

Session 1.2 - From Global Agreement to Implementation – National Action Plans for migration-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany

Roundtable 1: Migration and Development through National Strategies: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Domestic Policies

- Germany would like to commend the Governments of Bangladesh and Norway as well as other GFMD member states as part of the Government team for preparing a concise and action-oriented background paper. We have the following comments:
- We welcome the emphasis on the inter-linkages between migration-related aspects of the 2030 Agenda and the development of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM).
- We welcome the “ideas for action”, especially on awareness raising and capacity development. Germany, together with Switzerland has developed a training “Shaping Migration for Sustainable Development” and has held several trainings for a wide range of stakeholders. Member states and other stakeholders who are interested in the training are welcome to approach us.
- Germany supports the mainstreaming of development-oriented migration policies into national action plans, aiming at enhancing positive effects of legal migration while minimizing risks and vulnerabilities associated with it. While mainstreaming migration policies into national action plans, we see the need to discuss policies and best practices of how to integrate migrants into receiving societies, and how to deal with associated challenges.
- We see the need to improve monitoring mechanisms through better data collection and analysis. Best practices from the restructured GFMD Migration & Development Database in the field of capacity building on migration data are useful in providing ideas on how to improve them. Other institutions, such as the The Global Migration Data Analysis Center of the IOM with its migration governance index, as well as the OECD dashboard of indicators for measuring policy and institutional coherence for migration and development (PICMD) are important tools in this regard.
- Germany welcomes the reference made to the work of the GFMD ad-hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda and the Global Migration Compact in preparing the GFMD Report to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF). The report will be presented to the HLPF in July 2017. The report provides first ideas on a reporting mechanism on the implementation of migration related SDGs which should be further developed.

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