



GFMD Summit 2021

Dialogue on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) / the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

26 January 2021, 16:00 - 19:00 (CET)

This dialogue consolidates a practice of GFMD Chairs to strengthen the role of the GFMD as a platform “to exchange experiences on the implementation of the Global Compact, share good practices on policies and cooperation, promote innovative approaches, and foster multi-stakeholder partnerships around specific policy issues. ([A/RES/73/195](#), para. 47). It is co-organised with the UN Network on Migration.

It aims to 1) inform about the state of play of the GCM process and sharing good and innovative practices, policies and cooperation mechanisms towards the review of the GCM; 2) offer a platform to discuss how the GFMD Friends of the Forum and all relevant stakeholders contribute to GCM implementation; 3) to discuss emerging challenges in 2021 and how the GFMD and the UN Network on Migration can contribute to the first International Migration Review Forum in 2022.

GCM implementation has progressed throughout 2020 despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly for migrants, and setbacks in sustainable development gains. Member States, also from among the GFMD membership, volunteered as [‘GCM Champion Countries’](#) the [first regional reviews were held](#); the launch of the first [UN Secretary General’s report on GCM implementation](#); the [Migration Network Hub](#) held a soft launch; and the [Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund](#) disbursed funds for the first six joint programs to support GCM implementation. The [United Nations Network on Migration](#) has worked continuously to support Member States.

Against this backdrop, the GFMD in 2020 continued to offer an informal platform towards stronger cooperation on migration, as referred to in the GCM, for example through its Ad-Hoc-Working Groups on [Sustainable Development and International Migration](#), on the [Impacts of COVID-19 on Migrants](#) and on [Public Narratives on Migration](#). The latter two are co-chaired by Member States and the Mayors and Business Mechanisms, and include national and local governments, civil society and the private sector putting the ‘whole of government’ principle of the GCM into action. Also, in the first regional reviews of the GCM, several Member States have highlighted the GFMD as an important platform ‘to exchange experiences on the implementation of the GCM’ ([A/RES/73/195](#), para. 51). With a view towards implementation of the GCM, the GFMD Platform for Partnerships is cited as one of the sources for the Knowledge Platform and Connection Hub (para. 47 c, iii), now known as the Migration Network Hub.

Members of the GFMD Civil Society Mechanism also contributed actively to the GCM reviews and consultations, honouring the principle of a ‘whole of society approach’, as acknowledged in the GCM. The GFMD Mayors Mechanism with its members has brought over 60 cities to the GFMD regional consultations in 2020, and has been contributing to the GCM regional reviews by providing [inputs](#). The GFMD Business Mechanism, referred to in GCM para. 34 (f), continued to forge partnerships between the private sector and educational institutions to enable skills development opportunities for migrants and communities e.g. during the GFMD regional consultations.

Agenda (as of 25 January 2021)

16:00 - 16:10	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Nasser bin Thani Juma Al-Hamli, Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation, 2020 GFMD Chair • António Vitorino, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration <p>Moderation: Wen Li, Director Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM</p>
16:10 - 17:05	<p>Session I: GCM implementation, review and follow-up in 2020</p> <p>This session will inform about the state of play of the GCM process and sharing good and innovative practices, policies and cooperation mechanisms towards the implementation and review of the GCM. It will give a space to discuss experiences of GFMD Member States and mechanisms in implementing the GCM and preparing the first Regional Reviews on different levels (regional, national, local) and how they can inform the IMRF. Updates on the work of the UN Network on Migration will also be presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Colin Rajah, Coordinator Civil Society Action Committee <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Prentice, Head, UN Network on Migration Secretariat • Stefanie Scharf, Head of Unit Policy Issues of Displacement and Migration, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) • Vinicius Duque, Coordinator of Policies for Immigrants and Promotion of Decent Work, Human Rights and Citizenship Secretariat of the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil • David Joy, Head of the UN Resident Coordination Office, Saudi Arabia • Seung Jin Baek, Head of the UN Resident Coordination Office, Kuwait <p>Discussion/ Q&A</p>

17:05- 17:55

**Session II:
Contribution of the GFMD to GCM implementation**

This session will look at how the GFMD and its stakeholders have contributed to GCM implementation through activities and initiatives of the GFMD mechanisms, working groups, round tables etc. It will also look at how the link between GFMD and the GCM can be leveraged in order to achieve GCM objectives on the ground and contribute to achieving the Agenda 2030.

Moderator: **Gary Slaiman**, Partner at Morgan Lewis, Member of the Executive Committee Business Network on Migration

Discussants:

- **Ambassador Hernán Yanez**, Undersecretary of International Protection and Immigration Services, Ecuador, Co-Chair GFMD Ad Hoc Working Group on Public Narratives on Migration
- **Cécile Riallant**, Head of Unit, IOM, Co-Chair UN Network on Migration Core Working Group 2.1. - Stronger UN System for GCM Implementation
- **Jessica Hagen-Zanker**, Senior Research Fellow Migration, Overseas Development Institute

Discussion/ Q&A

17:55-18:55	<p>Session III: Emerging Issues in 2021 and towards the IMRF in 2022</p> <p>This session will discuss emerging challenges and opportunities in international migration for 2021, including on the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and how the GFMD and the UN Network on Migration can contribute to the International Migration Review Forum in 2022.</p> <p>Moderator: Salim Korkmaz, General Coordinator United Cities and Local Governments - Middle East and West Asia (UCLG - MEWA)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Gois, Regional Coordinator of the Migrant Forum in Asia • Don Cochrane, Minister Counsellor (Migration and Refugee Affairs), Permanent Mission of Canada, Geneva • Emmanuel Clifford Gyetuah, Africa Focal Point, UNMGCY • Michelle Leighton, Chief Labour Migration, ILO, Co-Chair UN Network on Migration Thematic Working Group 4 - Bilateral Labor Migration Agreements • Patricia Veringa Gieskes, CEO JobFactory <p>Discussion/ Q&A</p>
18:55 - 19:00	<p>Wrap-up and Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wen Li, Director Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM