

GFMD 2011 Concluding Debate

1–2 December 2011, Palais des Nations, Geneva

“Taking Action on Migration and Development – Coherence, Capacity and Cooperation”

1 December 2011 – Day 1

8:00–9:00	Registration and Distribution of GFMD Badges and Conference Documents <i>Welcome Coffee</i>	Room XIX Escargot Bar	
9:00–10:00	Opening Session <i>Opening address</i> by the GFMD Chair-in-Office, Ambassador Eduard Gnesa, Special Ambassador for international Cooperation in Migration Issues, Switzerland <i>Keynote speech</i> by H.E. Federal Councillor Simonetta Sommaruga, Head of the Federal Department of Justice and Police, Switzerland <i>Video message</i> by H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations , introduced by Mr. Thomas Stelzer, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs <i>Statement</i> in representation of the GMG Chair by Ms. Pilar Alvarez-Laso, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences <i>Report</i> by the Civil Society Chair Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator of the Migrant Forum in Asia	Room XIX	
10:00–13:00	The Common Space “Looking at the Big Picture: Demographics, Youth (Un-) Employment, Development and Migration”¹	Room XIX	
13:00–15:00	Lunch	Room XIX	
15:00–18:00	Simultaneous Working Sessions I		
	<p><i>Cluster I – Labour Mobility and Development</i></p> <p>Engaging the Private Sector in Labour Market Planning</p> <p><i>Co-Chairs:</i> Sri Lanka – Mr. Uthman Jauhar, Minister, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN in Geneva Switzerland – Mr. Gottfried Zürcher, Director for Migration Policy, Federal Office for Migration</p> <p>Room XVI</p>	<p><i>Cluster I – Labour Mobility and Development</i></p> <p>Lowering the Costs of Migration for Higher Development Gains</p> <p><i>Co-Chairs:</i> Nigeria – H.E. Ambassador Martin Uhomoibhi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs UAE – Mr. Alex Zalami, Adviser to the Minister of Labour</p> <p>Room XXIV</p>	<p><i>Cluster III – Tools for Evidence-based Migration and Development Policies</i></p> <p>Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning / Migration Profiles</p> <p><i>Co-Chairs:</i> Philippines – H.E. Esteban Conejos Jr., Undersecretary, Migrant Workers’ Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs Moldova – Ms. Daniela Morari, Deputy Head of Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Room XXV</p>
18:30–21:00	Cocktail Reception	Delegates’ Restaurant, 8th floor	

¹ Please see separate documents for details.

2 December 2011 – Day 2

8:30–9:00 **Welcome Coffee** Rooms XXV, XXIV, XVI

9:00–12:00 **Simultaneous Working Sessions II**

Cluster I – Labour Mobility and Development

Global Care Workers at the Interface of Migration and Development

Co-Chairs:

Ghana – Ms. Mary Mpereh, Principal Planning Analyst for the National Development Planning Commission

Jamaica – Mr. Easton Williams, Director, Social Policy Planning and Research, Planning Institute of Jamaica, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Room XXIV

Cluster II – Addressing Irregular Migration through Coherent Migration and Development Strategies

Co-Chairs:

El Salvador – H.E. Juan José García Vasquez, Deputy Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Turkey – H.E. Ambassador Sakir Fakili, Director General, Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Room XVI

Cluster III – Tools for Evidence-based Migration and Development Policies

Impact Assessments of Migration and Development Policies

Co-Chairs:

Morocco – H.E. Mohammed Bernoussi, Secretary General, Ministry in Charge of the Moroccan Community Residing Abroad

Switzerland – Mr. Michel Mordasini, Director for Global Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Room XXV

12:00–14:00 **Lunch** Room XIX

13:00–14:00 **Open Information Session: GFMD Assessment (Phase I)** Room XIX

14:00–16:30 **Simultaneous Special Sessions**

GFMD Assessment (Phase I) Heads of Government delegations

Co-Chairs:

H.E. Sir Peter Sutherland, Special Representative of the UNSG for International Migration and Development

Ambassador Eduard Gnesa, GFMD Chair-in-Office

Room XVI

Platform for Partnerships: Progress and outlook

Co-Chairs:

Mauritius – H.E. Ambassador Usha Dwarka-Canabady, Head, Economic Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Liechtenstein – Mr. Hans Peter Walch, Head, Migration and Passport Office

Room XXV

Relationship between the GFMD and Non-governmental Partners

Co-Chairs:

Mexico – Ambassador Ernesto Céspedes Oropeza, Director-General of Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Netherlands – Mr. Han Peters, Director Consular Affairs and Migration Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Room XXIV

16:30–17:00 **Coffee Break** Escargot Bar

17:00–18:30 **Concluding Session** Room XIX

Reports on the Working Sessions by the Cluster Rapporteurs:

Cluster I: Bangladesh – Ms. Nahida Sobhan, Minister, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the UN in Geneva

Cluster II: USA – Mr. David DiGiovanna, Deputy Counselor, Refugee and Migration Affairs, Permanent Mission of the U.S. to the UN in Geneva

Cluster III: France – Mr. Kaçım Kellal, Head, Department of International Affairs and Solidarity Development

Report of the Special Session on the GFMD Assessment (Phase I) by H.E. Sir Peter Sutherland, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for International Migration and Development

Closing Remarks

Conclusions by the outgoing GFMD Chair, Ambassador Eduard Gnesa, Switzerland

Handover ceremony of the GFMD Chairmanship

Statement by the incoming GFMD Chair, H.E. Ali Mansoor, Financial Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Mauritius

Closing address by H.E. State Secretary Peter Maurer, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland