

Platform for Partnerships



The Pfp provides an online space (www.gfmd.org/pfp) and also organizes direct meetings to solicit interests for showcasing practices and calls for action. Since 2010, 3 Pfp Working Sessions have been held as part of the official Summit meeting programs. See www.gfmd.org/docs for discussion highlights.

The Pfp Objectives

Under the Mexican GFMD Chair, the Pfp was enhanced as a multi-pronged tool that aims to achieve the following:

- i. To **showcase good practices (M&D Practices)** undertaken by governments in the field of migration and development, which are related to GFMD themes, debates and outcomes (as may be determined by the Chair-in-Office and Roundtable government teams);
- ii. To provide a space for **new and ongoing projects and partnerships (M&D Calls for Action)** among governments and other GFMD stakeholders to make calls (for example, for partners, ideas, funding, etc);
- iii. To provide a platform for **communication and exchange (M&D Networking)** among governments and between governments and other stakeholders involved in the GFMD process; and
- iv. To showcase products or policy tools (**M&D Policy Toolkit**) that have come out of the GFMD (such as the Migration Profiles Repository, the Handbook on Engaging Diaspora for Development, and Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning).

By pursuing the above objectives, the Pfp offers a space for governments to continue discussing, consulting, sharing experiences, and undertaking concrete actions between annual meetings, thereby promoting a sense of continuity and increasing the added value of the GFMD process.

The recently concluded **GFMD assessment** identified the Pfp's potential to improve the Forum's impact on the global migration and development agenda, by sharing knowledge with the international community and enhancing the delivery power of the GFMD process.

Among the recommendations that came out of the assessment are the following:

1. Governments and ad-hoc Working Groups provide regular updates and feedback to the Friends of the Forum on lessons learned in the implementation of GFMD outcomes for improved policy development. ***The Pfp could record and showcase GFMD outcomes and lessons learned.***
2. Working Groups present annual work plans to the Steering Group and the GFMD Chair, consistently share their results with the Steering Group and Friends of the Forum, ***and interact with the Platform for Partnerships.***
3. Share GFMD knowledge in a more systematic and accessible manner. GFMD Member States to agree on what knowledge the Forum should deliver and disseminate, and by which means, taking account of already existing vehicles for knowledge dissemination. ***The Pfp can be a vehicle for such information dissemination.***

More about Pfp

As a state-led process, governments are invited to submit '**M&D Practices**' and '**M&D Calls for Action**', which can include other actors such as international organizations, civil society, research institutions or the private sector.

M&D practices can cover a wide range of government initiatives that fall within the scope of GFMD themes, debates and outcomes. These include policies and programs on diaspora engagement, remittances, circular migration, protecting migrants and many more.

All practices and calls are publicly available. But contact details and users profiles are only accessible to registered users. **Registration** is open for representatives of governments and international organizations considered as Friends of the Forum.

M&D Policy Tools



Migration Profiles Repository (160 Migration Profiles available)

Migration Profiles are defined as frameworks for aggregating, in a structured and systematic manner, existing data and information on migration and development and other related policy fields.



Handbook on Engaging Diaspora for Development

This handbook attempts to address the pivotal question of how diaspora contributions can benefit their countries of origin and what government policies and programs can more effectively facilitate the linkage.



Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning

The aim of migration mainstreaming is to address these gaps and to enable governments to take a context-specific and systematic approach to reconciling their countries' development aspirations with current and prospective migration realities. (www.gfmd.org/diasporahandbook)

Latest M&D Practices posted on the PfP website



Pilot Programme on Intra-African Talent Mobility

Date Added: Monday, 07 January 2013

Countries: Mauritius

Thematic Areas: Development Planning | Labour, Temporary and Circular Migration | Migration Management
Policy Coherence, Data and Research | Remittances | Social Cohesion, Integration and Reintegration



Pilot Project on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Strategies

Date Added: Sunday, 09 September 2012

Countries: Bangladesh, Jamaica, Moldova, Tunisia

Partner Country: Switzerland

Thematic Area(s): Development Planning | Policy Coherence, Data and Research

M&D Calls for Action



Informal Inquiry on Migration Profiles and Extended Migration Profiles

By: Switzerland, Morocco, IOM and ICMPD

For: Governments that have administered MPs or EMPs

What: Complete the survey

Deadline: March 2013



Not a minute more: Time to Protect the Rights of Migrant Domestic Workers - A Check List and Policy Tool Kit to Protect the Rights of Migrant Domestic Workers

By: Jamaica, Ghana, Philippines, Turkey and others


For: Government ministries and departments responsible for formulating and implementing labour and social protections and migration Policy governing migrant domestic workers and CSOs working on the same issue.

What: Call to provide information


Deadline: March 2013

GFMD and PFP on Social Media

To enhance its capacity to share knowledge with the international community while also collecting new migration and development initiatives in the context of the GFMD, the PFP will utilize the GFMD social networking media.

 **YouTube:** Send your videos and documentaries showing M&D practices and programs to the Support Unit.
www.youtube.com/gfmdsu

 **Facebook:** Share about your initiatives and also learn from other GFMD stakeholders; keep abreast of GFMD discussions.
www.facebook.com/gfmdsu

 **Twitter:** Follow @gfmdsu to keep informed about newly posted M&D practices, M&D calls for action, PFP announcements, events, videos, and other GFMD communication materials.
www.twitter.com/gfmdsu