

Terms of Reference for the GFMD 10-year evaluation

A reflection on future perspectives of the GFMD

1. Background and Context

The GFMD is a voluntary, informal, non-binding and government-led process open to all States Members and Observers of the United Nations, to advance understanding and cooperation on the mutually reinforcing relationship between migration and development and to foster practical and action-oriented outcomes.

The GFMD process brings together expertise from all regions and countries at all stages of economic, social and political development. Policy-makers from a wide range of government agencies participate, including from Ministries and Departments of Immigration, Development, Labour, Foreign Affairs, Gender Equality, Home Affairs, Justice, Interior, Integration and Nationals Abroad. Since its inception, the GFMD has operated on the basis of a unique participative working method, involving governments and policy makers from a varied background. UN and other international agencies, including those that make up the Global Migration Group (GMG), as well as academia and civil society organizations, as appropriate and desired by governments are involved in the process.

The objectives of the GFMD are:

- To provide a venue for policy-makers and high-level policy practitioners to informally discuss relevant policies and practical challenges and opportunities of the migration-development nexus, and engage with other stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, experts and migrant organizations to foster practical and action-oriented outcomes at national, bilateral and international level;
- To exchange good practices and experiences, which can be duplicated or adapted in other circumstances, in order to maximize the development benefits of migration and migration flows;
- To identify information, policy and institutional gaps necessary to foster synergies and greater policy coherence at national, regional and international levels between the migration and development policy areas;
- To establish partnerships and cooperation between countries, and between countries and other stakeholders, such as international organizations, diaspora, migrants, academia etc., on migration and development;
- To structure the international priorities and agenda on migration and development.

Currently, the GFMD disposes of a light support structure, which is the Support Unit, based in Geneva as well as ongoing technical support from IOM. GFMD's budget consists of voluntary contributions of participating States.

GFMD's role has recently been formally acknowledged in the draft of the Global Compact in terms of the role it has played in the past, OP 3 *"We also acknowledge the contributions of the Global Forum on Migration and Development launched in 2007. These platforms paved the way for the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, through which we committed to elaborate a Global Compact for Refugees and to adopt this Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, in two separate processes."*

Moreover, the GCM draft envisages a role for the GFMD as part of the implementation, follow up and review of the GCM:

- OP 44: *"[...]recognizing the important role of State-led processes and platforms at global and regional levels in advancing the international dialogue on migration, we invite the Global Forum on Migration and Development, Regional Consultative Processes and other global, regional and sub-regional fora to provide platforms to exchange experiences on the implementation of the Global Compact, share good practices on policies and cooperation, promote innovative approaches, and foster multi-stakeholder partnerships around specific policy issues."*
- OP 48: *"Recognizing the important contributions of State-led initiatives on international migration, we invite fora, such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the IOM International Dialogue on Migration, Regional Consultative Processes, and others to contribute to the International Migration Review Forum as well as the Regional Migration Review Fora by providing data, evidence, best practices, innovative approaches and recommendations as they relate to the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration."*

2. Purpose of the Evaluation

Through a ten-year review of the GFMD's outputs, the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs propose to analyse and assess GFMD's contribution to the global dialogue on migration and development and policy implementation, and to understand its linkages to national and sub-national policy implementation. The results of the evaluation will be presented by the GFMD Co-Chairs to participating Member States at the Eleventh GFMD Summit in Marrakesh, in order to inform their reflection on the GFMD's future perspectives.

3. Evaluation objectives

This evaluation would aim to:

1. Assess the value and relevance of the GFMD in addressing migration and development concerns, both emerging and traditional concerns of participating member states.
2. Consider how to further strengthen the GFMD process.

3. Identify ways by which to enhance the GFMD process, including by suggesting policy options and options for practical action, to make the GFMD fit for the purpose of supporting Member States in the implementation, review and follow-up of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM), as well as migration-related commitments in the SDGs..

4. Evaluation tasks and questions

This evaluation has the following principal tasks:

1. Synthesize the themes that have been covered by the GFMD in the past 10 years and identify future themes.
2. Identify the different methods and multi-stakeholder engagement and influence that have been adopted by the GFMD and assess their pertinence.
3. Identify the GFMD's added value for participating member states. (e.g, topics, good practices, internal coordination)
4. Reflect on the role that the GFMD can play in the future and provide recommendations on how it can further advance. These recommendations should take into account specific roles that the GFMD can play as part of international processes such as the SDGs and the GCM.

5. Methodology

The methodology for this evaluation should be based on both quantitative (i.e. questionnaires etc.) and qualitative methods (interviews and focus group discussion with representatives from Member States, international organizations, civil society and private sector, and other key stakeholders). The evaluation should be also based on an in-depth desk review.

The evaluation will also take advantage of the scheduled GFMD Dialogue on the GCM Implementation on 4 September 2018 to identify gaps and challenges in the GFMD process.

6. Deliverables

This project evaluation's key deliverable is a final **Evaluation Report** in English. The length of the Report should not exceed 30 pages in total (excluding the annexes).

The Report should include:

- an executive summary (mandatory)
- an overview of previous GFMD assessments (focused on findings from GCM and SDG processes)
- the evaluations' purpose
- the adopted methodology
- findings/lessons learnt
- conclusions
- clear and specific recommendations

Present the final report and its recommendation during the session on the future of the Forum during the 11th GFMD Summit in Marrakesh 2018.

In order to allow for discussion by the Co-Chairs, a draft evaluation report will be submitted to the GFMD Co-Chairs by 1 November 2018.

7. Timing and Duration

The total duration of the evaluation period will be **seven (7) months**, from May 2018 – November 2018.

- 15 May – Launch of the questionnaire for UN Member States, GFMD Observers
- May to July – Follow up with Member States and GFMD Observers
- June / July – Informal hearings with Civil Society and Private Sector
- 4 September – GFMD Dialogue on GCM Implementation
- 5 September – 2nd GFMD Review Experts' meeting
- 23/24 October – 3rd GFMD Review Experts' meeting (TBC)
- 1 November – Submission of report to GFMD Co-Chairs

8. Evaluation Team Composition and required Qualification

The evaluation team would ideally be comprised of two Team Leaders representing different regions, who have demonstrably shown in-depth understanding of migration and development issues, as well as expert Team Members who possess the following attributes:

- Detailed knowledge of global multi-lateral processes;
- Experience working with governments;
- Experience of conducting evaluations;
- Excellent writing skills;
- Fluency in English (required); and
- Fluency in French (desirable).