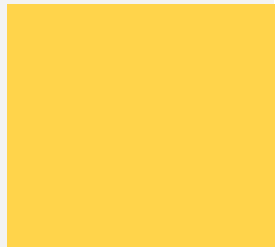
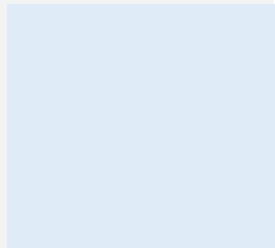




*Towards a Global Social  
Contract on Migration and  
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# REPORT

on the First Year of the  
GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship  
*Germany and Morocco*



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Morocco was launched in New York in December 2016. For the first time since the formation of the GFMD in 2007, two countries have co-chaired the Global Forum at a time coinciding with the launch of the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM) process. This symbolic bridging of the Mediterranean and the close link between Europe and Africa sends a strong signal for the further development of global migration objectives. To this end, GFMD 2017 was organized under the overarching theme, "Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development."

Now in its tenth year, the GFMD remains true to its character and relevant as a thought leader and knowledge broker on the international migration and development stage, engaging all UN Member States, some 57 GFMD Observers and other stakeholders from all regions of the world. The GFMD has evolved into a process that allows the global community to openly discuss sensitive and, at times, controversial issues by listening to different positions, exploring synergies and fostering action-oriented outcomes. In this process, the Global Forum has contributed to deepening the understanding of the multifaceted relationship between migration and development.

This Report on the First Year of the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship comprehensively but concisely recaps the different events that took place in 2017, notably the Tenth GFMD Summit in Berlin, preparatory meetings, roundtable team consultations, thematic workshops, GCM dialogues, and side events. The report prominently features two guideposts of the German-Moroccan GFMD Co-Chairmanship – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the first ever Global Compact for Migration. It also gives particular emphasis on the activities and key recommendations of the Tenth GFMD Summit, including the outcomes of the Roundtable Sessions, Special Sessions on the Future of the Forum and Platform for Partnerships.

As a multi-stakeholder process, the GFMD 2017 Report highlights the Common Space and the GFMD Business Meeting at the Berlin Summit, and demonstrates the links between the GFMD government-led process and the GFMD business and civil society processes. It also presents milestones on GFMD communications, including enhanced social media outreach and the release of the GFMD Mobile Application.

The outcomes presented in this report do not suggest a consensus view of participating member states, nor echo their national perspectives on migration governance. Instead, this report seeks to capture the key elements of the GFMD proceedings and discussions in 2017.

As we begin the GCM intergovernmental negotiations that will culminate in the GCM adoption in December 2018, we will continue to deliberate on the role of the GFMD in a post-GCM context and promote a common global vision where development remains at the center of the migration debate.

The year 2017 has been pivotal for the Global Forum. May this report be our guide as we take stock of our collective accomplishments in 2017.





## GFMD CO-CHAIRS' ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In assuming the first ever GFMD Co-Chairmanship in 2017 and 2018, Germany and Morocco intended to send a strong signal for bridging the Mediterranean Sea, for linking Africa and Europe at a time when migration issues are on top of the political agenda in large parts of the world. Germany and Morocco both possess long standing experience with all aspects of migration and a successful bilateral migration partnership.

Following the high-level meeting of 19 September 2016, and consistent with the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, 2017's GFMD activities were focused on the process leading to the intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM) in 2018, through the coordination of the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for International Migration. Thus, the Co-Chairs were able to add the accumulated expertise gathered within the GFMD framework to the relevant GCM consultative processes.

The overarching theme of 2017's GFMD activities was "Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development". It reflected different governance levels, addressing local, national, international as well as cooperative strategies. The German-Moroccan Co-Chairs propose that models of consensus could advance a global regulatory framework for migration issues, based on the quest for a fair balance of interests for all stakeholders. Through inclusion of all stakeholders, GFMD pursues the objective to reach a legally non-binding mutual understanding of how best the international community can advance international migration issues and leverage the positive linkages between migration and development. As the GFMD is not a decision-making body, it offers a framework in which to discuss even controversial issues without inhibition and more openly than in more formal contexts. The Tenth Summit Meeting at the German Federal Foreign Office under the 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Morocco gathered around 650 participants, comprised of policymakers and practitioners from 140 states, as well as international organizations, the civil society and the private sector and emphasized the global significance of the multi-stakeholder nature of the GFMD in the current debates on international migration governance.

The realization of the first year of the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship was only made possible thanks to the dedicated efforts and contributions of the GFMD community. The ambitious approach of Germany and Morocco to focus their Co-Chairmanship and contribute inputs to two historic processes – migration in the 2030 Agenda and the Global Compact for Migration– has been successful through the steadfast cooperation and commitment of the many governments and non-government stakeholders involved.

With this, we would like to acknowledge and extend special thanks to the UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration and the Global Migration Group for their outstanding support and

collaboration with the GFMD. Further, we express our sincere appreciation to the German and Moroccan GFMD Taskforces, including the Permanent Missions in Geneva and New York, and the GFMD Support Unit for working tirelessly in supporting the Co-Chairmanship in its first year.

The GFMD Civil Society Coordinating Office and the GFMD Business Mechanism deserve a special note of acknowledgement for their commitment and active engagement in representing the voices of the civil society and private sector within the Global Forum. Moreover, we recognize the government and non-government partners who assisted during the preparatory process, such as by taking on leading roles as co-chairs, rapporteurs and note-takers (e.g., ICMPD, UNAOC) during the Tenth GFMD Summit Meeting.

We would like to thank the International Organization for Migration, in particular, for the valuable assistance provided by concerned IOM Offices to the GFMD in 2017 -- technical inputs for the GFMD 2017 Roundtables and GCM dialogues, logistical support for the GFMD thematic workshops and side events, and for hosting the GFMD Support Unit -- the steady structure that has effectively coordinated the various meetings and activities of the Co-Chairmanship in 2017, including the drafting of this report.

Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude to participating Member States, GFMD Observers and other stakeholders for placing their trust in Germany and Morocco in steering the Global Forum at this crucial moment in our history. As the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship enters its second year, we enjoin the GFMD community to help ensure that the GFMD continues to bring added value to the international dialogue and cooperation on migration and development, and thus pave the way towards a prosperous future for migrants and their families around the globe.

We look forward to receiving your full support for the GFMD activities in 2018 and your participation at the Eleventh GFMD Summit in Marrakesh. As Morocco leads the Global Forum's preparatory process next year, the GFMD Co-Chairs remain fully dedicated to the challenging objective that lies ahead of us: to reach agreement on a framework for comprehensive international cooperation on migrants and human mobility.

  
**Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme,**  
*German GFMD Co-Chair*

  
**Mr. El Habib Nadir,**  
*Moroccan GFMD Co-Chair*





# UN SRSG'S FOREWORD

2017 has been an important year of preparations for the start of negotiations of a Global Compact for Migration in 2018 and the strengthening of cooperation on migration within the United Nations. The Global Forum on Migration and Development has contributed in an important way to the progress made over the past decade to take us to the point at which we are now. It has helped shape the global debate on migration and development since 2007 by offering a platform for discussions on the many aspects, opportunities and challenges related to migration and its inter-linkages with development.

Throughout the years, the GFMD has also evolved into a process that allows open discussions on sensitive and sometimes controversial issues, and the exploration of joint solutions through partnerships. We have learned from each other's experiences and understood that in today's world, most countries are at once countries of origin, transit and destination of migrants; this highlights the opportunities for finding common approaches to the many challenges and opportunities that migration presents. Most importantly, we have understood the overriding need for strengthened cooperation.

I would like to commend the two GFMD Co-Chairs, Germany and Morocco, for so ably supporting the GCM process with their 2017 work program. The GFMD has seized the opportunity to contribute to this important process, using national experiences of migration policy-making and sharing recommendations for action-oriented results. The GFMD Thematic Recollection 2007-2017 is a major contribution to the identification of actionable commitments for the GCM; it presents useful policy options and examples of practical applications. The UN Secretary-General's report Making Migration Work for All recognizes the role of GFMD in creating a better common understanding, building trust, developing ideas and data on which the GCM can build.

2018 will be a crucial year for migration in the multilateral system. I look forward to the continued important contributions of members of GFMD as an important architect of the compact that will serve us for years to come.



**Ms. Louise Arbour**

*UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General  
for International Migration*



## GCM CO-FACILITATORS' FOREWORD

In the last decade, migration has grown in importance at the global level along with the recognition of the relevance of the phenomenon for all countries and regions. We would like to pay particular tribute to Peter Sutherland who was instrumental in this regard. He was not only the architect of the Global Forum on Migration and Development and a strong advocate for the inclusion of migration in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He was also one of the driving forces behind the UN General Assembly high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants that led to the decision of UN Member States to elaborate the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. His passing has deeply saddened us, yet his dedication to migrants around the world and his unwavering efforts to bring about more effective and coherent cooperation on migration among the international community remain an inspiration to us all moving forward.

The GFMD was conceived as an informal, voluntary, state-led but not state-only forum. Over the years, the GFMD has facilitated constructive dialogue among states and other stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, based on trust, thereby strengthening a common understanding and promoting a comprehensive approach to migration. Over the years, the GFMD made it possible to address politically sensitive themes and introduce new topics. This way, the GFMD has significantly contributed to migration policy development in countries and, at the same time, has paved the way for a stronger anchorage of migration in the global agenda.

As co-facilitators of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, we commend the German-Moroccan Co-Chairmanship for the steadfast support of the GFMD to the preparatory process in 2017. With its wealth of knowledge, the GFMD has significantly contributed to a 360-degree vision of migration, including by providing a "Thematic Recollection 2007-2017" based on the extensive expertise compiled by the GFMD throughout the last ten years since its inception in 2007.

The German-Moroccan Co-Chairmanship of the GFMD in 2017-2018 is unique in itself, as two countries with different perspectives on today's migration realities are joining forces and setting an example in addressing challenges of mutual concern in a spirit of partnership. We wish Morocco and Germany all the best for the second year of their co-chairmanship and look forward to the continued engagement of the GFMD during the remainder of the intergovernmental process towards the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

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*Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations*

**H.E. Jürg Lauber**

*Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations*

# LAUNCH OF THE GFMD 2017-2018 CO-CHAIRMANSHIP

## GERMANY AND MOROCCO



### Building Upon Decade-long Cooperation on Migration & Development

Riding high on the exemplary Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Chairmanship of Bangladesh in 2016, Germany and Morocco have assumed the 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of the GFMD. The Co-Chairmanship was officially launched at the United Nations Headquarters in

New York on 19 December 2016 – a few days after the Ninth GFMD Summit in Dhaka. For the first time since the GFMD's founding in 2007, two countries have co-chaired the Global Forum for a period of two years – from 1 January 2017 until end of December 2018.

**Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme, Ambassador** for the 2017-2018 GFMD Co-Chairmanship and **Mr. El Habib Nadir**, Ministry Delegate in Charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, represent the GFMD Co-Chairs Germany and Morocco, respectively. The Co-Chairmanship in 2017 focused on enhancing its added value as a state-led and multi-stakeholder process, as well as identifying its interlinkages with existing processes to promote more action-oriented outcomes. In this context, the Co-Chairs' agenda zeroed in on its contribution to the United Nation's Global Compact for Migration (GCM) process to be adopted by the end of 2018, as well as its recommendations to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



The theme of the GFMD 2017 Co-Chairmanship was **"Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development,"** which signaled the imperative to address and balance the interest between migrants and their countries of origin, transit and destinations within the framework of safe, orderly and regular migration.

The launch of the GFMD Co-Chairmanship was supported by GFMD 2017 Troika member Bangladesh, represented by **Mr. Tared Md Ariful Islam**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN in New York. **Mr. Gregory Maniatis**, Senior Policy Adviser of the UN SRSG and **Ms. Lakshmi Puri**, UN Women Executive Director and representative of the Global Migration Group (GMG) Chair, expressed their institutional support for the Forum's agenda and underscored the crucial role and opportunities of the GFMD, given its decade-long expertise, to contribute to the broader agenda on international migration and development.

Accompanying the major events of both processes on the GCM and the 2030 Agenda, the first year of the Co-Chairmanship's work plan included preparatory meetings, roundtable teams consultations, thematic workshops and GCM dialogues, leading to three major events in 2017 – the Tenth GFMD Summit in Berlin in June, the High-level Political Forum in New York in July and the GCM Stocktaking Meeting in Mexico in December.

The German-Moroccan Co-Chairmanship is symbolic of the North-South cooperation on international migration especially at a time when migration is on the spotlight at all governance levels, yet remains a contentious issue around the world. The bridging of the Mediterranean sends a strong signal for enhanced partnerships and cooperation around migration and development policy agenda and objectives.



# GFMD PREPARATORY PROCESS



The GFMD preparatory process consists of three main activities: Preparatory Meetings, Roundtable Team Consultations, and Thematic Workshops. Together, they fulfil the two-pronged objectives of the GFMD 2017 in: 1) shaping each annual GFMD Summit meeting, as well as 2) sustaining the Global Forum as a process, vis-à-vis the emerging issues in the international migration and development landscape.



**Preparatory Meetings** inform the annual GFMD Summit and the overall international migration and development objectives by setting agendas, addressing practical and logistical elements of the Forum, and discussing substantive matters concerning states and observers. The preparatory meetings of the GFMD Troika, the GFMD Steering Group and the GFMD Friends of the Forum are typically held back-to-back over the course of one day.

In 2017, the GFMD deviated from the traditional Preparatory Meeting structure whereby all Preparatory Meetings take place before the GFMD Summit. This year saw an exception as the Summit took place in June and the Forum continued to fulfil its priorities in the second-half of the year.

Two preparatory meetings in the pre-Summit phase and two Preparatory Meetings in the post-Summit phase were

held all in all. The latter focused its discussions on the GFMD's contribution to the GCM, which was intended to be submitted ahead of the GCM stocktaking meeting in Puerto Vallarta (4-6 December 2017).

**Roundtable Teams Consultations** are preparatory meetings led by 2-3 Government Teams (GT) that volunteer to co-chair a Roundtable (RT) session. GTs are primarily responsible for 1) preparing lively RT sessions at the Summit; and 2) leading the process of conceptualizing, drafting and finalizing the RT background papers, which stimulate debate around policy options and provide guiding questions for the roundtables.

During the 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship, the presentation of the themes in the UN General Assembly's Modalities Resolution for the intergovernmental negotiations on the

compact have guided the discussions in the RT consultations. Debates are structured around three sub-themes, each systematically mainstreaming human rights and a gender perspective and spread over six roundtables.

**Thematic Workshops** also offer a dedicated space to discuss relevant issues in-depth, and are an innovative

approach to complement the traditional RT consultations. In 2017, the GFMD hosted two Thematic Workshops – one focused on “Climate Change and Human Mobility” (May, Rabat) and the other was a stocktaking exercise (September, Vienna) to prepare the “GFMD’s contribution to the GCM.”

## Pre-Summit Preparatory Meetings of the GFMD Supporting Structures

*1 February & 5 April – Geneva*

During the preparatory meetings of the GFMD supporting structures – Troika, SG and FOF – in February and April, Co-Chairs Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme and Mr. El Habib Nadir, Ministry Delegate in Charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, rallied the GFMD community of over 150 representatives from 84 member states and 18 international organizations.

The Co-Chairs unveiled the GFMD 2017 overarching theme, “Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development” along with the draft concept note outlining the priorities for the first year of the Co-Chairmanship. They enunciated the GFMD’s commitment to make a significant contribution to the GCM process. Ms. Louise Arbour – the newly appointed Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for International Migration – also delivered a video message to the GFMD community to affirm her positive will and assurance to continue the work of the late Mr. Peter Sutherland, former SRSG.

Looking ahead, Ambassador Schmidt-Bremme and Mr. Nadir expressed the full commitment of the Governments of Germany and Morocco to enhance partnerships and dialogue within the Forum, and to prepare for a successful Tenth Summit in Berlin – whose outcomes would be incorporated into drafting the GFMD’s contribution to the GCM. In preparation for the Summit and with input from GFMD members, the Co-Chairs updated the Terms of References (TORs) for Government-led Roundtable Teams to foster more interactive and dynamic Roundtables, and also introduced special GCM rapporteurs to systematically draw inputs for the GCM contribution from each Roundtable session.

The GFMD Co-Chairs affirmed to the GFMD community that they will continue to support national and international efforts to establish a framework that ensures a “triple-win” for countries of origin, destination and migrants themselves.



# GFMD PREPARATORY PROCESS



## Government-led Roundtable Teams Consultations

2 February & 7 April – Geneva

After the preparatory meetings of the GFMD supporting structures on 1 February and 5 April, respectively, the GFMD Co-Chairmanship organized two series of six government-led Roundtable Teams Consultations. Over 50 governments and 20 international organizations, civil society and private sector groups took part in these deliberations which were structured around a central theme, a set of guiding questions, and objective(s) for each session. Roundtable discussions

were framed with regard to the migration-related Sustainable Development Goals and the GCM thematic clusters, and the issues of human rights and gender were mainstreamed across the Roundtable sessions. The Government-led teams also discussed logistical matters concerning the Roundtables, such as the format and facilitation of the Roundtable sessions in preparation for the GFMD Berlin Summit in June.

Roundtable Session	Co-Chairs	Key Points Discussed
<b>RT 1: Migration and Development through National Strategies: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Domestic Policies</b>		
1.1: Tools and Safeguards for Policy Coherence – Finding the right policy mix to balance different interests and objectives	Republic of Moldova Sri Lanka United Kingdom Bangladesh ( <i>Rapporteur</i> )	How to integrate tools in a multi-actor approach towards shaping migration policy frameworks at national and international levels
1.2: From Global Agenda to Implementation – National Action Plans for migration-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Bangladesh Norway Ecuador ( <i>Rapporteur</i> )	Ongoing efforts & best practices of implementing migration-related SDGs; how to utilize existing mechanisms; promotion of migration SDGs in the GCM
<b>RT 2: Migration and Development through Multilateral and Bilateral Partnerships:</b>		
2.1: Moving beyond emergencies – Creating development solutions to the mutual benefit of host communities and displaced persons	Egypt Denmark Russia ( <i>Rapporteur</i> )	Drivers of forced migration and displacement due to disasters; how to foster resilience and disaster risk reduction & crisis prevention
2.2: Fostering the development impact of returning migrants	Nigeria Switzerland El Salvador ( <i>Rapporteur</i> )	Role of return migration among migrants and origin and destination countries; sustainable reintegration methods
<b>RT 3: Migration and Development: Finding strategies beyond the State</b>		
3.1: Raising the Global Talent Pool – Harnessing the Potential of the Private Sector for Global Skills Partnerships	Australia Philippines Kenya ( <i>Rapporteur</i> )	Exchange of positive examples and experiences of skills creation and mobility; identify initiatives appropriate for global skills partnerships
3.2: Strengthening Cooperation – Enabling Civil Society Contributions in Migration Integration	Canada Mexico Greece ( <i>Rapporteur</i> )	Inquiry of political and legal frameworks that could strengthen cooperation of stakeholders in promoting civic engagement





## Post-Summit Preparatory Meetings of the GFMD Supporting Structures

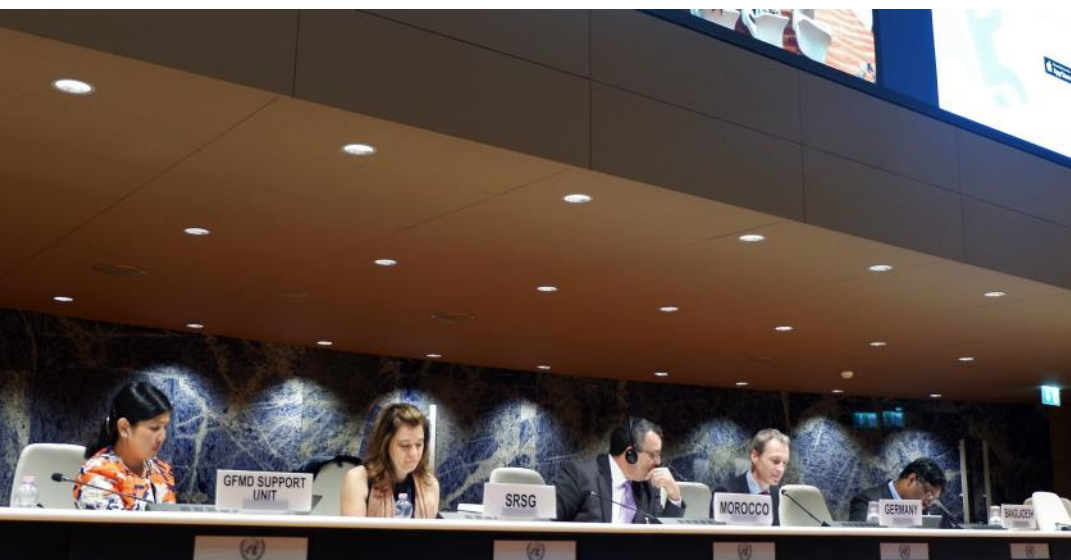
9 October & 22 November – Geneva

After a successful Tenth GFMD Summit in Berlin, the year-end Preparatory Meetings brought together over 130 representatives from 80 member states and 19 international organizations to gain support for the GFMD's contribution to the GCM and to present the agenda and thematic priorities of the GFMD in 2018.

These Preparatory Meetings helped to further refine the GFMD's contribution to the GCM. For example, to better reflect the GFMD's informal character and diversity of discussions held within the Forum, the contribution was renamed from "GFMD Draft Input to the GCM" to "Thematic Recollection 2007-2017 prepared by the GFMD for the GCM." The change was made to underline the point that the thematic recollection is not a consensus document, but rather a comprehensive document that showcases diverse workable policies and practices from a wide range of GFMD stakeholders during the past decade. On 22 November, the

GFMD Co-Chairs obtained the endorsement by the Steering Group and Friends of the Forum, except for one delegation, for the submission of the GFMD Thematic Recollection 2007-2017 to the GCM Co-Facilitators and the SRSG.

In looking ahead, the GFMD Co-Chairs held the view that the Forum is well positioned to transform its principles into action – the implementation of the GCM being one major challenge. Under the lead of the Moroccan Co-Chair, the GFMD will accompany the GCM process from the stocktaking meeting to the intergovernmental negotiations beginning February 2018, all the way to the Intergovernmental conference on international migration to be held in Marrakesh on 10 and 11 December 2018. Alongside international commitments, the Forum will transition into the second year of its Co-Chairmanship and reconvene for the first Preparatory Meeting in February 2018.



Under the lead of the Moroccan Co-Chair, the GFMD will accompany the GCM process from the stocktaking meeting to the intergovernmental negotiations beginning February 2018, all the way to the Intergovernmental conference on international migration to be held in Marrakesh on 10 and 11 December 2018.

# GERMANY'S NATIONAL EFFORTS



Germany geared up to lead the 2017-2018 Germany-Morocco Co-Chairmanship after building a solid foundation of effective partnerships and concrete agenda priorities on migration and development. When Germany proposed the GFMD Co-Chairmanship with Morocco, it decided on an inclusive multi-agency and multi-stakeholder approach from the onset. Beginning in late 2015, Germany created an Advisory Body consisting of academic, foundation and institute representatives that subsequently expanded to include relevant ministry and Federal Agency staff. The combined efforts of this Advisory Body – in line with the broader agenda of the Global Compact for Migration – laid the foundation for the Tenth GFMD Berlin Summit program and many preparatory meetings preceding this Summit.

By 2016, consultations with civil society members took place along with events in the framework of a Migration and Development Series – jointly organized by the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC). Experts in the field of migration and development discussed the GFMD's contribution to the implementation of migration-related SDGs.

Towards the end of 2016, Germany held an opening meeting with the German Civil Society in order to present the first year of the GFMD work plan and to outline the ways it would be involved with the GFMD. The following month brought together the German Employers' Associations (BDA) through its membership in the International Organization for Employers (IOE), host of the coordinating office of the GFMD Business Mechanism.

As a way to engage with other stakeholders on migration, Germany, as Co-Chair of the GFMD Ad-Hoc-Working Group on the Agenda 2030 and the GCM, initiated a "Migration Laboratory." It aims to enable new perspectives and to

facilitate the co-creation of ideas and innovative practices on migration and development.

As the program developed, both the German Civil Society and the German Private Sector held meetings, and two civil society consultations had served in preparing the Berlin Summit (June 2017). To highlight such a multi-stakeholder approach, the ICMC hosted a webinar where Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme exchanged ideas with the civil society in order to foster interaction at all levels. The webinar served as a space to debate with all stakeholders on improved migration governance and on balancing different interests of migrants, the host society, the countries of origin and transit.

In preparation for the GFMD Summit in Berlin and the Civil Society Days, the Robert Bosch Stiftung (Foundation) organized a conference that included an exchange with Ambassador Schmidt-Bremme on the objectives of the German government in shaping the GFMD's 2017 Roundtables.

## Joint Initiatives of Germany and Morocco

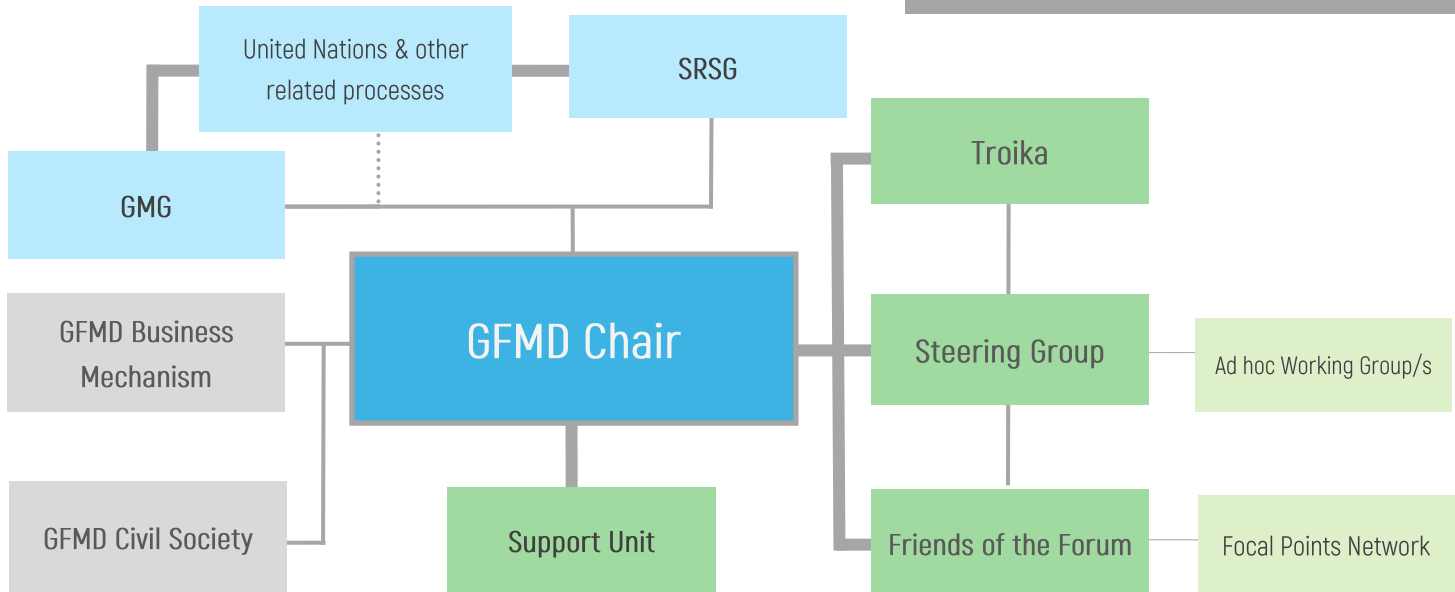
Commissioned by the German Federal Foreign Office, **"The German-Moroccan partnership on asylum and international refugee protection"** (2015-2017) was launched to assist the Ministry of Moroccan Expatriates and Migration Affairs in supporting national actors in shaping and implementing its new migration policy in the area of asylum. It engaged various actors in Morocco who are active in the spheres of asylum and refugee protection and conducted three international refugee law training courses involving roughly 150 judges from Morocco and other African countries, and other stakeholders.

The Governments of Morocco and Germany jointly launched a project on **"Strengthening Selected Municipalities in the Management of Migration"** in Morocco (2015-2018). With the slogan, "Merhaba – Welcome to Morocco!" This project aims at developing a welcoming culture in Morocco for migrants, refugees and returnees. An estimated 50 local government officials from 10 partner municipalities have been trained in integration and reintegration subjects, including cultural cooperation and measures to combat racism.

# GFMD SUPPORTING STRUCTURES



Organigram of the GFMD Supporting Structures



## GFMD Troika

The GFMD Troika is comprised of the former Chair, the Chair-in-Office, and the future Chair of the Global Forum. The Chair-in-Office assumes responsibility for the preparatory process and the implementation of each Forum, with the assistance of the outgoing and future Chairs. In particular, the Troika discusses strategic and political issues related to the Global Forum as a process, including its relationship with the Global Migration Group (GMG) and other international bodies, and makes recommendations on these areas to the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum. Based on the unique 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship structure (compared to individual Chairs in the past), the 2017 Troika consisted of the governments of Bangladesh, Germany and Morocco. The UN Secretary General's Special Representative (SRSG) on International Migration provides political and strategic guidance and ensures the link with the UN. A representative from the Office of the SRSG attends meetings of the Troika.

## GFMD Steering Group

The GFMD Steering Group (SG) is comprised of 30 member countries that are firmly committed to offer sustained

political and conceptual support to the Chair-in-Office and ensure continuity of the overall process. This includes carrying out periodical evaluations of the activities of the Forum, both in terms of process and content, as well as assisting the Chair-in-Office in seeking technical and financial support for the GFMD process. The SG convenes in Geneva at the request of the Chair-in-Office to consider and advise on all relevant policy issues, and it may also create thematic follow-up Working Groups.

Under the Swedish Chairmanship in 2013-2014, an agreement was reached that the maximum number of SG members should be kept to no more than 30 countries. New Terms of Reference and Guidance for Membership (TORs) were also released to clarify the mandate, responsibilities and expectations of the SG members. As key principles, the SG members agreed that: a) demonstrated commitment and real engagement in the GFMD – both intellectual/substantive inputs and, to the extent possible, also financial contributions – is a prerequisite for membership in the GFMD Steering Group; b) balance across regions and different migration perspectives should be maintained; and c) an informal rotational system is applied to allow countries to express



their interest to join the SG and for others to rotate off for a certain period of time.

The 30 member countries are: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States.

## GFMD Friends of the Forum

The Friends of the Forum (FOF) – is open to all Member States and some Observers of the UN. The FOF is also comprised of specialized agencies of the UN, international organizations, regional consultative processes and select non-government stakeholders on migration and development issues. The FOF acts as a sounding board by ensuring all members and observers are informed of Forum-related developments, and advises on the agenda and structure of each meeting. It also discusses other issues of substance, such as those being dealt with by the GFMD Platform for Partnerships and preparatory meetings leading to the annual GFMD Summit.

Participation in the FOF is guided by the defining elements of the Global Forum – voluntary, informal and state-led. Active participation is encouraged to ensure broader ownership of the process. On average, around 130-150 countries attend the GFMD preparatory meetings and thematic workshops, as well as the annual GFMD Summit.

## Global Migration Group

The Global Migration Group (GMG) was established by the UN Secretary General in 2006, in response to a recommendation of the Global Commission on International Migration, with the task to promote a wider application of relevant international instruments and norms relating to international migration and to encourage the adoption of a

more coherent, comprehensive and coordinated approach to the challenges of international migration. Since its founding, many of the GMG member agencies have lent their expertise to the GFMD process by contributing to the preparation of GFMD background papers and providing technical inputs to the debate, organizing side events and participating in the thematic Working Groups. To promote coherence in action and thematic synergies, the GMG leadership is invited to the GFMD preparatory meetings, the Summit Meeting, and other relevant GFMD activities. The GMG is, at present, comprised of 22 UN entities and co-chaired by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

## UN SRSG for International Migration

The UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) – the UN SRSG for International Migration serves as the main link between the UN and the GFMD. The current UN SRSG for International Migration, Ms. Louise Arbour, was appointed in 2017 with a mandate to coordinate the work of the UN system to implement the New York Declaration. She leads the UN system-wide preparations for the 2018 intergovernmental conference on international migration, working with Member States, in partnership with other stakeholders – including the GFMD – in the process of developing a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM).

Ms. Louise Arbour continues the work of her predecessor, the late Mr. Peter Sutherland, who proposed and advocated for the creation of a State-led GFMD in 2007, as an outcome of the first UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration in 2006. From 2007 to date, the Office of the SRSG has actively participated in the annual GFMD Summits and throughout the preparatory process, providing political and strategic advice to the Chair-in-Office and thus promoting overall coordination between the GFMD and the UN.



## GFMD Support Unit

The GFMD Support Unit (SU) was established in 2008 to provide essential administrative, financial and logistical support to the GFMD Chair-in-Office. Under the leadership of Ms. Estrella Lajom, Head of the GFMD Support Unit, the SU has performed its multi-pronged mandate that includes: liaising with GFMD actors; maintaining the archives of the GFMD; organizing preparatory activities of the Forum, consisting of the Troika, Steering Group and Friends of the Forum meetings, thematic workshops, meetings of the GFMD ad Hoc Working Groups, and the Summit Meeting; preparing reports of all GFMD proceedings; managing internationally contributed funds; and managing GFMD's communications channels – namely the GFMD institutional email accounts, web portal, social media and newly launched GFMD Mobile App. Since 2010, the GFMD Support Unit has also administered the GFMD Platform for Partnerships, an initiative aimed at fostering the exchange of practices and policies undertaken by state and non-state actors.

In accordance with the GFMD Operating Modalities, the GFMD Support Unit is attached to and supervised by the GFMD Chair-in-Office. Since it started its operation in February 2009, it has been hosted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Geneva, which has no influence on the activities and responsibilities of the Forum.

## GFMD Focal Points network

Established during the GFMD 2007 Belgian Chairmanship, the network of Focal Points (FPs) is one of the GFMD's important features that constitute the GFMD Friends of the Forum. The majority of FPs are high-level government representatives who enable the GFMD to liaise with the participating governments and facilitate dialogue between different government offices and other stakeholders at national level. They can also play a role as catalysts of greater coherence in the development and migration field at international level.

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Non-governmental Friends of the Forum members, for example, international organizations and regional consultative processes (RCPs) also appoint their GFMD FPs who coordinate their organization's respective participation and contribution to the GFMD process.

The GFMD FP directory is constantly changing due to the dynamic nature of Foreign Service assignments. The Support Unit maintains and regularly updates the Focal Points directory as part of the GFMD archives in order to ensure efficient communication between the GFMD and the FOF.

## Ad Hoc Working Groups

The GFMD Operating Modalities also provides for the creation by the Steering Group of thematic follow up Ad hoc Working Groups (WGs). The WGs consult with the GFMD Troika and the GFMD Steering Group to ensure that the WG activities are in line with the priorities of the Co-Chairmanship and serve the general interest of the GFMD process. Group membership is on a voluntary basis and maintains regional balance. It is also open to non-state partners, particularly international organizations that can offer relevant thematic expertise, as well as representatives of the civil society and business sectors.

As an outcome of GFMD 2008, two Government-led Ad hoc Working Groups – one on the Protection and Empowerment of Migrants, and the other on Policy Coherence, Data and Research – were created with an aim to link GFMD recommendations with existing and forthcoming thematic priorities, and to encourage pilot activities. These WGs, however, were disbanded in 2013. Emerging events and processes – notably, the inclusion of migration in the post-2015 Development Agenda, and the launch of a Global Compact for safe, orderly and migration – called for the creation of new Ad hoc Working Groups.



## WG on 2030 Agenda and GCM

As a result of the deliberations at the Eighth GFMD Summit in Istanbul (October 2015), participating heads of delegations endorsed the proposal for the creation of a GFMD Ad hoc WG on the 2030 Agenda. The WG was established in subsequent months under the GFMD 2016 Bangladesh Chairmanship with the key objective to “consider the best ways for the GFMD to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to contribute to the follow-up and review process.” At the Ninth GFMD Summit in Dhaka (December 2016), the mandate of the WG was renewed and expanded to include a focus on the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). In view thereof, the WG was renamed as “Ad hoc WG on 2030 Agenda and GCM.”

The WG first concentrated its work stream on elaborating a GFMD contribution to the 2017 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) which centered on the theme, “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world.” Seeking to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the report, “GFMD Recommendations to the 2017 HLPF” highlights the manifold linkages between migration and the SDGs and explores the explicit and implicit references to migration in the 2030 Agenda.

In parallel, the WG led the preparations of the GFMD’s contribution to the GCM process – the GFMD’s Thematic Recollection 2007 to 2017 – which was submitted end of November 2017 to the GCM Co-Facilitators and the UN SRSG.

These two concrete and significant outcomes – the “GFMD Recommendations to the HLPF 2017” and the “Thematic Recollection 2007-2017” – were made possible through the dedicated engagement of WG members who met on a regular basis throughout 2017. Both reports were endorsed by the GFMD Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum.

## WG on Communications

Recognizing that a sound communication strategy is of vital importance for an intergovernmental body like the GFMD, the Ad hoc Working Group (WG) on Communications was established in 2015 under the Turkish GFMD Chairmanship. Its objective is to assess the GFMD’s communication needs and feasibility of adopting new ways for effective communication.

After a series of meetings and approval by the GFMD Steering Group, the WG guided the conduct of a GFMD communications

survey in order to identify the communication needs of GFMD members and stakeholders. The survey consisted of 21 open- and closed-ended questions that were aimed at drawing the respondents’ views on the accessibility of GFMD information tools and user habits, among other insights. All in all, the survey garnered a positive response rate and substantive feedback. The findings pointed to the need to take action in different areas, particularly with regard to organization and output reforms, the positioning of GFMD towards other supranational organizations in the field of migration and development, and increasing overall interaction and communications. To highlight the latter insight, survey participants offered the following short-term remedial measures: restructuring the GFMD web portal, increasing the usage of social media and raising the visibility of the Migration and Development (M&D) Policy and Practice Database.

During the Special Session on the Future of the Forum at the Ninth GFMD Summit in Dhaka, the WG presented its report, recounting the findings of the aforementioned survey and offering preliminary recommendations for enhancing the GFMD communications. The Governments of Mexico and Morocco volunteered to serve as Co-Chairs of the WG from February 2017. The WG convened periodically in 2017 to take stock of progress, including the restructuring of the GFMD web portal, expanded usage of social media, publication of periodical GFMD Newsletters, development of the first GFMD Mobile App, and increased visibility and utility of the M&D Policy and Practice Database. With a view to the 2018 work plan, the WG began discussions on developing a long-term GFMD communications strategy and communications plan.

### Members of the Ad hoc WG on 2030 Agenda and GCM



Bangladesh (Co-Chair), Germany (Co-Chair), Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Sweden and Switzerland

### Members of the Ad hoc WG on Communications



Mexico (Co-Chair), Morocco (Co-Chair), Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, Ghana, Tunisia, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates



# GFMD & THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION



Following the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants in September 2016, which recognized the need to strengthen international cooperation on migration, the United Nations General Assembly committed to negotiate a Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM). The GCM, once adopted in December 2018, will be the first ever inter-governmentally negotiated agreement under the auspices of the UN to comprehensively cover all aspects of international migration. The compact is a significant opportunity to improve international governance on migration, address the challenges associated with today's

migration and strengthen the contribution of migrants to sustainable development.

In the Modalities Resolution of the GCM, the GFMD was recognized as an important platform to contribute to the preparatory process and intergovernmental negotiations of the GCM. In this context, Bangladesh focused its GFMD Chairmanship in 2016 on the theme of migration governance in the spirit of working towards the Global Compact. In November 2016, Bangladesh organized the first ever dialogue on the GCM within the framework of the GFMD in New York. A month later, at the Ninth GFMD Summit in Dhaka, the key role of GFMD in the GCM process was further advanced through Roundtable 3.2 on 'Principles, institutions and processes for safe, orderly and regular migration.'

Building upon Bangladesh's efforts in 2016, the succeeding GFMD Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Morocco also committed to contribute to the GCM, beginning with the 2017 overarching theme: *"Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development."* With the support of the GFMD Ad hoc Working Group on 2030 Agenda and GCM, the Co-Chairs have organized a series of preparatory meetings, dialogues and thematic workshops that feed into the overall objective of the Co-Chairmanship to support the GCM process. In coordination with the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for International Migration and the GCM Co-Facilitators, Mexico and Switzerland, the Co-Chairs have also participated in a series of UN-organized preparatory thematic sessions and stakeholder consultations throughout the year. Finally, at the GCM Stocktaking Meeting in Mexico in December, the Co-Chairs presented the GFMD Thematic Recollection (2007-2017) – GFMD's final contribution to the GCM which consolidates 10-year GFMD discussions and cooperation around migration and development.

## GFMD Initiatives towards GCM

### GFMD Dialogues on GCM

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dialogue (14 November 2016, New York)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dialogue (2 February 2017, Geneva)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dialogue (6 April 2017, Geneva)

### GFMD Thematic Workshops

- Workshop on Climate Change & Human Mobility (24 May 2017, Rabat)
- Stocktaking Workshop on GCM (19 September 2017, Vienna)

### 10<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit in Berlin (28-30 June 2017, Berlin)

- Roundtables framed according to the migration-related SDGs and GCM themes
- GCM Rapporteurs evaluated the debates to draw inputs for the GFMD's contribution to the GCM

### Ad hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda and the GCM

- Led the drafting process of the GFMD Contribution to the GCM

### GFMD Participation in the GCM Preparatory Process

- GCM Informal Thematic Consultations
- Multi-stakeholder Hearings
- GCM Stocktaking Meeting (4-6 December 2017, Puerto Vallarta)

GFMD 2018 – will continue to accompany the GCM process

# GFMD DIALOGUES ON GCM

The first ever dialogue on GCM under the Bangladesh GFMD Chairmanship in November 2016 laid the groundwork for the envisaged contribution of the Global Forum to the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). As an informal and multi-stakeholder process, participants stressed that the GFMD can provide a platform to exchange ideas and actively participate in discussions towards the construction and definition of the Global Compact. Among the other points that were raised, it was also articulated that the Global Compact should be based on the existing guidelines on human rights, advance the need for human mobility through a human-centric approach and cover a wide array of issues, with emphasis on the protection of the rights of migrants in vulnerable situations.

The German and Moroccan Co-Chairs subsequently organized two dialogues on the GCM on February 2 and April 6 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Back-to-back with the first two preparatory meetings in 2017, the two GCM dialogues aimed to substantiate the envisaged contribution of the GFMD to the process of elaborating the GCM.

The dialogue on February 2, held in plenary, provided a platform to reflect on the potential role of the GFMD in the GCM process and what the road towards the Global Compact should look like. It was presided over by the GFMD Co-Chairs, Mr. Sönke Lorenz for Germany and Mr. El Habib Nadir for Morocco. Joining them at the panel were representatives of former Bangladesh 2016 GFMD Chair (Ambassador Shameem Ahsan), the UN SRSG for International Migration (Mr. Francois Fouinat), and the GCM Co-Facilitators (Mr. Pietro Mona for Switzerland and Ambassador Raúl Heredia for Mexico).

During this occasion, participants advanced three facets where the Global Forum could contribute to the GCM process—Substance, Space and Stakeholders—“3S”. On

substance, it was suggested that the GFMD could synthesize its wealth of decade-long knowledge in a coherent way to prepare its contribution for the GCM Stocktaking in Mexico. As a proven and effective space for dialogue, the Global Forum could also generate a space for thematic dialogues that could contribute to advancing the debates, building consensus and sharing best practices on migration and development. Finally, while remaining as a state-led process, the GFMD can also ensure the active participation of multiple stakeholders, thus, promoting the development of a multi-stakeholder GCM.

Co-chaired by Amb. Götz Schmidt Bremme and Mr. Ahmed Skim (representative of Mr. El Habib Nadir), the second dialogue on GCM held on 6 April was honored by the presence of the GCM Co-Facilitators – Amb. Jürg Lauber and Amb. Juan José Gómez Camacho. The dialogue was organized around three of the six GCM thematic clusters – 1) on human rights of all migrants, 4) on the contribution of migrants and diasporas, and 6) on irregular migration and regular pathways.

In the first session, it was emphasized that the protection of human rights of migrants along migratory routes is a shared global responsibility. The second session, on the other hand, highlighted the need to strengthen the contributions of migrants in all shapes and forms, including remittances and in-kind. Finally, the third session concluded that ensuring fair and ethical recruitment as well as skills mobility and recognition could help address irregular migration.

Both dialogues saw widespread affirmation among the participants—from governments, international organizations, civil society and business—that the GFMD should continue to serve as a thought leader and knowledge broker for informal and consensus-building dialogues among all stakeholders.



# GFMD THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

## Climate Change and Human Mobility Workshop

24 May – Rabat

A thematic workshop on climate change and human mobility was organized in Rabat to further elaborate the GFMD's input to the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) process, and to contribute to the follow up and implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Under the theme "Towards dignified, coordinated and sustainable solutions," the workshop aimed to advance recommendations and share good practices that would enable States to respond to human mobility challenges associated with climate change.

Organized in two working sessions, the first session "Understanding and Taking Action," explored the state of advancement of research and knowledge-sharing on migration, environment and climate change at the academic and policy levels. The second working session, "Towards Responsibility Sharing," focused on pursuing greater consistency between national and global strategic frameworks, and encouraged the sharing of initiatives that address extreme weather events and human displacement.

Mr. Abdelkrim Benoutiq, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in Charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, delivered the key note address during the workshop. Joining him at the panel were Mr. Md. Toufiq-ur Rahman, representing former 2016 GFMD Chair Bangladesh and Mr. Gervais Appave, Special Advisor of IOM Director-General. Ms. Louise Arbour, UN SRSG for International Migration delivered a video message that urged the GFMD to focus on identifying concrete and actionable outcomes and deliverables for the Global Compact.

## GCM Stocktaking Workshop

6 September – Vienna

To consolidate the outcomes of the three GCM Dialogues, the Rabat workshop on "Climate Change and Human Mobility," as well as the Roundtable Sessions at the Tenth GFMD Summit, the GFMD Co-Chairs, in cooperation with the Governments of Philippines and Sweden, organized a stocktaking workshop on the Global Compact.

During the opening plenary session, Ms. Sarah Lou Arriola, Philippine Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs and Mr. Ola Henrikson, Swedish Ministry of Justice Director General for Migration and Asylum, articulated the experiences of their respective countries in addressing migration challenges. They also shared their views on how the GFMD could support the implementation of commitments within the GCM framework.

Simultaneous working sessions were held around the six GCM thematic clusters. Delegates reflected on the following guiding questions: How can the GCM facilitate sustainable implementation of commitments in international standards and frameworks? How can the GCM further advance relevant recommendations and good practices shared within the GFMD? Which current challenges, if any, require specific emphasis by the GCM?

Among the agreed points: a) migrants' human rights should be protected regardless of immigration status; b) migration should be a genuine choice; c) a whole-of-government approach can strengthen the contributions of migrants and diaspora; and d) national, regional and global actors and institutions are crucial to improve migration governance.





# GFMD THEMATIC RECOLLECTION 2007-2017

Taking up the invitation in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the GCM Modalities Resolution, and following a series of GCM focused events organized in 2016 and 2017, the German and Moroccan GFMD Co-Chairmanship coordinated the preparation of the “GFMD Thematic Recollection (2007-2017)” which constitutes the Global Forum’s contribution to the GCM process.

The thematic recollection reflects the diversity of decade-long GFMD discussions and partnerships that have taken place in different world regions from 2007 to 2017. This

collective output thereby serves to inform the GCM process. It does not intend to constitute a consensus view of all States or anticipate their national positions in the negotiation phase of the GCM.

Consistent with the GFMD’s character as a state-led but not state-only global platform on migration and development, the GFMD Thematic Recollection has benefitted from the valuable inputs not only from governments, but also international organizations, other GFMD Observers, the civil society and the private sector.

## Key Elements of the Thematic Recollection



### Policy Options

policy ideas or suggestions made by governments and non-state partners on how to address migration challenges and harness the potential benefits of migration



### Options for Practical Action

concrete programs or approaches that support policy options that have been discussed in the context of the GFMD



### Policy and Practice Examples

migration & development-related initiatives carried out by governments and/or non-state stakeholders that have been shared in the GFMD framework, now posted on the GFMD Platform for Partnerships (PfP) database

## GCM Stocktaking Meeting, 4-6 December

At the GCM Stocktaking Meeting in Puerto Vallarta, the GFMD Co-Chairs officially handed over the document to the co-facilitators of the GCM process, Ambassador Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN in New York and Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN in New York, as well as to the United Nations SRSG for International Migration, Ms. Louise Arbour, in her capacity as Secretary General to the International Conference on Migration. In the Co-Chairs’ separate statements, they emphasized that the document is a testament to the deepening of the multi-stakeholder dialogue and cooperation that the Global Forum has fostered through the years. As such, the GFMD could continue providing a valuable space for policy exchange and trust-building among stakeholders towards a possible post-GCM architecture in 2018.

## Focus Areas of the GCM in the GFMD Thematic Recollection

### Human Rights of all Migrants

- Migrants' human rights regardless of their immigration status
- Empowerment of migrants
- Social inclusion & participation

### Irregular Migration & Regular Pathways

- Labor mobility, including temporary or circular migration
- Fair & ethical recruitment of migrant workers
- Skills recognition & development
- Non-exploitative financing for migration

### International Cooperation & Governance of Migration

- Policy and institutional coherence & synergies; regional partnerships
- Fact-based governance, impact orientation & monitoring
- Multi-stakeholder involvement
- Return & reintegration

### Contributions of Migrants & Diasporas

- Migrants as development actors
- Reducing costs of migration
- Establishing diaspora partnerships
- Fostering capacity development of migrant organizations
- Portability of social security entitlements & earned benefits

### Addressing Drivers of Migration

- Addressing long-term needs of migrants throughout crises and in the face of climate change & environmental degradation
- Addressing the root causes of forced/crisis migration

### Smuggling of Migrants, Trafficking in Persons & Slavery

- Protecting migrants in vulnerable situations
- Fighting human trafficking, smuggling of migrants & slavery
- Improving identification

## Action Areas of the GCM in the GFMD Thematic Recollection

1 Provide greater opportunities to migrate in safe, orderly and regular manner.

2 Manage migration well through people-centered, human rights-based and gender-responsive commitments.

3 Recognize mixed migration as a growing reality that calls for strong interlinkages between the Global Compacts on Migration & Refugees.

4 Collect and analyze data as a precondition for tailored, evidence-based migration policies & accountability.

5 Adopt a whole-of-government-and-of-society approach that includes parliamentarians and local actors.

6 Promote inclusive policy-making by creating enabling frameworks for civil society and other non-state actors.

7 Encourage coalitions of different stakeholders to come forward with practical solutions to shared concerns.



# GFMD & THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



## Migration in the 2030 Agenda

On 25 to 27 September 2015, the UN General Assembly convened in New York to adopt the Post-2015 Development agenda – now widely known as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda). Building on the Millennium Development Goals, the 2030 Agenda's key objective is to eradicate poverty in all its forms and to leave no one behind, through the achievement of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets.

Since 2013, the GFMD has led global reflections on the mutually reinforcing relationship between migration and sustainable development. Under the 2013-2014 Swedish Chairmanship, led by Ambassador Eva Åkerman Börje, the GFMD considered how the topic of migration could be incorporated in the Post-2015 Development Agenda as an enabler for sustainable human development, including its social and economic elements. The preparatory process leading to the Seventh GFMD Summit in Stockholm (May 2014) included a Thematic Workshop and Roundtable Sessions focusing on how to unlock the potential of migration for sustainable development. At the national level, the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation led an Expert Policy Dialogue to discuss the role of migration and mobility in the Post-2015 Development era.

The GFMD continued to be engaged as a development-focused forum as it transitioned into the 2014-2015 Turkey Chairmanship led by Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2015, the GFMD hosted a Thematic Workshop on "Migration in the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda" (February) and also a dedicated Roundtable on "Migration in the context of the 2030 Development Agenda" (October). These events presented an opportunity for the Forum to consider the practical implications of the Post-2015 Agenda and the progress that had been made to date in this regard. At the Eighth GFMD Summit in Istanbul,

participating Member States endorsed the proposal to commission an Ad hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda.

By 2016, Bangladesh assumed the GFMD Chairmanship with a resolute objective for the Forum to launch a transformative migration agenda and engage with the newly adopted 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Ambassador Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh, served as the GFMD Chair and also co-chaired the Ad hoc WG on the 2030 Agenda with a mandate to "consider the best ways for the GFMD to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to contribute to its follow-up and review process."

During the Ninth GFMD Summit in Dhaka, the Working Group presented its report pointing to specific preliminary recommendations on how the GFMD could best position itself to support the follow-up and implementation of migration-related commitments in the 2030 Agenda. It suggested to:

1. Provide a platform for voluntary sharing of experiences, progress, and evidence on migration aspects of the 2030 Agenda.
2. Facilitate voluntary action by building partnerships on migration-related aspects of the 2030 Agenda.
3. Inform Member States, Observers, and relevant organizations of migration-related aspects of the 2030 Agenda, and seek their input.

As the GFMD arrived in 2017, the German and Moroccan Co-Chairs, represented by Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme and Mr. El Habib Nadir, respectively, vowed to further consolidate the Forum in order to enhance its impact on the global migration and development agenda and to ensure its added value and sustainability by highlighting policy and practical recommendations that have come out of GFMD discussions.



## GFMD Recommendations to the 2017 High-level Political Forum

As an intergovernmental body, the GFMD was invited by the ECOSOC President to provide input to the 2017 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development and showcase its overall contribution to the 2030 Agenda, with a particular focus on the SDGs and respective targets that are most relevant to GFMD's mandate. The Ad hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda was tasked to elaborate a draft report by the GFMD to the HLPF. The GFMD community endorsed the draft GFMD Recommendations to the HLPF at the second preparatory meetings (April 2017), ahead of its subsequent submission to the Office of the ECOSOC President.

The GFMD Recommendations focused on seven SDGs:



The GFMD report discussed targets that can and should address the vulnerability and protection gaps specific to all groups of migrants, targets that can benefit from the potential of migration and migrants, and targets that address drivers of migration including employment or employment creation. Additionally, it highlighted the manifold linkages

between the SDGs and migration and explored the explicit migration-related targets, including:

- 3.c on the retention of health workers
- 4.b on international scholarships
- 8.8 on labour rights for migrant workers
- 10.7 on orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration
- 10.c on the reduction of remittances costs
- 16.9 on the creation of legal identity (thus ending statelessness)
- 17.18 on migration-disaggregated data-collection
- 5.2, 8.7, 16.2 which address aspects of human trafficking

Further to this, the report included “best practice boxes” that featured some past and present government-led initiatives from GFMD's Platform for Partnerships. It proposed general recommendations, such as to adopt the view that migration is positive in the development of countries and migrants themselves, as well as specific recommendations, such as to improve data collection on migrants' contribution to the economic growth of destination countries.



The High-level Political Forum (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>), established in 2012, is the main UN platform on sustainable development. The HLPF on Sustainable Development was organized under the auspices of ECOSOC in July 2017 with the theme, “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world,” and it plays a central role in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

# GFMD & THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



## GFMD Side Event at the 2017 High-level Political Forum

At the margins of the 2017 High-level Political Forum (HLPF), the German-Moroccan Chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) hosted a side event, "GFMD Reflection on Migration-related SDGs." The event presented the Global Forum's substantive input – *GFMD Recommendations to the 2017 HLPF* topic of "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world."

In opening the event, Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme, representing GFMD Co-Chair Germany, highlighted the rich expertise on development-oriented migration policies that the GFMD as a multi-stakeholder process, including civil society and private sector, has accumulated since its foundation in 2007. With a view to SDG target 10.7, he stressed the need to align with international processes in order to create synergies when it comes to facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration. For her part, the UN SRSG for International Migration, Ms. Louise Arbour, emphasized that the SDGs recognize the positive contribution of well-managed

migration to sustainable development in countries of origin, transit and destination by including a number of migration-related targets.

A panel discussion with international migration experts and policymakers followed, including Mr. Andreas Pfeil, Development Counsellor of the German Permanent Mission in New York; Ms. Deborah Greenfield, Deputy Director General for Policy at the International Labour Organization (ILO); and Dr. Kathleen Newland of the Migration Policy Institute, who also served as the moderator.

The year 2017 marked the GFMD's first contribution to the UN High-level Political Forum. Co-Chairs Ambassador Schmidt-Bremme and Mr. Nadir expressed the hope that this engagement will allow the GFMD to continue leveraging its vast experience and lessons learned within the framework of the UN.



"The GFMD is a process that has much to contribute to the realization of the SDGs and to the elaboration of a global compact. It's a space where states can exchange ideas and experiences and discuss sometimes difficult migration issues without confrontation."

- Dr. Kathleen Newland

The GFMD community endorsed the draft GFMD Recommendations to the HLPF at the second preparatory meetings (April 2017), ahead of its subsequent submission to the Office of the ECOSOC President.

# GFMD AND OTHER RELATED PROCESSES



## UN DESA 15th Coordination Meeting

*16 February – New York*

At the 15th UN Coordination Meeting on International Migration, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the GFMD German-Moroccan Co-Chairs, Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme and Mr. El Habib Nadir, addressed in separate sessions the participating delegations. The former presented the GFMD's reflections on the implementation of the New York Declaration, while the latter shared Morocco's experiences and perspective on international cooperation and governance.

On the occasion of this meeting, the GFMD Co-Chairs also hosted a reception at the Permanent Mission of Germany, welcoming over 100 representatives from governments, civil society and the private sector. They informed the New York community about the planned activities of the Co-Chairmanship, including the preparation of the GFMD's contribution to the Global Compact for Migration (GCM).

The reception capped a full day of discussions and reflections that took stock of the progress made in implementing the migration-related commitments of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. After welcoming the guests, Ambassador Schmidt-Bremme articulated his vision for the GFMD to take an active role in the creation of a global compact and contribute to the process by drawing from the Forum's rich reservoir of debate outcomes and workable practices. Parallel to this, Mr. Nadir looked toward the future and shared his perspective as Moroccan Co-Chair that 2018 would be a crucial year for comprehensive governance on international migration.

## 329th session of the ILO Governing Body ILO Government Group Meeting

*20 March – Geneva*

On 20 March, the German GFMD Co-Chair, Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme, was invited to participate in the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Government Group Meeting, held on the margins of the 329th session of the ILO Governing Body. He underscored the GFMD's links with the ILO, highlighting that their engagement is crucial in facilitating positive contributions of migrants to sustainable and inclusive development.

Looking towards the Tenth GFMD Summit Meeting, Ambassador Schmidt-Bremme anticipated that "the ILO has a critical role to play given its experience in the promotion of decent work and social protection, as well as its proven expertise in the governance of migratory processes." He conveyed the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs' vision for the ILO to play a key role in the lead up to, and during the Tenth GFMD Summit in Berlin and, in this regard, looked forward to ILO's contribution to the Global Forum in 2017.



# GFMD AND OTHER RELATED PROCESSES



## 7th Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration

10 October – Geneva

As the largest inter-State Consultation mechanism on migration (ISCM), the GFMD Co-Chairmanship was invited to the Seventh Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs) on migration, organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). A key objective of the meeting was to consider the contribution of the ISCMs to the preparatory process of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) with the aim of collecting and reviewing concrete recommendations and other inputs to the GCM.

Mr. El Habib Nadir, Moroccan GFMD Co-Chair and Mr. Sönke Lorenz, representing the German GFMD Co-Chair, participated in the first session on Global Processes on Migration Inputs to the GCM that was followed by a Q&A session. They presented the outcomes of the GCM Stocktaking Workshop in Vienna (September), including the points of convergence, practical recommendations and challenges that were identified by participating governments and GFMD Observers (see section on “GFMD and GCM”).

The Co-Chairs emphasized the Forum's varied initiatives in preparing for the GCM, beginning with the GFMD 2016 dialogue on the Global Compact. To promote broad ownership of the GFMD contribution to the GCM, the Co-Chairmanship announced their plan to get the endorsement of the GFMD report by the GFMD Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum at the November GFMD preparatory meetings.

## IPU Conference for Parliamentarians

16-17 November – Valletta

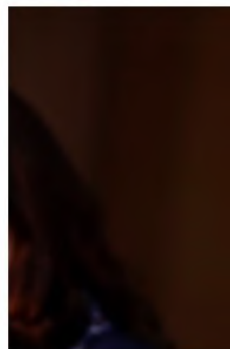
The Parliament of Malta, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) jointly hosted its first Mediterranean Parliamentary Conference on migration. Titled “International Conference on Promoting better regional cooperation toward smart and humane migration across the Mediterranean,” the objective was to bring together parliamentarians from the region and other key stakeholders and discuss concerted responses to current migration challenges and opportunities – the promotion of safe, orderly and regular migration in the Mediterranean Sea being one.

Mr. El Habib Nadir, the Moroccan GFMD Co-Chair, was invited to speak during the fifth session on Addressing the “push” factors of migration: the importance of promoting sustainable development in countries of origin. During his intervention, he emphasized that the GFMD has long recognized the important role of parliamentarians in ensuring effective governance of migration. He cited a number of instances in which parliamentarians could play a role, drawn from previous GFMD meetings, such as the 2012 roundtable in Mauritius on the public perception of migrants, the 2013-2014 roundtable in Sweden on circular mobility and the 2014-2015 roundtable in Turkey on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

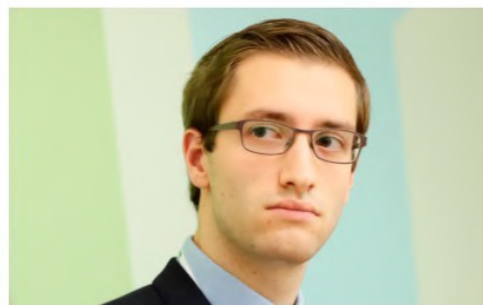
# 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT

Towards a Global Social Contract on  
Migration and Development

Berlin, 28-30 June 2017











## OPENING SESSION

The Global Forum on Migration and Development rallied the global community at the Tenth GFMD Summit to leverage the benefits of migration for sustainable development and advance a comprehensive migration governance framework through the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). Under the overarching theme, "Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development," the three-day summit was organized by the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Morocco on June 28-30 at the German Federal Foreign Office. The Summit gathered around 650 participants, comprised of policymakers and practitioners from 140 states, as well as international organizations, the civil society and the private sector.

Leading the inaugural session were the GFMD Co-Chairs, Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme, German Ambassador for GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship and Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General to the Minister Delegate in Charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs. In their separate statements, they emphasized the global significance of the Summit and the state-led and multi-stakeholder nature of the GFMD that fosters the current debates and partnerships around international migration governance. German Ministers, Mr. Sigmar Gabriel of the Federal Ministry for

Foreign Affairs and Dr. Gerd Müller of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development articulated Germany's longstanding commitment to the migration-development nexus. Minister Müller explained that having become a 'migration country,' Germany needs robust legal frameworks with a strong integration component to address migration-related issues. Meanwhile, Mr. Gabriel asserted that every country in the European Union, not just Germany, should live up to its commitment in dealing with refugees and other vulnerable populations that cross its borders. He further stated that migration policy should not stop at the national borders as equitable migration is a shared and global responsibility. Mr. Abdelkrim Benoutiq, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, shared that since 2013, Morocco's GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chair, has adopted migration policies that are based on a global, humanistic and responsible ideology.

The opening session closed on a high note, with the speakers emphasizing the huge role of the GFMD to advance debates and foster international cooperation for the implementation and follow up of the migration-related SDGs and for the negotiation of the Global Compact.



"A successful compact, with real deliverables, will address the number of security, development and human rights concerns regarding migration. Failure, on the other hand, would leave us unequipped to harvest the immense potential of migration."  
 - UN SRSG Ms. Louise Arbour

## UN LEADERS & REPRESENTATIVES

The inaugural session of the Summit was attended by several high level officials of the United Nations. Serving as the direct link of the GFMD to the UN, Ms. Louise Arbour, UN Secretary General's Special Representative for International Migration, expounded on the imperative for safe, orderly and regular migration. She enjoined the GFMD to continue promoting effective international cooperation and strong political leadership, which would be vital for the success of the GCM.

Other UN speakers included the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Mr. Filippo Grandi; the Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mr. William Lacy Swing; the Director General of the International Labor

Organization (ILO), Mr. Guy Ryder; and the Rector of the GMG 2017 Chair of United Nations University, Dr. David Malone. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, High Representative of the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and Mr. François Crépeau, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, also attended the Summit.

In their respective interventions, they affirmed their support for the continuity of the Global Forum, and shared their plans on how, through the organizations they represent, they can work with the GFMD in achieving common goals, and in seizing the momentous opportunity presented by the Global Compact.

### Speakers

**Ms. Louise Arbour**, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration

**H.E. Mr. William Lacy Swing**, Director-General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

**H.E. Mr. Filippo Grandi**, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**H.E. Mr. Guy Ryder**, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)

**Dr. David Malone**, UN University Rector and GMG Chair



### Speakers

**Mr. Jean Asselborn**, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs Luxembourg

**Ms. Wies Maas**, Chair of the GFMD 2017 Civil Society Days

**Mr. Austin Fragomen**, Chair of the GFMD Business Advisory Group





## 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT

# ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

Under the overarching theme, “Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development,” six simultaneous and interactive roundtable discussions were organized which constituted the key component of the Tenth GFMD summit. The sessions touched upon three major themes: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Domestic Policies through National Strategies, Creating Perspectives for Inclusive Development through Multilateral and Bilateral Partnerships and Finding Strategies beyond the State, and were framed in accordance with the migration-related commitments in the 2030 Agenda and the Global Compact for Migration.

Each roundtable session was led by Government Co-Chairs who ensured that the debates focused on the corresponding theme. A moderator lent support to the Co-Chairs in facilitating an interactive and output-oriented dialogue, and a GCM Rapporteur synthesized the key outcomes of each session in relation to the GCM and the migration-related SDGs.

Participants representing different policy fields and sectors offered multi-stakeholder perspectives and recommendations on the session topics, which centered on achieving policy coherence, implementation of international agreements at the local level, maximizing benefits of migration for both host and origin communities, engaging the private sector for skills partnerships, and enabling civil society contributions in migrant integration. Some roundtables also held breakout sessions to go in depth on information sharing and policy debates.

### Roundtable Themes and Government Co-Chairs

#### 1.1: Tools and Safeguards for Policy Coherence – Finding the right policy mix to balance different interests and objectives

Ms. Daniela Morari, Republic of Moldova  
Ms. Ganegama Withanage, Sri Lanka  
Ms. Beverley Warmington, United Kingdom

#### 1.2: From Global Agreement to Implementation – National action plans for migration-related SDGs

Ms. Nahida Sobhan, Bangladesh  
Amb. Tove Skarstein, Norway

#### 2.1: Moving beyond emergencies – Creating development solutions to the mutual benefit of host and origin communities and displaced persons

Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Denmark  
H.E. Mr. Hisham Badr, Egypt

#### 2.2: Fostering the development impact of returning migrants

Hon. Sadiya Umar Farouq, Nigeria  
Mr. Pietro Mona and Ms. Fanny Charmey, Switzerland

#### 3.1: Raising the Global Talent Pool – Harnessing the Potential of the Private Sector for Global Skills Partnerships

Mr. David Wilden, Australia  
Mr. Jesus Yabes, Philippines

#### 3.2: Strengthening cooperation – Enabling Civil Society Contributions in Migrant Integration

Mr. Glen Linder, Canada  
Amb. Miguel Ruiz Cabañas, Mexico



# ROUNDTABLES 1.1 & 1.2 OUTCOMES

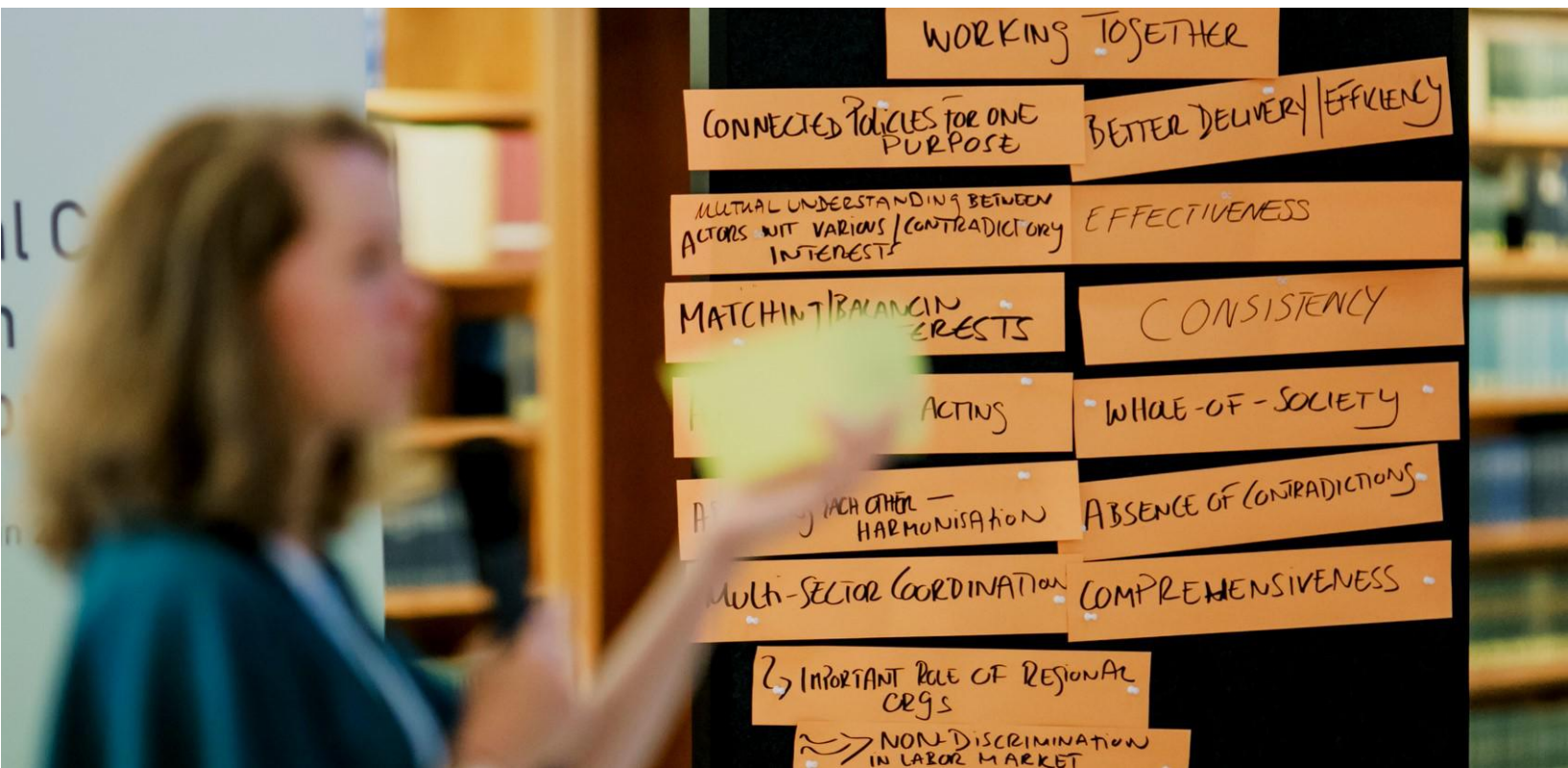
## *Migration and Development through National Strategies: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Domestic Policies*

Roundtable 1.1: Tools and Safeguards for Policy Coherence – Finding the right policy mix to balance different interests and objectives

1. Working towards policy coherence is a process which needs to be continuously monitored and adjusted given the actors' varying interests.
2. A whole-of-government approach is the first step towards a whole-of-society approach that includes the civil society and private sector.
3. Tools should be developed to demonstrate the link between policy coherence and public perception. Information should be shared with the public on the complexities involved in migration to manage expectations towards domestic migration policies.

Roundtable 1.2: From Global Agenda to Implementation – National Action Plans for migration-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

1. The implementation of the SDGs at the national level requires multi-stakeholder cooperation.
2. The SDG 10.7. on *facilitating safe, orderly and regular migration* is an umbrella target that needs to be developed together with the other targets of the 2030 Agenda for national implementation and international cooperation and to serve as a basis for the negotiation of a Global Compact for Migration.
3. National consultations are a necessary requirement for effective international consultations.



# ROUNDTABLES 2.1 & 2.2 OUTCOMES

## *Migration and Development through Multilateral and Bilateral Partnerships: Creating Perspectives for Inclusive Development*

Roundtable 2.1: Moving beyond emergencies – Creating development solutions to the mutual benefit of host and origin communities and displaced persons

1. Displacement must be recognized as a development issue and not only a humanitarian one. Well-managed migration and good responses to displacement can leverage development dividends.
2. Governments in affected countries must take the lead in planning and responding to crises.
3. The international community must provide necessary support for development solutions and prioritize inclusion and self-reliance, in consultation with the affected population.

Roundtable 2.2: Fostering the development impact of returning migrants

1. Return must be managed in a safe, humane and dignified manner.
2. Strong government ownership and leadership are fundamental but wide partnerships with international organizations, the civil society (including diaspora organisations) and the private sector (e.g. service providers) are also needed.
3. Countries of origin and destination need to closely collaborate at all stages, as well as build trust and understanding. Bilateral agreements are necessary frameworks, and dialogue is the centerpiece of all partnerships.
4. There is a need to improve data collection and disaggregate facts to have a clearer picture of the profiles and needs of migrants and host communities and to better tailor programmes.





# ROUNDTABLES 3.1 & 3.2 OUTCOMES

## *Migration and Development: Finding strategies beyond the State*

### Roundtable 3.1: Raising the Global Talent Pool – Harnessing the Potential of the Private Sector for Global Skills Partnerships

1. The whole-of-government approach needs to go beyond the government to include employers' and workers' organizations at the national level. Coordination should be expanded globally which means that international cooperation needs to ensure that all concerned stakeholders are included. There is also a need to deepen policy interactions between international organizations.
2. National and regional dialogue with the private sector, including through Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs) and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), is important to identify skills needs, gaps, shortages, and to plan skills development and the architecture of migration policies. Instead of building new institutions, Global Skills Partnerships should reinforce existing institutions.
3. Safeguards need to be in place for countries of origin, destination and the workers themselves. For the origin country, against negative effects of migration; for the destination country, against negative effects on local workers; for migrants, protection from exploitation and unfair treatment. The GCM should encourage implementation of international standards in this area.

### Roundtable 3.2: Strengthening Cooperation – Enabling Civil Society Contributions in Migrant Integration

1. National and local authorities, CSOs, and employers should have clear, distinctive and coordinated responsibilities, tasks and roles with a view to contributing to migrants' integration efforts and to achieving successful integration policies and practices.
2. Countries should adopt a multi-stakeholder, participatory and whole-of-society approach, coupled with a multilevel governance approach to integration, to make integration work for the benefit of all and boost development.
3. States should assume their responsibilities as guarantors of migrants' human rights. They should plan and implement well-informed, pertinent and successful integration initiatives to ensure that migration can foster development in origin, transit and destination countries and contribute to the well-being and the living together of both migrants and natives.







# 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT SIDE EVENTS

At the margins of the GFMD Summit, seven side events – independently organized by governments, international organizations, and civil society – were held, covering pertinent topics on migration and development. Complementing the Roundtable sessions on the first day of the summit, these events highlighted cross-cutting aspects of migration and put forth innovative policy tools and practices adopted by governments and organizations.

## *Side Event 1.1: Moroccan-German Cooperation on Migration – An approach to achieve common interests?*

Representatives from Morocco and Germany presented on its long-standing bilateral cooperation with an emphasis on migration – demonstrating an example of how different stakeholders (including governments in countries of origin and destination, migrant- and non-migrant NGOs, and the private sector) are involved in the implementation of migration-related projects at various levels.

## *Side Event 2.1: Development Solutions to Mass Displacement in Cities – The Case of Syrian Refugees*

Using the case of Syrian refugees in neighboring host countries, this side event provided a space to share lessons and good practices on development approaches to refugee displacement at the city level. This included how to cope with the demographic pressures on services as well as how to take advantage of the skills of those newly arrived and achieve positive outcomes for society.

## *Side Event 1.2: Migration and the Agenda 2030 for Development: the role of cross-sectoral thinking, data and evidence for effective implementation*

This side event complemented the RT discussion by highlighting the relations between cross-sectoral approaches, and data and evidence for the implementation of the SDGs. In addressing the challenges of obtaining available, comparable, timely and quality data, the presenters promoted a variety of new initiatives that have been undertaken to improve the collection, analysis, and sharing of data on migration.

## *Side Event 2.2: Migration, Remittances & Development: Recent Developments & Outlook – Special Topic: Return Migration*

Return migration has gained attention in many migrant-receiving countries, yet this is a relatively neglected topic in debates. The reintegration of return migrants is an even more obscure topic. Thus, this side event presented the multifaceted development impacts of return migration and reintegration. Speakers shared their experiences in dealing with return and reintegration programs including those who are forcibly deported, those offered financial incentives to return, and those who voluntarily return to their country of origin or a third country.

# SUMMIT SIDE EVENTS

## *Side Event 3.1: Improving skill matching and recognition in global talent mobility*

Taking into account the strong interest in working abroad, this side event was driven by two key questions in global skills partnerships: how can workers and employers find each other across international barriers? And how can both stakeholders be sure that their skills are properly presented? The event shared examples of how governments can create the condition for employers and potential migrants to match with one another.

## *Side Event: Stemming the post-factual tide: Towards more evidence-based migration policies*

Current migration policy is increasingly crisis-driven whereby governments are under intense pressure to respond to demands of public opinion. At the same time, there is a growing need for more evidence-based policy making and long-term planning. Thus, this side event reflected on questions of data requirements, suitable indicators for development-oriented migration policies, and a sound knowledge base for realizing the development potential of migration.

## *Side Event 3.2: Strengthening Cooperation – Enabling Civil Society Contributions in Migrant Integration*

In line with the focus of RT 3.2, this side event showcased the work of various civil society organizations that have received the Intercultural Innovation Award – a joint initiative between UNAOC and BMW Group. The award aims to select and support innovative grassroots projects that encourage intercultural dialogue and cooperation around the world.

## Side Event Organizers

**Side Event 1.1:** Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ/GER), Ministry in Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs

**Side Event 2.1:** International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

**Side Event 3.1:** Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), International Labour Organization (ILO)

**Side Event 1.2:** International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Overseas Development Institute (ODI), OECD

**Side Event 2.2:** Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD)

**Side Event 3.2:** UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

**Stemming the Post-Factual Tide Side Event:** Germany Foreign Office, Slovak Embassy in Berlin, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)





# 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT FUTURE OF THE FORUM

The special session on the Future of the Forum highlighted the achievements and the major steps that had been taken since the Governments of Germany and Morocco assumed the GFMD Co-Chairmanship in 2017. Open to heads of delegations of participating governments only, the session served as an opportunity to reflect on GFMD's continued added value and provide specific recommendations on the possible role and next steps that the GFMD could take post-Berlin Summit, in light of the current negotiations and forthcoming adoption of the Global Compact.

The special session was presided over by the GFMD Co-Chairs, Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme and Mr. El Habib Nadir. Meanwhile, Ms. Louise Arbour, UN SRSG for International Migration and Dr. Kathleen Newland, Senior Fellow of the Migration Policy Institute, served as keynote speakers. Ms. Arbour emphasized that there are two areas where the GFMD could accompany the GCM process: firstly, the GFMD could set the stage for consensus-building on an ambitious

outcome of the Global Compact; and secondly, the GFMD could support the follow-up and implementation of the GCM after its eventual adoption in December 2018. Having participated in all past GFMD Summits, Dr. Newland urged Member States to reflect upon the way in which the Forum has succeeded – it is not politicized, it is not a negotiating body, thus, it does not require states to commit to specific outcomes. This, she said, should be further strengthened to ensure the continuity of the process, while addressing emerging challenges as international migration issues continue to evolve.

During the session, 22 Member States intervened representing Africa (7 countries), Asia (4) and MENA (2), Americas (5) and Europe (4). Written statements were also received from six additional countries – Africa (2), Asia (2) and Europe (2). In their separate interventions, these Member States unanimously affirmed GFMD's added value, as a state-led and multi-stakeholder process, in the global discourse and cooperation on migration and development. There was a strong consensus for the Forum to continue in its current inclusive and non-binding character and maintain its ties with the United Nations, Regional Consultative Processes (RCP's) and other relevant processes.

While upholding the GFMD's relevance and continuity, Member States, however, pointed out that there is a need to revisit the existing modalities, mechanisms and supporting structures of the GFMD, so that it becomes fit for the purpose of serving the objectives of the Global Compact and the continued follow up and implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

## About the Future of the Forum Session

Every year, the Special Session on the Future of the Forum takes place as a key feature of the GFMD Summit Meeting. The session gathers heads of participating government delegations to take stock of new milestones reached by the GFMD, and to reflect on a collective vision for the Global Forum vis-à-vis the emerging landscape of international migration. The session also highlights possible areas for improvement of the GFMD, and offers a space for the renewal (or not) of the participating Member States' support for the GFMD process.





# 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT PLATFORM FOR PARTNERSHIPS

Back-to-back with the Special Session on the Future of the Forum, the Session on the Platform for Partnerships (PfP) provided governments, civil society, and the private sector an opportunity to share relevant migration and development policies and practices. Comprised of five presentations and an interactive Q&A, the session offered a space for policymakers to adopt and foster new programs and partnerships, and to draw from policy recommendations put forth by the respective presenters.

The session was chaired by Mr. Tarik Sissou, Head of Multilateral Cooperation Division for the Ministry in Charge of Moroccans living abroad and Migration Affairs, and moderated by Ms. Astrid Ziebarth of the German Marshall Fund.

## Sending Money Home: Outcomes from the Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development (GFRID) held on 15-16 June

*International Fund for Agricultural Development*

- **Policy challenge:** How to harness the potential and leverage the impact of remittances? How to reduce remittance costs – in line with SDG 10.c?
- **Solution or approach:** Sustain partnerships with regional, global and financial institutions to raise awareness on the importance of remittances; improve remittance data collection – consider how to measure these activities to ensure that the contribution of remittances to development is maximized.

## The importance of vertical and horizontal policy coherence in migration and development: an integral approach to mainstreaming migration into development planning

*UN Development Programme (UNDP) and IOM Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMIDI)*

- **Policy challenge:** The need for policy coherence - synergies that advance shared objectives and minimize negative side effects of policies.
- **Solution or approach:** Mainstream migration into development planning at local and national levels; link through multi-level coordination. Two exemplary programs: 1. "UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative" to provide policy-makers and practitioners with evidence-based recommendations and 2. "Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Policies" to better measure and make more visible the human development impacts of migration.

## Development of a comprehensive policy for promoting reintegration of returning Moldovan migrants. Targeted programming for highly qualified returning migrants

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova*

- **Policy challenge:** Facilitating the sustainability of Moldovan returnees and shortages in the national labour market.
- **Solution or approach:** The Moldovan government together with IOM implemented a program that encourages the return of university graduates from abroad and returning labour migrants. It offered returnees with professional placements, a monthly living allowance and travel costs. Criteria was implemented for beneficiaries to promote and encourage competitiveness among the applicants.



# 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT PLATFORM FOR PARTNERSHIPS

## “The Role of Employment Services in Skills Matching of Migrant Workers”

*International Labour Organization*

- **Policy challenge:** Large numbers of employers report difficulties in finding suitable skilled workers and existing tools often lack the capacity to carry out such work.
- **Solution or approach:** ILO partnered with a range of national and international partners from 2008 to 2015 to carry out a sub-regional coordinating project and streamline a regional process of certification of competencies.

## “Promoting health financing and coverage of migrants for sustainable development”

*International Organization for Migration, Migration Health Division (MHD) and World Health Organization (WHO)*

- **Policy challenge:** Migration health is perceived as costly and current models of social protection in migrants' health are limited. Countries of origin are remittance-dependent while countries of destination are dependent on legal status, leading to no portability and poor coverage for those in the informal sector.
- **Solution or approach:** Governments and organizations should strengthen bilateral and multilateral arrangements, mainstream the topic in key health and migration debates, and engage in close partnerships among a range of stakeholders.

## About the PFP Session

Since 2010 when the first PFP Session was held under the GFMD Mexican Chairmanship, at least 35 concrete policies and practices have been showcased at GFMD Summit meetings, constituting a small sample of over 1,000 M&D policies and practices that have been shared in the GFMD framework and now uploaded on the GFMD Policy and Practice Database. The continued efforts and concrete initiatives of governments and non-state actors, as they search for effective solutions to migration and development challenges, is to serve as the main inspiration for making the PFP session an integral component of each GFMD Summit Meeting.







# 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT BUSINESS MEETING

For two consecutive years (2016-2017), the GFMD Business Mechanism Meeting has provided a space for governments and businesses to share experiences and learn about new trends and developments in linking the business agenda with migration and development policies.

In the context of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM), the GFMD Business Meeting focused its priorities on the critical role of the private sector in addressing the need for more transparent, humane and effective migration policies that take into account labour market needs. Titled "Toward

a Global Compact on Migration: Perspectives on Labour Migration from the GFMD Business Mechanism," the Business Report detailed five important private sector concerns for the GCM, four of which were elaborated in the subsequent breakout sessions.

The four parallel breakout sessions focused on the main action areas: skills mobility, responsible recruitment, innovation for challenges related to mixed migration, and entrepreneurship and circular migration.

## Session 1: Skills Mobility

1. Policies should be timely and flexible to accommodate business models, but also predictable and transparent so that employers can effectively manage compliance.
2. Employers can be a valuable partner in identifying skills needs and establishing frameworks for assessing qualifications.
3. Migration policies should foster family unity by creating accessible pathways for accompanying family to work.
4. Employers should elevate the discourse around migration by highlighting how skills mobility promotes opportunity and committing to fair, responsible, and compliant migration.

## Session 2: Responsible Recruitment

1. Despite the widespread agreement on the "what" and "why" of responsible recruitment, widespread abuses persist. Focus should be on the "how," i.e. on governments, business, unions and NGOs developing and implementing coherent & complementary programs.
2. While international standards exist, national laws and regulations are not always aligned; thus if progress is to be made, recruiters, employers and workers themselves all have roles to play.
3. Among the most important of shared tasks is educating workers about their rights.
4. Industry-led initiatives can serve as laboratories for best practices.



"Businesses are frequent users of national migration systems. Their experience with the practical workings of immigration laws, procedures, and policies, as well as knowledge of emerging market and staffing trends, can supply important information to governments."

- Ms. Linda Kromjong





# 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT BUSINESS MEETING

## Session 3: Innovation for Challenges Related to Mixed Migration

1. Increase coordination among all stakeholders to facilitate businesses' ability to fully utilize migrant talent.
2. Lower information barriers that businesses face in accessing qualified migrant talent.
3. Train migrants so that employers can more effectively benefit from their contributions to the labour market.
4. Synchronize certification processes and improve methods for assessment and skills-recognition processes to facilitate efficient hiring.

## Session 4: Entrepreneurship and Circular Migration

1. In order to encourage more migrant entrepreneurship, a successful GCM should include policies for better access to capital, training and skills development.
2. Participants also agreed that circular migration programs are essential to meet labour market needs.
3. Circular migration can be an effective way to encourage migrant entrepreneurship and to safeguard against brain drain.
4. Circular migration may be a way to increase the development impact by bringing contributions to destination societies, and enhancing origin countries when migrants return with new skills.

## Speakers

Amb. Götz Schmidt-Bremme, German GFMD Co-Chair

Mr. El Habib Nadir, Moroccan GFMD Co-Chair

Ms. Linda Kromjong, Secretary General, International Organisation for Employers

Ms. Louise Arbour, UN SRSG for International Migration

Mr. William Lacy-Swing, Director General, International Organization for Migration

Ms. Deborah Greenfield, Deputy Director General for Policy, International Labour Organization

Mr. Austin T. Fragomen, Jr., Chair, GFMD Business Advisory Group



"The pursuit of economic opportunity is a concern of almost every sector of the migrant population. Labour is a driver not only for migrants themselves, but also for receiving and sending countries."  
– Mr. Austin Fragomen

# 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT

## COMMON SPACE

The third day of the Tenth GFMD Summit Meeting began with the Common Space – an annual event co-organized by the GFMD Chair-in-Office and the GFMD Civil Society coordinating office as a platform for governments, civil society representatives and other stakeholders to engage in interactive dialogue on practices and perspectives on migration and development.

Bridging the program of the Civil Society Days (29 June and 1 July) with the program of the GFMD Summit Meeting (28-30 June), the 2017 Common Space took place on 30 June under the central theme “Mechanics for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.” Building on the success of the Common Space in previous years and taking into account contemporary migration and development issues, the 2017 Common Space focused on the GFMD contribution to the process of elaborating a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

Both the theme and discussions of Common Space this year were closely linked to those of the Civil Society Days, allowing messages from Day 1 of the CSD to be delivered directly to

states in the Common Space discussions. 20 hours of discussions were held together in this space, which had a new structure to accommodate three parallel ‘framing sessions’ exploring possible common understandings of “safe, orderly and regular”, followed by seven ‘focus sessions’ where concrete mechanisms of implementation relating to specific issues were discussed. The Opening Plenary session that gathered all 700 participants of Common Space saw the GFMD Civil Society Chair Wies Maas deliver her report from Day 1 of the Civil Society Days.

In the Closing Plenary, a Grand Rapporteur for Common Space, Mr. Gibril Faal of the Africa – Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT) was tasked with bringing together key outcomes and convergences amongst all ten sessions. He was joined by a GCM Rapporteur Team, led by Ms. Kathleen Newland from the migration Policy Institute, who were tasked with following the debates at Roundtables, the Platform for Partnerships, Business Mechanism and Common Space with regard to their respective outcomes relevant to the GCM, with a special focus on migration-related SDGs.

Framing Session A			Framing Session B		Framing Session C	
What does “Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” mean in the contexts of children on the move, migrants in other vulnerable situations, xenophobia and return and reintegration?			What does “Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” mean in contexts of people moving across borders for work?		What does “Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” mean in contexts of people compelled to flee across borders from conflict, persecution, climate change or to join family?	
Focus session 1:	Focus session 2:	Focus session 3:	Focus session 4:	Focus session 5:	Focus session 6:	Focus session 7:
Mechanisms for children on the move	Mechanisms for other migrants in vulnerable situations	Mechanisms for migrants in the face of growing xenophobia	Mechanisms for return and reintegration	Mechanisms for labour mobility and regularization	Mechanisms for ethical recruitment of migrant workers	Mechanisms for complementary pathways for refugees and migrants





## 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT

# COMMON SPACE

### Framing Sessions Key Outcomes

Common Space witnessed once again some constructive discussions between governments, civil society and other stakeholders, with the new format rated positively by participants. In the GFMD civil society evaluation survey, for example, which was filled in by a quarter of the CSD participants (62 respondents in total), over 80% thought that the Common Space structure, themes and civil society involvement as discussion starters and moderators was good or excellent.

**Framing Session A** explored migration in the context of women, children, and other migrants in vulnerable situations. The session emphasized that the Global Compact should not

promote a securitization of borders nor become a vehicle for forced returns and deportations, but instead, it should ensure the protection of the human rights of migrants and establish peaceful dispute settlement mechanisms that balance conflicting concerns.

**Framing Session B** focused on labour migrants and drew a consensus that the GCM should establish legal pathways in accordance with UN frameworks on labour mobility and fair recruitment practices.

**Framing Session C** discussed the challenges related to forced migration and the need for alternative legal pathways, combined with robust social inclusion programs to prevent further “irregular migration.”

Following the three framing sessions were seven focus sessions in which in-depth exchanges on key themes were held in parallel 2-hour sessions. The objectives were to:

- Explore mechanisms for: children; other migrants in vulnerable situations; migrants in the face of growing xenophobia; return and reintegration; labour mobility and regularisation; ethical recruitment of migrant workers; complementary pathways for refugees and migrants
- Build on shared understandings and interests identified in the framing sessions.
- Discuss concrete mechanisms through which safe, orderly and regular migration can be brought about over the next two years, five years and 12 years in these seven areas.
- Make explicit recommendations on how these mechanisms can feed into the Global Compact process.

### Speakers

**Amb. Götz Schmidt-Bremme**, Ambassador for the 2017-2018 GFMD Co-Chairmanship, Germany

**Ms. Wies Maas**, Chair, Civil Society Days 2017

**Ms. Louise Arbour**, UN SRSG for International Migration

**Mayor Armand Roland Pierre Beouinde**, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

**Amb. Omar Hilale**, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the UN in New York

**Ms. Berenice Valdez Rivera**, Co-Chair, Civil Society Days 2017

**Mr. Gibril Faal** (Grand Rapporteur), Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (ADEPT)

**Dr. Kathleen Newland** (GCM Rapporteur Team), Migration Policy Institute (MPI)





## CLOSING SESSION - 10<sup>TH</sup> GFMD SUMMIT

Culminating after months of intensive preparations and building upon a decade of meaningful dialogue and cooperation on migration and development, the Tenth GFMD Summit Meeting in Berlin (28-30 June) was hailed as a highly successful GFMD event. It gathered around 650 participants, comprised of policymakers and practitioners from 140 states, as well as international organizations, civil society and the private sector, under the overarching theme *"Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development."*

Leading the closing session were the GFMD Co-Chairs, Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme, German Ambassador for the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship and Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General to the Ministry Delegate in Charge of Moroccans living abroad and Migration Affairs. Ambassador Schmidt-Bremme delivered the Co-Chairs' Conclusions and Recommendations, which comprehensively outlines the achievements of the GFMD under the German-Moroccan Co-Chairmanship since the Ninth Summit Meeting in Dhaka. He highlighted the outcomes of the Roundtable sessions and gave assurance that the Co-Chairmanship will press on with its work plan beyond the Berlin Summit, through the end of 2017 and onto 2018.

For his part, Mr. Nadir expressed the Moroccan Co-Chairs' commitment to align the GFMD thematic priorities in 2018 with the GCM and 2030 Agenda frameworks, and follow through the recommendations that have come out of the Tenth Summit Meeting. The 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship will ensure the submission of a GFMD contribution to the GCM process towards the end of 2017. As the GFMD enters its second year, it will maintain close links with existing partners, including the UN SRSG, IOM, GMG, GFMD Civil Society, GFMD Business Mechanism and other related processes. In its capacity as leading Co-Chair in 2018, Morocco will strive to ensure the continuity within the Forum and put accent on "action" that will promote the adoption and implementation of a global social contract on migration.

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– Mr. El Habib Nadir

*The GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs, together with the German and Moroccan GFMD Task Force and the GFMD Support Unit, wish to thank the participants for making the Tenth GFMD Summit a huge success! It is in our hope that the three-day Summit served as a fertile ground for the emergence of concrete policy recommendations and fostered partnerships towards a global social contract on migration and development!*



# GFMD CIVIL SOCIETY

## GFMD Civil Society Days 2017

Occurring a mere six months after the previous GFMD in Bangladesh in December 2016, the 2017 Civil Society Days fell on 29 June and 1 July, for the first time overlapping with the Government Days and on either side of Common Space Day on 30 June.

Acknowledging the need for more effective policies and mechanisms to address migration issues, all 193 United Nations member states had committed in September 2016 to develop, no later than September 2018, a new Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Not only the two Civil Society Days but also all of Common Space focussed entirely on this Global Compact.

The title and theme of the 2017 GFMD Civil Society Days was "*Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration Now: the Mechanics of a Compact Worth Agreeing to.*" In three days of break-out, focus, framing, special and plenary sessions, over 250 civil

## Civil Society engagement from the GFMD to the process to develop the GCM

The GFMD Civil Society Days and Common Space discussions informed and guided civil society advocacy around the GCM in the second half of the year. Most notably, the recommendations of the GFMD Civil Society Days went on to provide the basis for the Now and How: TEN ACTS for the Global Compact, a global civil society advocacy document towards the GCM which, by December 2017, was signed by over 200 civil society organisations. The GFMD Civil Society Coordinating Office and 'Core Group' of the International Steering Committee led in the writing of this advocacy document.

Immediately before the Government Stocktaking Conference on the GCM in Puerto Vallarta Mexico in December 2017, the GFMD Civil Society Coordinating Office in its capacity as the Migration and Development Civil Society (MADE) Network organised a Civil Society Stocktaking and Strategy Meeting. Using the TEN ACTS as a key guiding document for the programme, this meeting served to look back at inputs already provided by civil society in the GCM process. A further goal was for civil society to organize not just its input but itself: both on substance and for political engagement on the GCM directly with governments towards and throughout the entire GCM negotiations and adoption process in 2018.

society delegates from 65 countries of every region of the world met to discuss what they envisioned a Compact worth agreeing to should look like, and how *concretely* it should be implemented. They looked at how to build directly upon the rights and commitments reaffirmed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New York Declaration, not by simply restating them but by working out how they can be applied in real contexts; in short, moving from the "poetry" to the *mechanics* of implementing those commitments.

The Working Sessions, directly tied to the Global Compact on Migration process and inspired, as in previous GFMDs, by civil society's five-year, eight-point plan, were:

- Safe, orderly and regular mechanisms for Children on the Move and other Migrants in Vulnerable Situations
- Safe, orderly and regular mechanisms to create welcoming societies for Migrants in the face of growing Xenophobia
- Safe, orderly and regular mechanisms in return and reintegration
- Safe, orderly and regular mechanisms of migration in the context of work, including Ethical Recruitment of Migrant Workers, Labour migration and Regularization

Additionally, there were two sets of Special Sessions on the following three themes: Special Session 1: Green room on civil society baselines, redlines and common messages towards the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, Special Session 2: Mechanisms for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration where work is not the principal driver – focus on resettlement, private sponsorships and family reunification and Special Session 3: Climate and environmental change and migration.





# GFMD BUSINESS MECHANISM

Endorsed at the Eighth GFMD Summit in Istanbul in 2015, the GFMD Business Mechanism (BM) offers a much-needed business perspective to the evolving international dialogue on migration and development. The International Organisation for Employers (IOE) and the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Agenda Council on Migration currently host a GFMD Business Mechanism Coordinating Unit whose aim is to promote private-public dialogue to ensure that migration policies address labour market needs and empower migrants to their full potential.

Since 2016, the GFMD Business Mechanism has organized the GFMD Business Meeting at the annual GFMD Summit, exploring cross-cutting issues of business and migration among the private sector, governments and other relevant stakeholders. In 2017, the Business Mechanism hosted a round of global and regional business consultations in line with its four thematic priorities: (1) skills mobility, (2) responsible recruitment, (3) skills matching and (4) entrepreneurship. The Business Meeting also took an active role in the Global Compact for Migration preparatory process by contributing written content and engaging business speakers in the consultations in Geneva and New York, as well as at the Stocktaking Meeting in Puerto Vallarta.

The private sector's vision for the GCM is a regulatory environment where migration policies support business and economic development to create job opportunities and economic growth, while protecting migrants' rights and the domestic work force. In this context, the Business Mechanism hopes that the GCM will promote safe, orderly and efficient migration pathways and an elevated discourse, presenting migration through the prism of opportunity.

## GFMD Business Mechanism's Outreach

- BM direct outreach to 323 individuals representing 190 companies (MNEs and SMEs) and business associations
- BM direct outreach to 156 IOE members (national employers' association) based in 143 countries and their numerous members
- Network around the globe
- Message to governments: Locate your national employers' federation and urge them to continue the dialogue at the national level.

## Calendar of 2017 Events

- **3-4 April** – GFMD Business Thematic Meeting, Geneva
- **17-18 May** – Business consultations in the margins of the Colombo Process Symposium, Bangkok
- **29 June** – GFMD Business Meeting at the Tenth GFMD Summit Meeting, Berlin
- **20 November** – Governance of Temporary Labour Migration in the Gulf – Employer Perspectives on the GCM, Dubai





# GFMD Snapshots

## Milestones and Events in 2017

DEC  
2016

- **Launch of the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship Germany & Morocco**  
"Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development"  
*New York, USA*

FEB

- **1st Preparatory Meetings**  
Presentation of GFMD 2017 Draft Concept Note and Work Plan  
*Geneva, Switzerland*

- **1st Roundtable Teams Consultations**  
Presentation of six thematic priorities for the GFMD Summit Roundtables  
*Geneva, Switzerland*



MAR

- **ILO Government Group Meeting**  
*Geneva, Switzerland*

- **GFMD Civil Society Days 2017**  
"Safe, Orderly, Regular Migration Now: Mechanics of a Compact Worth Agreeing to"  
*Berlin, Germany*

APR

- **GFMD Business Mechanism Thematic Meeting**  
Collection of input for the GFMD Business Report—to be presented at the GFMD Summit  
*Geneva, Switzerland*

MAY

- **GFMD Thematic Workshop on Climate Change & Human Mobility**  
*Rabat, Morocco*

JUN

- **2nd Preparatory Meetings**  
Finalization of the GFMD 2017 Draft Concept Note and Work Plan  
*Geneva, Switzerland*
- **2nd Roundtable Teams Consultations**  
Final deliberations of the roundtable thematic priorities with the Co-Chairs ahead of the 10th GFMD Summit  
*Geneva, Switzerland*
- **3rd GFMD Dialogue on GCM**  
*Geneva, Switzerland*

- **10th GFMD Summit Meeting**  
Rallied over 650 delegates representing various stakeholders to contribute to the Global Compact  
*Berlin, Germany*



**2nd GFMD Dialogue on GCM**

First focus group discussion on the GFMD contribution to the GCM under German-Moroccan Co-Chairmanship  
*Geneva, Switzerland*



**GFMD Reception at the UN DESA Coordination Meeting**

Sharing of the Co-Chairs' perspectives on the GCM preparatory process and Presentation of the GFMD 2017 Work Plan to the New York community  
*New York, USA*



**3rd Preparatory Meetings**

Update on the status of the GFMD Contribution to the GCM, with particular focus on Chapter 3: Future Role of the GFMD in the GCM Implementation and Follow up  
*Geneva, Switzerland*

**7th Global RCP Meeting of IOM**

Sharing of the GFMD Stocktaking Workshop on GCM outcomes  
*Berlin, Germany*

**GFMD Side Event at 2017 High-level Political Forum**

Presentation of the GFMD Recommendations to the 2017 HLPF  
*New York, USA*

JUL

SEP

OCT

**GFMD Thematic Workshop on the GFMD Contribution to the GCM**

Stocktaking of previous GFMD discussions on the GCM  
*Vienna, Austria*



**IPU Conference for Parliamentarians**

Discussion on how GFMD has engaged parliamentarians in migration debates and policy-making  
*Geneva, Switzerland*

**4th Preparatory Meetings**

Welcoming of the GFMD Thematic Recollection 2007-2017 by the GFMD Friends of the Forum  
*Vienna, Austria*

NOV

**GCM Stocktaking Meeting**

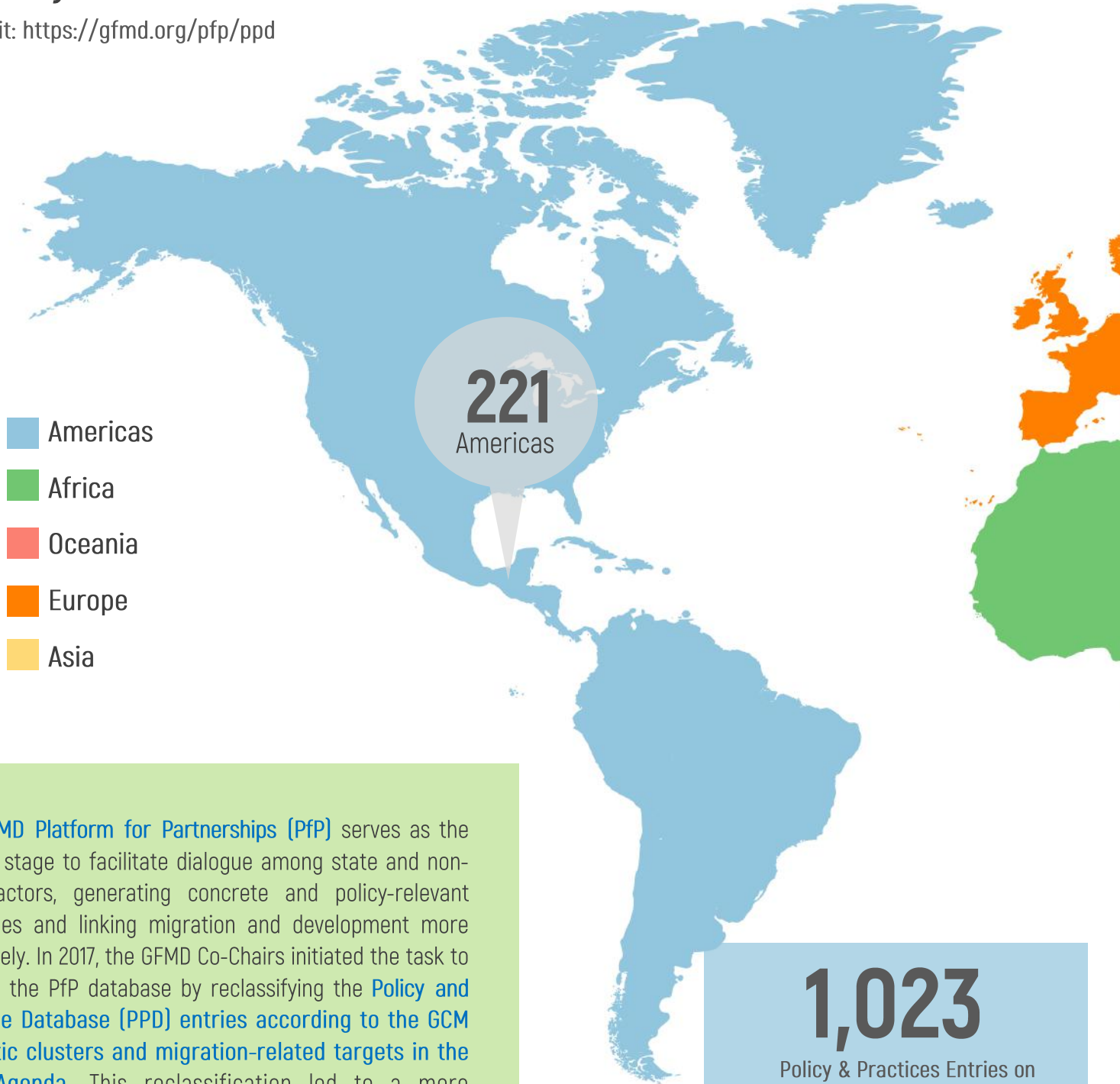
GFMD Co-Chairs' Presentation of the GFMD Thematic Recollection 2007-2017  
*Geneva, Switzerland*

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# GFMD Platform for Partnerships

## *Policy and Practice Database*

Visit: <https://gfmd.org/pfp/ppd>



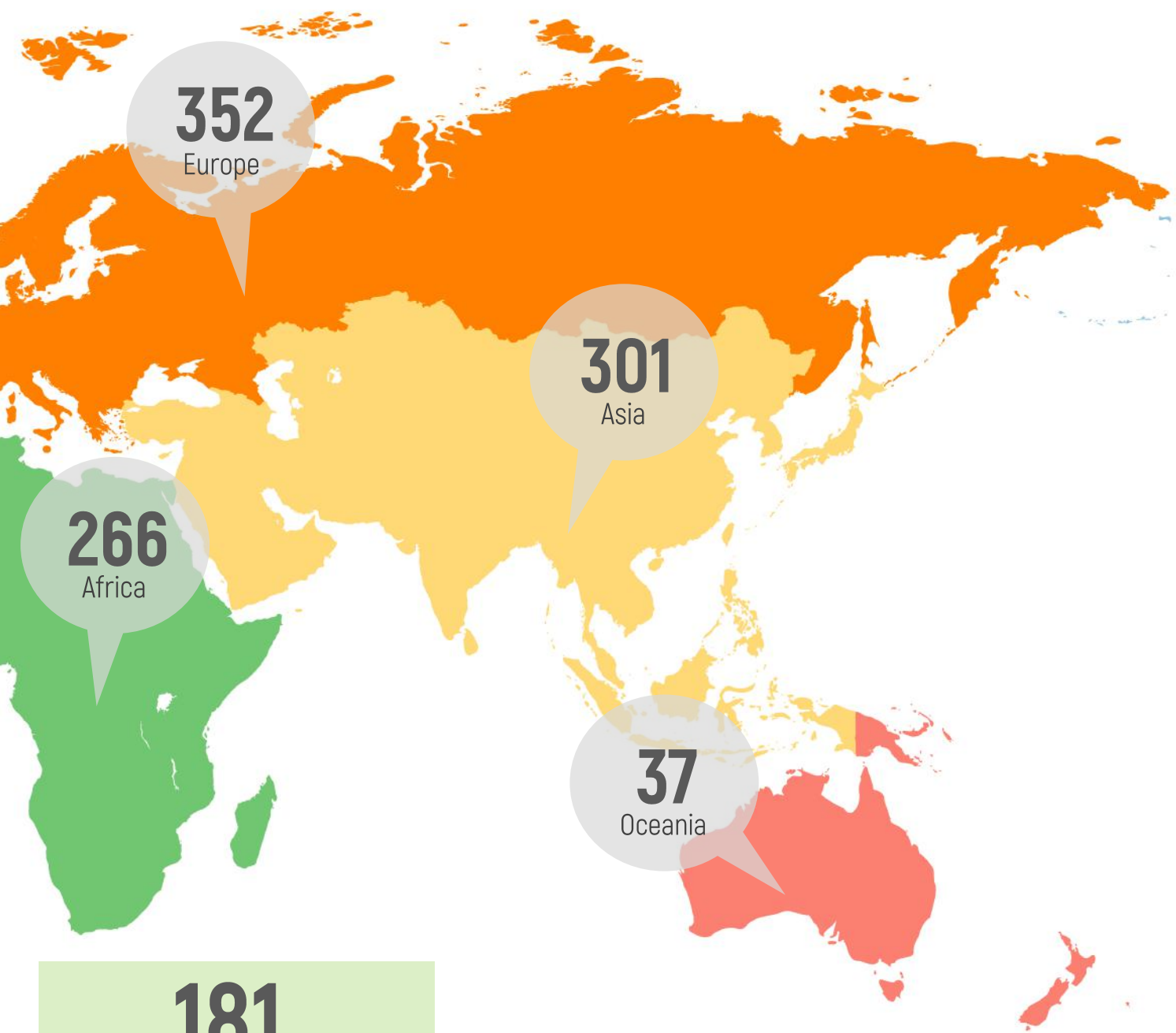
The [GFMD Platform for Partnerships \(PfP\)](#) serves as the central stage to facilitate dialogue among state and non-state actors, generating concrete and policy-relevant outcomes and linking migration and development more effectively. In 2017, the GFMD Co-Chairs initiated the task to revamp the PfP database by reclassifying the [Policy and Practice Database \(PPD\) entries according to the GCM thematic clusters and migration-related targets in the 2030 Agenda](#). This reclassification led to a more accessible, searchable and dynamic tool within the GFMD knowledge sharing platform.

In view of the [GFMD Recommendation to the 2017 High-Level Political Forum](#) and the [GFMD Thematic Recollection 2007-2017](#), the Platform for Partnerships is an increasingly valuable instrument towards the continuity and transparency of GFMD Chairmanships and processes.

**1,023**

Policy & Practices Entries on Migration and Development





**181**  
Country Submissions

- ### GCM Thematic Clusters
1. Human rights of all migrants – **187 entries**
  2. Addressing drivers of migration – **26 entries**
  3. International cooperation & governance of migration – **312 entries**
  4. Contributions of migrants and diasporas – **260 entries**
  5. Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery – **31 entries**
  6. Irregular migration and irregular pathways – **233 entries**

# GFMD COMMUNICATIONS



In line with the report of the Ad hoc Working Group on Communications at the Dhaka Summit Meeting in 2016, the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship has supported the implementation of the short-term recommendations to improve GFMD communications, while developing a comprehensive and long-term GFMD communications strategy remains under consideration. Below are a number of activities that were carried out in 2017, significantly boosting the GFMD communications.



**Events to Promote the GFMD.** The GFMD took advantage of many high-level events to bring more awareness about the GFMD process. For instance, the GFMD Co-Chairs participated in a number of events in the consultation phase of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) and at the 2017 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) to promote the agenda of the GFMD Co-Chairmanship on the GCM and the 2030 Agenda.



**GFMD Mobile Application.** The first ever GFMD Mobile Application was launched in 2017 in time for the Berlin Summit. The mobile app, conceptualized and developed by the GFMD Support Unit in tandem with the GFMD Taskforce, helped facilitate a paperless conference and encouraged submission of over 50 statements from participating Member States—a first in the history of the GFMD. The mobile app, available for free on Appstore and Playstore, has recorded over 500 downloads. The second phase of the mobile app development is now underway; it is aimed at improving the design and introducing more interactive features in the app.



**GFMD Web Portal.** The GFMD Web Portal was redesigned with a powerful search engine and improved features and navigation. The Platform for Partnerships (PfP) Policy and Practice Database (PPD), which is integrated in the GFMD web portal, was also restructured to align the thematic tags with the 2030 Agenda and GCM themes. As of writing, the database has

collected over 1,000 policy and practice entries on migration and development.



**Newsletter and Summit Digests.** Five issues of the GFMD Newsletter were released in 2017 to recap the periodic highlights of the Co-Chairmanship activities. The Support Unit also produced four Summit Digests to give an up-to-date information among the Summit participants.



**Social Media Channels.** Efforts were made to expand the reach of the GFMD *Facebook*, *Twitter* and *YouTube* in 2017. At the Berlin Summit alone, the #GFMD10 Twitter hashtag landed on Germany's trending topics during the inaugural session. From 3,000 followers at the beginning of the Co-Chairmanship, Facebook registered over 3,700 followers at the end of 2017. GFMD Twitter, on the other hand, became a verified account in 2017 and had doubled its follower base by over 100 % since the start of the Co-Chairmanship.

To fulfil the mandate given at the Dhaka Summit, the Ad hoc WG continues to consider the long-term communication requirements of the GFMD to ensure that it is well positioned to accompany the 2030 Agenda and GCM Processes. The WG is preparing its recommendation for review by the GFMD Steering Group, including the feasibility of developing a GFMD communications strategy and a comprehensive plan. The expected output will be presented at the Summit Meeting in Marrakesh in December 2018. In the meantime, the GFMD Support Unit, under the supervision of the GFMD Co-Chairs and in close coordination with the Ad hoc Working Group, will carry on implementing short-term communication activities through offline and online channels.

At the Berlin Summit, the #GFMD10 Twitter hashtag landed on Germany's trending topics during the inaugural session. The official GFMD Twitter account was verified in 2017 and has doubled its follower base by over 100 % since the beginning of the GFMD Co-Chairmanship.

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



## Scope of Assistance

Since its inception, the GFMD has offered financial support for the participation of developing countries to ensure that their voices are heard in the largest global platform on migration and development, and to maximize overall participation in key GFMD meetings. The grant of limited financial assistance is determined in a way that promotes regional balance.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) "DAC list of ODA Recipients" serves as a guide for the selection of eligible countries. Accordingly, delegates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Other Low Income Countries (OLICs) are given priority to receive financial support, which usually covers the cost of economy-return tickets, hotel accommodation and daily subsistence allowance (DSA). Subject to fund availability, countries from Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories to Upper Middle Income Countries and Territories may also qualify. The country's level of engagement in the GFMD – i.e., through their participation in preparatory meetings, summit meetings, or assumption of a special role as Co-Chair or team member of the Roundtables – is duly considered by the GFMD Chair in considering the country's application for funding support.

## Modalities

The GFMD Support Unit administers and facilitates the financial assistance extended by each Chairmanship. In this capacity, the Support Unit prepares and communicates the

funding modalities to the Member States, receives and acknowledges official Notes nominating the delegates to be funded, and advises the GFMD Chair to reach a decision. The Support Unit works very closely with IOM Travel Movement for flight booking and DSA payment. From 2007-2016, the GFMD granted financial assistance to around 120 developing country delegates each year.

## Funding Source

As a voluntary and informal state-led process, the GFMD does not have a regular funding mechanism. Financial contributions are offered on a voluntary basis to rotating Chairmanships. Since 2007, a number of countries have offered earmarked and non-earmarked contributions through the GFMD Support Unit, which administers the international contributions in accordance with IOM financial rules.

The GFMD wishes to acknowledge and extend its gratitude to the following Governments for their generous financial support to the first year of the 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship.



## In 2017, the GFMD supported the participation of:

- 7 delegates at the Preparatory Meetings (Geneva)
- 26 delegates at the Thematic Workshop (Vienna)
- 24 delegates at the Thematic Workshop (Rabat)
- 70 delegates at the Summit Meeting (Berlin)
- A total of 126 delegates
- 67 countries of the total 146 ODA recipient countries, or 46 %



# The Road to Marrakesh:

11th GFMD Summit Meeting, 5–7 December 2018, Marrakesh

*"Honouring international commitments to unlock the potential of all migrants for development"*



The overarching theme for the GFMD for 2018 **"Honouring international commitments to unlock the potential of all migrants for development"** – is a continuation of the discussions held at the Tenth Summit in Berlin in 2017, under the thematic overview of "Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development." At the time of the Eleventh Summit of the GFMD in December 2018, the GCM will be in the final stages prior to its adoption, following an extensive process of national, regional and international consultations on safe, orderly and regular migration, thus taking an important step towards establishing a "Global Social Contract". However, the adoption of the GCM is only the first step: 2019 will be a crucial year for governments and all relevant actors at local, national and international levels to begin putting the "Global Social Contract" into action.

The debates will be structured around the following three themes, each systematically mainstreaming human rights,

Several events are being organised as part of the GFMD Work Plan in 2018. These include, among others, preparatory meetings, four thematic workshops on GFMD and Agenda 2030, Labour Migration, Children in the Context of Migration, and GFMD Dialogue on the GCM Implementation and three side events, leading to the 11th GFMD Summit in Marrakesh on 5–7 December 2018.

gender perspectives, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, and will be discussed in six roundtables:

## **Theme 1: From vulnerability to resilience: recognising women and men migrants as agents of development**

Roundtable 1.1: Harnessing migrants' existing capitals to build resilience

Roundtable 1.2: Migrants' engagement with public services: from basic access to co-production

## **Theme 2: Regional mobility to promote transferable learning and policy coherence**

Roundtable 2.1: South-South mobility: trends, patterns and transferable learning

Roundtable 2.2: Regional mobility and policy coherence to support development

## **Theme 3: Good migration governance for sustainable development**

Roundtable 3.1: Aligning governance with contemporary drivers of migration

Roundtable 3.2: Beyond Remittances: leveraging the development impact and promoting the transnational engagement of diaspora and migrants



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