SRSG/GMG/GFMD to ensure cooperation between the GFMD and the UN system as a result of the second high-level dialogue on international migration held in October 2013.

B. Responsibilities and expectations of the Troika members

- a. Keep abreast of all Forum-related developments; participates in all meetings of the Troika, the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum, held usually in Geneva.
- b. Participate in external meetings representing the GFMD Troika. or
- c. Offer timely advice and makes its services available to the Chair-in-Office, as may be required.

C. Membership

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The GFMD Troika is comprised of the outgoing Chair, the Chair-in-Office, and the forthcoming Chair(s) of the Global Forum.

Political/Strategic Guidance offered by the UN SRSG

¹These Terms of Reference (TORs) of the GFMD Troika were elaborated based on the GFMD Operating Modalities.

² See <http://www.gfmd.org/process/supporting-framework/troika> for the historical overview of the GFMD Troika since the inception of the Global Forum in 2007.

UN Secretary General's Special Representative (SRSG) on migration and development, provides political and strategic guidance and ensures the link with the UN. The SRSG attends meetings of the GFMD Troika.

- D. Chairmanship** – The Troika meetings are convened and chaired by the Chair-in-Office.
- E. Funding** – Costs of participation in the Troika meetings are borne by the respective Governments / GFMD Observers.
- F. Schedule and venue of Meetings** – The Troika meetings are held at the request of the GFMD Chair-in-Office, usually ahead of the preparatory meetings of the GFMD Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum in Geneva.

Email consultations and/or video/teleconferences among Troika members may also be arranged, either by the GFMD Support Unit or the Secretariat/Taskforce of the Chair-in-Office, as the need arises. The SRSG can also participate in these consultations.