

## GFMD 2011 Concluding Debate – Common Space Format

### ***“Looking at the Big Picture: Demographics, Youth (Un-) Employment, Development and Migration”***

**Venue** : Palais des Nations, Geneva  
**Date** : 1 December 2011  
**Time** : 10:00 - 13:00  
**Participants** : GFMD delegates and observers from civil society and international organizations

#### **Background, objectives and outcomes**

The Common Space, will take place after the Opening Ceremony of the GFMD Government Meeting, on Thursday, 1 December, 2011 from 10:00 – 13.00 hrs. The Common Space will be an inter-active dialogue engaging a cross-section of panelists and delegates from governments, civil society and international organizations. The overarching theme of the Common Space is: *“Looking at the Big Picture: Demographics, Youth (Un-) Employment, Development and Migration”*.

The Common Space aims to have a constructive, honest and transparent dialogue between governments and civil society; to explore, inspire and instigate new forms of cooperation and to build common ground on finding alternatives to irregular migration in the context of demographic and youth (un)employment trends. Relevant International Organizations will participate in the Common Space and intervene as ‘discussants’ to frame the context of this dialogue. Complementary, the Common Space is expected to feed into wider GFMD deliberations among governments, during the Concluding Debate on 1 and 2 December and beyond, as well as into wider GFMD civil society deliberations in 2012.

#### **Proposed Format**

Under the guidance of a skilled moderator, the Common Space will be structured around a 3-hour plenary, with two parts: (1) a brief opening presentation offering a data-centered, dynamic snapshot of “the big picture” of ***demographics, youth (unemployment), development and migration***; and (2) a panel discussion on ***alternatives to irregular migration***, focusing on two complementary chapters *a) Sustainable development, job creation and safe and legal avenues for migration and b) Regularization and measures to remedy & reduce the demand for irregular migration*.

Each chapter of the panel discussion will include a number of government and civil society panellists, as well as a discussant from an international organization.

10.00 – 10.05	<b><u>Introduction by Moderator</u></b> Ms. Zeinab Badawi
10.05 – 10.20	<b><u>Expert Presentation</u></b> Mr. Rainer Münz <i>“Looking at the Big Picture: Demographics, Youth, (Un-)Employment, Development and Migration”</i>
10.20 – 12.50	Panel Discussion on Alternatives to Irregular Migration
10.20 – 11.35	<b><u>Chapter (A)</u></b> <b><u>Sustainable development, job creation and safe and legal avenues for migration</u></b>
10.20 – 10.35	<b><u>Panellists</u></b> <b>Mr. Anaclet Kalibata</b> <i>Director General of Immigration and Emigration, Ministry in the Office of the President, Government of Rwanda</i>  <b>Ms. Crecentia Mofokeng</b> <i>Regional Representative for Africa and the Middle East, Building and Woodworkers International (BWI)</i>  <b>Mr. Göran Hultin</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer, Caden Corp.</i>  <b><u>Discussant</u></b> <b>Mr. Azfar Khan</b> <i>Senior Migration Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO)</i>
10.35 – 11.35	<b>General Debate</b>
11.35 – 12.50	<b><u>Chapter (B)</u></b> <b><u>Regularization and measures to remedy &amp; reduce the demand for irregular migration</u></b>
11.35 – 11.50	<b><u>Panellists</u></b> <b>Ms. Izaura Maria Soares Miranda</b> <i>Director of the Department for Foreigners, Ministry of Justice, Government of Brazil</i>  <b>Ms. Joanna Sosnowska</b> <i>European Migration Network National Contact Point, Ministry of Interior and Administration, Government of Poland</i>  <b>Ms. Michele LeVoy</b> <i>Executive Director, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)</i>  <b><u>Discussant</u></b> <b>Mr. Albert Kraler</b> <i>Research Officer, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)</i>
11.50 – 12.50	<b>General Debate</b>
12.50 – 12.55	<b>Wrap-up comments</b> Mr. Rainer Münz
12.55 – 13.00	<b>Closing remarks</b> Ms. Zeinab Badawi

## **Rules of Interactivity**

### ***Panel discussion***

- Each of the 3 panellists (per chapter) will be invited by the moderator to make an intervention of no more than 3 minutes in response to the guiding questions prepared for the panel discussion, to be shared in advance with both the panellists and the participants to the Common Space at large.
- Rather than delivering only fixed “position statements”, the panellists will also be encouraged by the moderator to react to previous panellists’ interventions.
- A representative from a relevant international organization – the discussant – will respond to and frame the 3 interventions made by the panellists, immediately after, instead of reading a statement.

### ***General Debate***

- As a general rule interventions from the floor, by governments and civil society representatives, can be no longer than 2 minutes to enable maximum participation from the floor. The moderator may intervene requesting the delegate to sum up his/her question or reaction and keep it as short as possible
- Only GFMD delegates and observers from Civil Society will be permitted to intervene from the floor. To ensure a balanced participation, interventions will alternate between government and civil society delegates. Given the 60 minutes of general debate for each chapter, between 18-20 interventions, per panel, can be made from the floor.
- Each delegate will be invited to introduce his/her name, position and organization/government before making the intervention.
- Interventions from the floor may include questions to the panellists, as well as perspectives from the delegate.
- Interventions and reactions from the panel should be short too.
- The moderator will turn back to the panellists (and the discussants as and when needed) for responses and reflections at least once and at the end of the general debate, before giving the floor to the expert for final wrap-up comments at the end of the Common Space debate.
- The moderator will then make the closing remarks.