

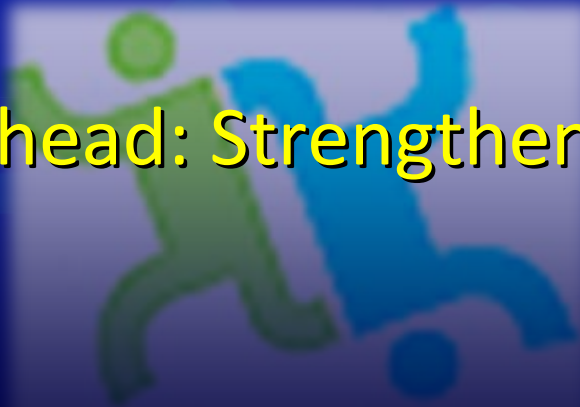
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# **The Common Space**



- I. Migration Trends: Volume & Complexity
- II. Common Grounds: State-State, State-CSO
- III. Moving Ahead: Strengthen & Develop





# Migration: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mega-trend

**1 Billion Migrants: One in Seven**

**International:** 215 million; 405 million by 2050

**Internal:** 740 million, ????? by 2050

**Complexity Drivers:**

**Feminization:** ca. 50% of migrants (*first time*)

**Urbanization:** 50+ % population (*first time*)





# Unprecedented Numbers & Complexity

1. **DEMOGRAPHY**: North – ageing; South – youthful; quadrupled
2. **DEMAND** labour shortage vs. labour surplus
3. **DISPARITY** increasing: economic, social
4. **DISTANCE** shrinking : cheap transportation
5. **DIGITAL REVOLUTION**: fuels dreams and plans
6. **DISASTERS & DEGRADATION**: Natural & human made
7. **DREAMS**: life with dignity and prosperity.

● Regional Offices  
● Special Liaison Offices  
○ Administrative Centres





# Common Grounds

I – Inter-State Cooperation

II – State-Civil Society Cooperation

III – Common Action





# I – Inter-State Cooperation

- **GFMD's successful dialogue: conflictive to constructive**
- **At least 16 Regional Consultative Processes**
- **States seek common ground: becoming senders and receivers**





## II – State-Civil Society Cooperation

- Mutual respect: national sovereignty and individual mobility
- Progress: growth of Common Space at GFMD
- State- CSO consultations to prepare for GFMD
- GFMD recommendations implemented by non-state actors





## III – Common Action

- **GFMD Common Space: institutionalized dialogue**
- **Encourages members to expand CSO consultations**
- **Look at improving existing areas, not repeating disagreements**







# Common Action – Areas to Strengthen

- **Remittance transfer**
- **Facilitating migration procedures**
- **Information: safe migration options, rights & responsibilities**

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# Areas to Develop: Diaspora

**No partnerships , but cooperation feasible**

- **NGO-diaspora: working conditions in sending countries**
- **NGO-diaspora-local government: education & integration**
- **NGO-diaspora-local host associations: benefits & obligations**

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# The Path Ahead - High Road Scenario

**Recognize and act on trends: demographic, climate change, etc...**

- **Multiple-entry Visas**
- **Dual Citizenship Laws**
- **Portable Social Security Benefits**
- **De-Criminalization of Irregular Migrants**
- **Multi-Skill Policy for ALL Skill Levels**
- **Integration as an Option for Migrants**
- **Pathway to Legal Status for Those Meeting Criteria**
- **Participation in RCPs and Global Dialogues (GFMD)**

