

GFMD REVIEW 2018

Ten Years of GFMD: Lessons Learnt and Future Perspectives

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CONTEXT

- **Increased international cooperation on migration**
- **Migration as a polarizing issue**
- **Large mixed movements and migrant vulnerabilities**
- **Recognition of development benefits of orderly migration, but also**
- **Growing concerns around security and integration**

REVIEW FINDINGS & ANALYSIS



GFMD STRENGTHS

- **Informality has allowed for trust-building among States**
- **Greater understanding and cooperation among stakeholders**
- **A large body of knowledge generated and shared with UN processes (HLD, SDGs, GCM)**
- **Flexible format allows for experimentation and innovation**

GFMD WEAKNESSES

1. **Formality of interactions at Summits**
2. **Ad hoc nature: limited learning, continuity & sustainability across Chairmanships**
3. **Lack of review and follow up of outcomes**
4. **Limited interaction between stakeholders**
5. **Insufficient participation of relevant actors (interior, development, business...)**

EXPECTATIONS

The GFMD is still wanted – but expectations diverge:

- **GFMD as platform for informal dialogue including on controversial and emerging issues**
- **GFMD as a catalyst for action and partnerships towards GCM implementation**

These scenarios are not mutually exclusive...

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS



IMPLICATIONS

But States must make a choice on the GFMD's future role to adapt to a changing political and institutional landscape.

In any case, the GFMD needs to:

- **Broaden ownership and commitment by States and other stakeholders**
- **Refine its working methods and organizational structures**

DEVELOP THE GFMD IN THREE DIMENSIONS

- **Policy**
- **Partnerships**
- **Peer-Review**



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Deepen policy dialogue through continued formats - **issue/sector-specific working groups** - for Governments and other stakeholders
- 2) Facilitate multi-stakeholder partnerships through a **GFMD marketplace and Migration Labs**
- 3) Support the implementation and review of agreed goals by introducing a **peer-review space** and developing the PfP into an **online learning hub**.

Strengthen Operating Modalities

- Reduce frequency of Summits & extend Chairmanship periods
- Introduce option of Geneva-based Summits
- Broaden interface with governments through teams of GFMD focal points
- Strengthen the Support Unit: Capacities for knowledge management & communications, operational relationship with IOM, collaboration with UN Migration Network

Sustainable Financing of GFMD

In the short term:

- Review existing financing framework
- Expand in-kind contributions by all stakeholders
- Use matching funds to broaden the circle of contributors

In the long term:

- Consider the introduction of a fee-based system



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GFMD 10-Year Review Report



- **Proposed Framework for the Review:**

(Three cluster structure)

- Cluster 1: 3-P (Policy, Partnerships, Peer-review) vision
- Cluster 2: Review of the GFMD's financial basis
- Cluster 3: Broadening ownership of the GFMD and improving overall 'user experience'

GFMD 10-Year Review Report

Cluster 1: 3-P vision

• *Policy Space:*

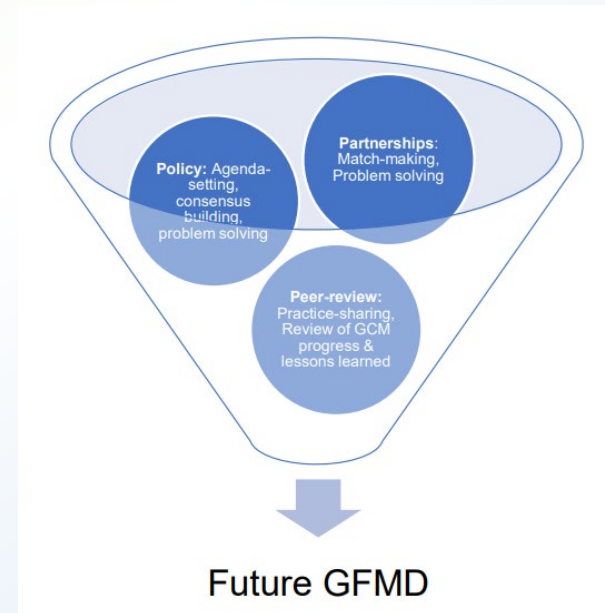
- Sector-specific networks
- Issue-specific multi-stakeholder working groups
- Interaction between GFMD and the research community
- Differentiated SG and FoF agendas/reduced FOF meetings
- State-of-the art facilitation techniques.

• *Partnerships Space:*

- GFMD Platform for Partnerships (PfP) and online/offline marketplace
- Migration Laboratory (MigLab)
- Designated Technical Committee on Migration and Development (TCMD)

• *Peer-Review Space:*

- Dedicated peer-review space at GFMD Government Days and Common Space
- Quality control for PfP



Policy Space

Guiding Questions:

- Please share your country's experience in establishing sector-specific networks to bring together key ministries and agencies in similar processes (e.g. G20)?
- Are there any issue-specific, multi-stakeholder working groups in your country in the context of migration and development, and which actors are involved and why?
- What would be the best format to allow for interaction between the GFMD and the research community: 1) throughout the year and 2) at the annual Summit?
- Would your country attend the SG and FoF meetings more frequently if the agendas were differentiated to a greater extent and if the number of FoF meetings was reduced to twice a year?
- What would be the formats (either throughout the year or at the Summit) that would most benefit from the introduction of state-of-the-art facilitation techniques? Would your country be interested in learning professional facilitation skills such as professional dialogue?

Partnerships Space

Guiding Questions:

- What is your country's experience with the GFMD's Platform for Partnerships and to what extent would your country benefit from an online and offline marketplace? Are there specific good practices and tools you would like to address with other potential stakeholders?
- If you have heard about the Migration Laboratory, would your country be interested in organizing a similar Lab? If so, what issue(s) would you like the Lab to address and what kind of stakeholders would have to be present? If not, would you like to hear more about it or would you like to take part in a demo session (similar to the Marrakech side event)?
- In how far would your country benefit from a designated Technical Committee on Migration and Development (TCMD) composed of relevant government agencies to provide a broader interface for the GFMD (strengthen Focal Point system)?

Peer-Review Space

Guiding Questions:

- To what extent would your country benefit from a dedicated peer-review space during the Government Days and the Common Space? Would a thematic organization around the GCM clusters and/or migration-related SDGs help your country report to the IMRF and/or HLPF respectively?
- Would it be useful for your country if the Platform for Partnerships (PfP) introduces a quality control and develops more interactive tools for knowledge sharing, with the end in view of transforming the PfP into a “Learning Hub”?