



H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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Excellency,

As the Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for attending the GFMD Summit Meeting in Stockholm (14-16 May 2014) and giving the inspiring opening remarks which called governments to action.

The meeting was attended by over 900 delegates from 140 governments, 30 international organizations and civil society representatives and there was a widespread appreciation for the enhanced focus given to the development dimension of the substantive discussions.

I recall your suggestion in the opening remarks that our “voices can impress upon those drawing up the post-2015 framework” and your encouragement, when we met with the GFMD Troika on 21 February 2014, to feed in the results from the GFMD Summit Meeting to the continued post-2015 process. In response, I hereby submit the recommendations that came out of the GFMD Summit Meeting on including migration in the post-2015 development agenda. These were endorsed at the meeting and the Swedish Chair was requested to submit them to your esteemed office.

There was an explicit expectation expressed at the meeting that these would be taken into consideration in the drafting of the Secretary-General’s Synthesis Report on the Sustainable Development Goals.

A more comprehensive account of the outcomes from the GFMD Summit Meeting will be made available in the GFMD Chair’s Report. The Chair of the GFMD remains at the disposal of your office to elaborate on the recommendations presented below.

Yours sincerely,

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Recommendations on including migration in the post-2015 Development Agenda from the 7th Summit Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, Stockholm 14-16 May, 2014

The 7th Summit Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development was held in Stockholm on 14-16 May 2014. Based on existing deliberations on the post-2015 development agenda and notably the Declaration from the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development¹, which recognized that migration and mobility should be adequately considered in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, there was a consensus that migration must be included in the post-2015 development agenda. The GFMD Summit Meeting thus largely focused on how migration should be included in the post-2015 development agenda.

Two main principles were laid down for this:

1. Migration is first and foremost about human beings and the protection of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, irrespective of their migration status, needs to be included in the post-2015 development agenda.
2. There is consensus that migrants and migration should be recognized as enablers of development and should be included as such.

The GFMD Summit Meeting resulted in an endorsement of the recommendations proposed in the background paper for the meeting (see annex). In short, these entail that migrants and migration related aspects should be: 1) included in the narrative of the agenda; 2) clustered and included within a Means of Implementation/Global Partnerships focus area; 3) included as targets under the following SDGs: Poverty Eradication; Education; Health and Population Dynamics; Economic growth and Decent work for all; Promoting Equality; and 4) that targets and indicators are disaggregated to account for development outcomes of migrants and their families.

A number of targets were suggested, including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Protecting human rights of migrants and preventing labour exploitation, discrimination and xenophobia;
- Reducing the costs of recruitment and remittances' and enhancing financial inclusion of migrants;
- Enhancing access to, and portability of, social security benefits;
- Facilitating mobility and the portability of skills, e.g. through bilateral and multilateral agreements.

There was a strong call to refer to the GFMD background paper's annexes as well as the Recommendations from the Global Experts Meeting on Migration in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, held in Dhaka 28-29 April 2014, for concrete suggestions of how such migrant and migration targets and indicators could be formed.

¹ General Assembly, Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, A/68/L.5, 1 October 2013.