



GFMD Thematic Workshop 18-19 April 2018, Rabat

"Migration for development: a roadmap to achieving the SDGs"

Dear **GFMD Friends of the Forum**,

Migration is one of the defining features of the 21st century. It contributes significantly to all aspects of economic and social development, and as such will be key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Different opportunities and levels of development can drive migration. At the same time, migration can increase development and investment, fill labour gaps and contribute to development along the journeys. It is a strong poverty reduction tool – not just for migrants themselves, but also for their families and their wider communities. But migration can also negatively impact development, and though the relationship between the two is increasingly recognized, it remains under-explored.

In this regard, the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of Morocco and Germany, in partnership with the [Overseas Development Institute \(ODI\)](#), will organize the above-entitled **GFMD Thematic Workshop** in Rabat on 18-19 April 2018, in order to explore how the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) can be an opportunity to practically advance the relationship between migration and development, and create opportunities for action. 2018 is a watershed moment for the effective management of global migration. It is therefore an opportune time to consider this relationship, and how it will affect policy development for decades to come.

The **aims of the workshop** are as follows:

1. To discuss and make concrete proposals on how the Global Compact for Migration can take forward the interaction between migration and the SDGs.
2. To explore the role of the GFMD in showcasing state-led initiatives and experiences on the implementation of migration-related commitments in the SDGs.
3. To feed back on and finalise the GFMD report and plans for the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2018.

To promote balanced participation especially from developing countries, the Co-Chairs have set aside limited funding assistance to support the travel and participation costs of up to **25 expert delegates from developing countries**. Those interested are requested to send their nomination via a **Note Verbale** to support.unit@gfmd.org (with name, official designation and a passport scan of the delegate) **no later than Friday, 30 March 2018**.

In view of the limited funding facility, the Co-Chairs will give priority to developing countries that have provided inputs to the GFMD's report to the HLPF 2018.

More information and background documents will follow in the coming weeks.

We do hope you can join us in Morocco and look forward to hearing from you. To RSVP, please email (registration@gfmd.org) by **30 March 2018**.

Thank you and best regards,



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