

Special Session on the Future of the Forum

Friday, 7 December 2018
10h00 - 12h30, Siroua Room

Provisional Agenda

(as of 29 Nov 2018)

I. Opening Remarks

- *Mr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme, Ambassador for the GFMD Co-Chairmanship 2017-2018, Germany*

II. Taking stock: The Road from Berlin to Marrakesh

- *Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General, Ministry in charge of Moroccans living abroad and Migration Affairs, GFMD Co-Chair 2017-18*

Presentation on GFMD's milestones during the German-Moroccan Co-Chairmanship, advancing on the road from Berlin to Marrakesh. With a view to deepening the Forum's multi-stakeholder dialogue and cooperation, these included the drafting of both a comprehensive GFMD Thematic Recollection (2017-2017) for the GCM process and tailored recommendations for this year's HLPF, as well as the organization of three thematic workshops on migration for development, labour migration and skills as well as children on the move, respectively. Moreover, the GFMD continued to engage in the GCM process by hosting a special meeting with the GCM-Co-Facilitators as well as a dialogue event on GCM implementation specifically. In addition, the GFMD has embarked on a 10-year review exercise to reflect on future perspectives. Towards the end of 2018, the GFMD Steering Group endorsed the establishment of a mayors' mechanism within the GFMD process. A draft GFMD communications strategy has also been completed.

III. The UN Perspective: GFMD in the era of GCM Implementation

- *Ms. Louise Arbour, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for International Migration*
- *Mr. Antonio Vitorino, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

The Global Compact, firmly rooted in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the commitments made in the New York Declaration, will be the first global agreement designed to better manage international migration in all its dimensions, for the benefit of all States and communities, and with the rights of all migrants at the fore.

With a view to translating the GCM into action, the GFMD is expressly invited to provide a platform to exchange experiences on implementation, share good practices on policies and cooperation, promote innovative approaches, and foster multi-stakeholder partnerships around specific policy issues. As such, the GFMD has a critical role to play in fostering multi-stakeholder engagement for the benefit of comprehensively advancing SDG and GCM implementation.

IV. A GFMD 10-year evaluation– A Vision for a “GFMD Plus”

- *Ambassador Eduard Gnesa & Ambassador Esteban Conejos Jr. (GFMD Review Team Co-Chairs)*

In light of the changing multilateral landscape on migration, the integration of migration within the United Nations through IOM in particular, and the current and future policy challenges, the 2017-2018 GFMD Co-Chairs, Germany and Morocco, decided to commission a ten-year review of the GFMD’s outputs and contributions to the global dialogue on migration and development and to national level policy development and implementation. The review assesses the value and relevance of the GFMD in addressing migration and development concerns of participating Member States and other relevant stakeholders. Based on this assessment, it identifies options and recommendations for making the GFMD fit for the purpose of supporting Member States in the implementation, review and follow-up of the GCM, as well as the migration-related SDGs of the 2030 Agenda.

Guiding Questions for open discussion:

- What would we like to see GFMD achieve in the future? What impacts should we expect?
- What assets of GFMD should be strengthened, and what can possibly complement these in the future?
- What innovative ways for dialogue and cooperation can the GFMD offer to promote the effective implementation, follow up and review of the GCM?
- How can we better enhance the multi-stakeholder space for dialogue, innovation and partnerships (mini-multilateralism) that the GFMD fosters? What kind of adjustments would be needed, if any?

V. From Marrakesh to Quito

Outlook on the priorities for the 2019 GFMD Chairmanship of Ecuador

- *Mr. Santiago Javier Chavez Pareja, Vice Minister for Human Mobility, Ecuador*
- *Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Chief of Office for the SRSG for International Migration*

VI. Closing remarks

- *Mr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme, Ambassador for the GFMD Co-Chairmanship 2017-2018, Germany*
- *Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General, Ministry in charge of Moroccans living abroad and Migration Affairs, GFMD Co-Chair 2017-2018*