

Eleventh Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Summit Meeting

5-7 December 2018, Marrakesh, Morocco



The GFMD is the largest **voluntary, informal and non-binding government-led multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue and cooperation** in the field of migration and development. While remaining outside the UN, the GFMD has supported and aligned its agenda with emerging processes, including the UN-led process of elaborating a **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)**, to be adopted at the Intergovernmental Conference on Migration to be held in Morocco in December 2018.

The **Eleventh GFMD Summit Meeting** will take place in the framework of the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Morocco. The three-day Government-led Meeting on 5-7 December will feature **Roundtable discussions**, a **Common Space** for government and non-government stakeholders, a **GFMD Business meeting**, GFMD's **Platform for Partnerships**, a special session on the Future of the GFMD, and side events. As in the past, the GFMD Summit will be preceded by **GFMD Civil Society Days** to be held on 3-4 December 2018, also in Marrakesh.

ORGANIZATION: The organization of the **Marrakesh GFMD Summit** is being coordinated by the GFMD 2018 Taskforce led by **Mr. El Habib Nadir**, Secretary General of the Ministry Delegate in charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, assisted by **the GFMD Support Unit** in Geneva.

REGISTRATION: **Registration** for the **GFMD Summit** will be announced via <http://gfmd.org>. This is separate and distinct from the **GCM accreditation and registration** which is already underway (for more info: <https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/intergovernmental-conference-2018>).

LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION: The inauguration of GFMD Summit Meetings is usually attended by **high level government officials** (i.e., Ministers and Vice-Ministers) and **heads of international organizations**; but Roundtable discussions and other key activities of the Summit are held at the **technical level**.

OUTCOMES: As in the past, the Marrakesh GFMD Summit will come out with the **Co-Chairs' Conclusions**, highlighting the outcomes of the different activities during the three-day Summit, and the deliberations on the future of the GFMD, including its possible role in the implementation, follow up and review of the Global Compact for Migration.

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS:

The Eleventh GFMD Summit is expected to gather some 1,000 participants from different fields in the migration-development nexus:

1. **Government policy-makers and practitioners** from around 130-150 UN Member States;
2. **GFMD Observers** comprised of some 57 international organizations and specialized agencies;
3. **Representatives of civil society and the private sector**, as endorsed by their respective coordinating offices—the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) and the International Organization for Employers (IOE); and
4. **Panelists, speakers and other special guests** of the GFMD Co-Chairmanship.

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