

GFMD DIALOGUE ON THE GCM IMPLEMENTATION
Implications, Challenges and Opportunities for the GFMD

Tuesday, 4 September 2018, 10h00 to 18h00
Salle XII, Palais des Nations

The final draft of the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular Migration (GCM) released on 11 July 2018 foresees the role of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) as a platform to exchange experiences on the implementation of the Global Compact, share good policies on practices and cooperation, promote innovative approaches, and foster multi-stakeholder partnerships around specific policy issues (OP 47, GCM Final Draft). It also invites the GFMD to provide a space for annual informal exchange on the implementation of the Global Compact, and report the findings, best practices and innovative approaches to the International Migration Review Forum (OP 51, GCM Final Draft).

In addition, the final GCM draft acknowledges the GFMD Platform for Partnerships (PFP) as a building block of the global knowledge platform envisioned as one of the three elements of the proposed UN capacity-building mechanism. The capacity-building mechanism is designed to support GCM implementation (OP 43, GCM Final Draft).

In light of these important references in the GCM final draft, the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs, Germany and Morocco, are convening on **Tuesday, 4 September 2018 a GFMD Dialogue on GCM Implementation** from **10h00 to 18h00** at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. This dialogue follows a series of initiatives that began since Germany and Morocco assumed the GFMD Co-Chairmanship in 2017. It is part of the effort of the GFMD to accompany the evolving GCM process and encourage Member States to develop their perspectives on the future of international cooperation on migration.

Since assuming the GFMD Co-Chairmanship in 2017, Germany and Morocco have provided political and strategic support for the GFMD to rise to the challenges and opportunities presented by the GCM process. The GFMD organized three GCM-related dialogues in 2017, bringing together Member States, international organizations, GFMD Observers, civil society and the business sector.

Pursuant to the 2016 GA New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants¹, and GA Resolution 71/280 on the Modalities for the intergovernmental GCM negotiations, GFMD has contributed to the GCM process. As an input to the GFMD stocktaking conference in Puerto Vallarta in December 2017, the GFMD submitted the “[GFMD Thematic Recollection](#)”² (2007-2017) that reflects the range and diversity of issues discussed in GFMD between 2007 and 2017.

In March, May and June 2018, the Co-Chairs successively organized thematic workshops (on migration for development, labour migration and skills, and children and young people on the move) feeding into the GCM process.

This year, the GFMD embarked on a 10-year review to assess the value and relevance of the GFMD in providing a venue for informal and outcome-oriented policy discussions, exchange of good practices and experiences across contexts, and opportunities to address migration and development concerns of participating member states. This ongoing review exercise also aims to identify options and recommendations for making the GFMD fit for the purpose of supporting Member States in the implementation, review and follow-up of the GCM, as well as the migration-related commitments in the

¹ GA Resolution A/RES/71/1 Annex II, subpara. 13

² <https://www.gfmd.org/en-gfmd-thematic-recollection-2007-2017-contribution-gcm>

Sustainable Development Goals. Ahead of the final round of the GCM negotiations, the GFMD Co-Chairs hosted on June 19 a special meeting with the GCM Co-Facilitators.

The **September 4 Dialogue on the GCM implementation** aims to achieve the following objectives:

- *To promote a collective understanding of the implications, challenges and opportunities for the GFMD of the final GCM draft released on 11 July 2018*
- *To harness GFMD's multi-stakeholder space and innovative approaches to support Member States in the implementation, follow up and review of the GCM commitments*
- *To discuss how GFMD could foster institutional and thematic linkages with the proposed UN network on migration to be coordinated by IOM*

As the first global gathering of migration and development stakeholders after the GCM Draft was finalized, the dialogue is envisaged as a critical step leading to the Eleventh GFMD Summit on 5-7 December 2018, as well as the inter-governmental conference to adopt the Global Compact on 10-11 December, both in Marrakesh. It presents the first opportunity for Member States to reflect collectively on how the GFMD could help translate the GCM commitments into action, and prepare themselves to work together to plan their responses to the challenges and opportunities they have agreed to in the GCM.

The outcomes of this day-long dialogue will inform the Future of the Forum session to be held in Marrakesh on 7 December 2018.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

(as of August 31)

10h00 – 10h45 **Opening Session: *Setting the Scene - Implications of the Final GCM Draft for the GFMD***

- Welcome Remarks by Mr. El Habib Nadir, GFMD Co-Chair Morocco
- Welcome Remarks by Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme, GFMD Co-Chair Germany
- Opening Keynote by Ambassador William Lacy Swing, IOM Director-General
- Overview of Agenda by Co-Moderators Prof. Gibril Faal and Ms. Kathleen Newland

10h45 – 13h00 **Session I: *Building upon GFMD’s Modalities to contribute to the UN Capacity-Building Mechanism on Migration (Lessons learned and good practices)***

Moderator: Prof. Gibril Faal, Director of GK Partners & Founding Director of ADEPT

Panelists:

- Ambassador Eduard Gnesa, GFMD Review Team Co-Chair and Swiss GFMD Chair 2011
- Ambassador Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations in New York
- Ms. Roula Hamati, Research and Advocacy Officer, Cross Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants
- Mr. Chukwu Chikezie /Ms. Estrella Lajom (Platform for Partnerships)
- Ms. Athanassia Ioannou and Mr. Bikash Chowdhury Barua (Migration Laboratory)

Guiding Questions

1. How can existing GFMD mechanisms be improved, particularly the GFMD Platform for Partnerships, including the online database of migration and development policies and programmes, to help concretize the envisaged capacity-building mechanism that would support Member States in the implementation of the GCM commitments?
2. How can we better enhance the multi-stakeholder space for dialogue, innovation and partnerships (mini-multilateralism) that the GFMD fosters?
3. What innovative ways for dialogue and cooperation can the GFMD offer to promote the effective implementation, follow up and review of the GCM (e.g., Migration Laboratory, Marketplace, Peer-to-peer review of policies and practices)? What adjustments are required, if any, on GFMD activities (thematic workshop, Roundtables, PfP special session, etc) in this regard?

13h00 – 14h30 **Buffet Lunch** to be hosted by the GFMD Co-Chairs, with the participation of IOM-DG and the SRSG.

14h30 – 15h00 **Keynote and Q&A** by **Ms. Louise Arbour**, UNSG’s Special Representative for International Migration and Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the GCM

15h00 – 17h00

Session II: Enhancing GFMD's Institutional Linkages – *with the UN and beyond*– to support the implementation, as well as follow up and review of the GCM

Moderator: Ms. Kathleen Newland, Senior Fellow and Co-Founder, Migration Policy Institute

Panelists:

- Ambassador Esteban Conejos Jr., GFMD Review Team Co-Chair and Philippine GFMD Chair 2008
- Mr. Alex Zalami, Advisor to the Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation, UAE
- Mr. Stephane Jaquet, Director of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission
- Ms. Akustina Morni, Employment Adviser, International Organisation of Employers

Guiding Questions

1. How will the GFMD maintain its institutional links with the United Nations while remaining independent of the UN, particularly through the proposed UN network on migration?
2. How can GFMD further develop its cooperation and synergies with IOM in order to mobilize coherent policy expertise from the whole of the UN system and enable more effective communication of recommendations from the GFMD to the UN system?
3. How can GFMD also strengthen its links with the RCPs and other regional mechanisms, for example, by drawing inputs from regional or bilateral initiatives and partnerships?
4. How to promote institutional synergies between the GFMD and concerned stakeholders outside the UN, notably organizations with relevant thematic expertise, as well as civil society, local authorities and private sector actors that work on migration and development issues?

17h00 – 17h45

Closing Session: *The Way Forward After Marrakesh – Prospects and Challenges*

Co-Moderators: Prof. Gibril Faal and Ms. Kathleen Newland

Panelists:

- Ambassador Arturo Cabrera, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the UNOG
- Ms. Eva Åkerman Börje, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the SRSG and GFMD 2013-2014 Chair
- Ms. Michele Klein Solomon, Director, Global Compact for Migration, International Organization for Migration
- Mr. Lars Hartenstein, Associate Principal, McKinsey & Company

Guiding Questions

1. How could the GFMD successfully respond to the invitation to provide a space for annual informal exchange on the implementation of the Global Compact, and report the findings, best practices and innovative approaches to the International Migration Review Forum, taking into account its operating modalities?
2. What support would be required from the proposed UN network on migration to enable the GFMD to maintain its relevance and added value in the new global migration governance framework?

17h45 – 18h00 **Closing Remarks** by Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme, GFMD Co-Chair Germany