

Special Session on the Future of the Forum

Statement by the UAE

We recognize and appreciate what a number of colleagues have described as new facts that, 10 years into the life of gfmd, should, indeed, prompt us to reflect on the future of this forum.

* UN structures are now more ready to address migration and dev related issues. Constructively.

* iom having emerged as the lead UN related organization on migration

* The UN is increasingly inclined to engage non gov actors in the deliberations on m and d and the implementation and monitoring the impact of the Future gcm

There seems to be further consensus, however that gfmd was at least in part responsible for and a driver of these important developments within in the multilateral system

So, in our opinion, the question should not be, has the GFMD outlived it's usefulness but rather how can the GFMD leverage these new facts, which it helped created in the first place, to redefine, to recalibrate, how to continue to play a constructive and creative role in supporting intl Dialogue on md, both within and outside the UN system. Indeed to continue to be on the cutting edge of international collaboration, practical collaboration on Migration and Development.

So our hope is, to use Ms. Newland's words, our hope is that gfmd does not cease so that we won't have to invent a new one.

I take this opportunity to commend Kathleen on her excellent report. Thank you