

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)  
Regional workshop

# Providing regular pathways from crisis to safety

19-20 September 2019

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador  
Palacio de Najas, Calle Carrión E1-76 y Av. 10 de Agosto  
Quito – Ecuador

## Background

Ecuador's GFMD 2019 Chairmanship seeks to strengthen the dialogue among GFMD stakeholders at regional level. This workshop will pilot a series of regional events which will directly contribute to the thematic priorities of the Quito Summit and the development of supporting documents, but also function as standalone events that bring forward the global debate on migration and development, and targeting different stakeholders – local and central governments, academia, civil society and regional stakeholders.

This workshop will focus on the topic **of facilitating access to safe passage for people who are forced or compelled to leave their homes**. Motivated to move by a multiplicity of factors (refugees fleeing persecution and conflict, victims of trafficking, and people seeking better lives and opportunities), the number of people in mixed flows are steadily increasing, especially at intra-regional level. They have a variety of legal statuses as well as of vulnerabilities and it is therefore critical to take stock of the range of policy options, and concrete measures governments in Latin America and the Caribbean have taken to respond to these situations and to provide access to asylum or alternative legal status. This will be the opportunity to analyze the experiences made through complementary pathways, while underlying good practices addressing the challenges and opportunities related to documentation and identification, reception procedures, including for groups in vulnerable conditions, access to shelter and health services, and family tracing and reunification. This theme will also explore the role of coordination and cooperation at regional, national and local levels, among governments, with non-state actors and people on the move to foster inclusive solutions that meet the needs of both newcomers and host countries.

## Objective

To facilitate the sharing of models and practices to provide regular pathways to migrants leaving crisis situations alike with a view to contributing to the Roundtable 1.1. "Providing regular pathways from crisis to safety" of GFMD 2019 agenda.

## Guiding questions (as per the Concept Note GFMD 2019)

- What existing and/or new regular pathways can be used and, where necessary, adapted by governments to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration and mobility of migrants in situations of heightened vulnerability?
- How can the complementary application of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) support State and multi-stakeholder responses to address mixed movement situations?
- Why do governments choose to grant alternative legal status besides asylum/refugee status? What forms of legal status/stay have been provided by States and on what basis? What are the costs and benefits of such arrangements?
- How have governments and non-state actors dealt with questions of (lack of) documentation and identification in crisis situations? Why is coordination on this matter important?
- What procedures have governments put in place to ensure safe reception and accommodation of newcomers and to safeguard the rights of particularly vulnerable groups? What role do international and non-governmental partners and volunteers play?
- What kinds of mechanisms at various levels (regional, national, sub-national) have governments and other stakeholders used to facilitate a coordinated response in situations of large movements? What lessons have they learned?

## Expected Outcomes

- Experiences, policies and practices on management of mixed migratory flows across the region are identified and shared by the participating countries;
- Analysis of the current situation with the identification of practical, innovative and emerging practices and solutions in relation to providing regular pathways to migrants leaving crisis situations;
- Outcomes and the findings of this event will be fed into the Background Paper of the Roundtable 1.1. of the GFMD 2019 Summit.

### Participants' profile

- Practitioners (public servants) from LAC countries working on migration governance and international protection;
- Civil society organisations, academia, international organisations, private sector.

### Methodology

The workshop will include traditional panel discussions and presentations to share good practices and examples. Group work is another core element of the workshop organised to create collective knowledge and to facilitate interaction and experience sharing.



## Agenda

### Day 1 – Thursday 19 September 2019

- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration of Participants
- 09:00 - 09:45 **Opening**
- *Ambassador Santiago Chávez Pareja*, Vice Minister, Ministry of External Relations and Human Mobility of Ecuador and Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development
  - *Ambassador Marianne Van Steen*, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to Ecuador
  - *Mrs. Matilde Mordt*, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Ecuador
  - *Mr. Oleg Chirita*, Programme Coordinator of Global Initiatives, International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- 09:45 - 10:30 *Pause and group picture*
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Regional workshops under Ecuador's GFMD 2019 Chairmanship**
- Representative of Ecuador + MIEUX
- 10:45 - 11:15 **Introduction by Co-Chairs to the GFMD Roundtable 1.1**
- Representative of Nigeria
  - Representative of Mexico
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Session 1 – Setting the stage**
- Moderator: UNDP
- Keynote speakers:
- *Ms. Jessica Bolter*, Associate Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute (MPI) (tbc)
  - *Mr. Martin Baldwin-Edwards*, Co-founder and Co-Director of the Mediterranean Migration Observatory, Panteion University, Greece (tbc)
- 12:30 - 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 - 15:00

**Session 2 - Existing and/or new regular pathways for migrants - safeguarding the rights of particularly vulnerable groups**

Moderator: tbd (Dr. Luisa Feline Freier or Pablo Ceriani Cernadas)

*Panelists:*

- *Mr. Christian Krüger Sarmiento, Director, Migration Colombia*
- *Ms. Maria Boloqui Bastardes, Head of International/Dublin Unit, Spanish Asylum Office, Ministry of Home Affairs Policy (tbc)*
- *Ms. Sandra Chaves Esquivel, Coordinator of the Trafficking in Human Beings and Smuggling Unit, General Directorate for Migration and Immigration of Costa Rica*
- *Ms. Rocío González Higuera, Head of the Migration Policy, Registration and Identity of Persons Unit, Secretariat of the Interior of Mexico*
- *Academia*
- *Civil Society*

15:00 - 15:30

*Pause*

15:30 - 17:00

**Session 3 - Existing and/or new regular pathways for migrants – Access to rights (including employment and education)**

Moderator: MIEUX

*Panelists:*

- *Mr. Jan Schneider, Head of Research Unit, Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration*
- *Ana María Araujo, Director of Mobility, Ministry of Labour, Colombia*
- *Ecuador*
- *Civil Society*

**Day 2 – Friday 20 September 2019**

09:00 - 09:30

**Summary Day 1**

09:30 - 11:00

**Session 4 – Group Work**

**Session 4.1  
Existing and/or new regular  
pathways for migrants**

**Session 4.2  
Vulnerabilities**

11:00 - 11:30	Pause		
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Presentation of the reports of the sessions 4.1 and 4.2</b>		
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 - 15:00	<b>Session 5 – Group Work</b> <table><tr><td><b>Session 5.1</b> Coordination mechanisms at regional, national and local levels</td><td><b>Session 5.2</b> Access to labour market and public services</td></tr></table>	<b>Session 5.1</b> Coordination mechanisms at regional, national and local levels	<b>Session 5.2</b> Access to labour market and public services
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15:00 - 15:30	Pause		
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Presentation of the reports of the sessions 5.1 and 5.2</b>		
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Session 7 – Proposal for the GFMD Summit (by Co-Chairs of Roundtable 1.1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representative of Nigeria</li><li>• Representative of Mexico</li></ul>		
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Conclusions and next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mrs. Matilde Mordt</i>, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Ecuador</li><li>• <i>Mr. Oleg Chirita</i>, Programme Coordinator of Global Initiatives, International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)</li><li>• <i>Ambassador Santiago Chávez Pareja</i>, Vice Minister, Ministry of External Relations and Human Mobility of Ecuador and Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development</li></ul>		