

Dear GFMD Friends of the Forum,

Germany and Morocco, Co-Chairs-in-Office of the 2017-2018 Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), ride high on the positive outcomes of the Tenth GFMD Summit held in Berlin on 28-30 June 2017. Your government/organization's active participation has ensured lively and interactive debates and produced [concrete recommendations](#) for the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). We trust you have all received the Summit Digests ([Day 1](#), [2](#) and [3](#)) that summarize the highlights of the three-day proceedings.

Since our last newsletter issued end of April, new milestones have been reached by the GFMD. The GFMD organized a [Thematic Workshop on Climate Change and Human Mobility](#) on 24 May in Rabat, attended by around 200 policymakers and practitioners from governments, international organizations, civil society and private sector. Two interactive working sessions explored the migration-related risks associated with climate change, identified policy actions on how states can respond to these risks, and shared information on current initiatives by governments and non-state partners to address climate-induced displacement.

The first [three thematic sessions](#) of the Global Compact for Migration have now been held, which were open to all Member States and many [GFMD Observers](#). The GFMD Co-Chairs took note of important attributions made to the GFMD in these sessions. This is a recognition of GFMD's continuing added value in providing a space for thematic discussions and confidence-building.

Ahead of the Summit in Berlin, the Co-Chairs introduced the GFMD Mobile App ([Android](#) | [iOS](#)), which helped ensure a paperless conference and encouraged the submission of over 50 national statements – a first in the GFMD history. This meant shorter and targeted interventions, and a more meaningful exchange among the delegates. The App will be further developed to accompany the GFMD process as it continues to foster greater interaction and networking among diverse stakeholders.

On 12 July 2017, the Co-Chairs will organize a [side event](#) at the margins of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) at the UN in New York to present the GFMD's contribution to the 2017 HLPF, which was prepared under the leadership of the ad hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda and GCM. The report highlights the manifold linkages between migration and the SDGs, and explores the explicit and implicit references to migration in the 2030 Agenda. We hope that your respective delegations will attend this important event.

We are also pleased to invite all of you to participate in the upcoming **GFMD Thematic Workshop** in Vienna on 06 September 2017. Its main aim is to synthesize the GFMD's inputs to the GCM. We will organize it after the [5th GCM thematic session](#) (Sept 4 and 5). As before, the Co-Chairs will provide limited funding support to enable the participation of LDCs and other developing countries. The official invitation will be sent out via the Support Unit over the summer.

The Berlin Summit was a culminating point of the first year of our Co-Chairmanship. But important activities are in the pipeline from [July to Dec 2017](#), and for the rest of 2018. The Co-Chairs count on your continued cooperation and dedication.

Once again, danke schön for making the 10th GFMD Summit Meeting in Berlin a huge success, and best wishes for a well-deserved summer break!!!

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Recommendations from GFMD 2017 RT Discussions

Roundtable 1.1 Session

- need for monitoring and flexible approaches
- whole-of-government approach (WOG) is key
- public perception as a strategic area

Roundtable 1.2 Session

- multi-stakeholder approach, both South-South & North-South
- alignment of national action plans with SDG 10.7
- national consultations influence international dialogue

Roundtable 2.1 Session

- *displacement* is a development issue
- leadership of affected countries
- international community support for development solutions

Roundtable 2.2 Session

- safe, humane and dignified return
- strong government ownership and leadership
- close collaboration at all stages between CoOs and CoDs

Roundtable 3.1 Session

- WOG approach plus employers and workers' organizations
- national and regional dialogues, including RCPs, RECs and business
- safeguards for CoOs, CoDs and migrant workers

Roundtable 3.2 Session

- coordinated responsibilities between authorities, CSOs and employers
- multi-stakeholder, multi-level governance, and whole-of-society approaches
- states as guarantors of migrants' human rights