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GFMD Common Space 2018: From global commitments to multi-stakeholder action: inspiring implementation at the regional, national and sub-national level

The migration agenda has undergone a seismic transformation since the 2017 Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Berlin last June. While we have witnessed the expansion of a toxic narrative regarding migration, as well as rising xenophobia towards migrants or those with different religious, cultural and ethnic groups, there have also been collective strides made towards better global governance and an attempt to cement consensus with regards to the treatment and protection of migrants.

Following through on the commitments made in the New York Declaration for Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants in 2016, Member States of the United Nations came together in the first half of 2018 to negotiate a text that reflects the contemporary challenges associated with international migration. The result: a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (the 'Global Compact' or the 'Compact') that promises a "360-degree vision of international migration, and recognises that a comprehensive approach is needed to optimise the overall benefits of migration".

At the global level, the pending adoption of this Compact in Marrakesh the week after this GFMD is being coined as "the end of the beginning" for migration governance. In some ways, this is true. The perception toward and position of migration has shifted irrevocably from an outlier to central in the global inter-governmental architecture. However, to actors who have worked for decades for the realisation of migrants' rights at the national, regional and global levels – be they government, civil society, the private sector or another of the many engaged stakeholders - the value of the Compact will not be measured by the words it contains, but by the change it achieves. For practitioners, this Compact offers new means and tools to continue their work.

The Global Compact for Migration is not the only equipment in the tool box. Over a decade of the GFMD building networks, dialogues and multi-stakeholder spaces has paved the way for this international agreement, which is itself built on the core international human rights treaties and standards. The United Nations High-level Dialogues on International Migration and Development in 2006 and 2013 were important stepping stones, as was the explicit inclusion of migration in Agenda 2030, adopted in 2015. In the same way the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, adopted by 193 UN Member States in 2016, can be considered the 'parent' document from which the Compact originated, the Global Compact for Refugees can also be considered a sibling document; distinct but related. As paragraph 3 of the Compact for Migration explains „The two Global Compacts, together, present complementary international cooperation frameworks that fulfil their respective mandates as laid out in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, which recognizes that migrants and refugees may face many common challenges and similar vulnerabilities.“

The five hours of GFMD Common Space this year will therefore aim to contribute to this transition moment, and to connect all that has been agreed, achieved and learned so far with all that is still needed in the years ahead. With the overarching theme „From global commitments to multi-stakeholder action: inspiring implementation at the regional, national and sub-national level“, this is a moment for all stakeholders to re-commit to work together in earnest for a system of human mobility and development that works for migrants and societies.

	AGENDA
<p>14:00 – 14:20</p>	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. El Habib Nadir, Moroccan GFMD Co-Chair ● Mr. Mamadou Goita, Civil Society Co-Chair <p>Keynote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Louise Arbour, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for International Migration
<p>14:20 – 15:30</p>	<p>Davos style panel <i>From global commitments to multi-stakeholder action: visions of implementation at the regional, national and sub-national level</i></p> <p>Moderator : Ms. Roula Hamati (Civil Society Chair)</p> <p>Panellist 1 : Ms. Solveigh Hieronimus (McKinsey) Panellist 2 : Mr. Yaya Sangaré (Ministry of Malians Abroad and African Integration) Panellist 3 : Ms. Seemi Choudry, Director, Mayor's Office of New Americans, City of Chicago Panellist 4 : Mr. Ignacio Packer (ICVA)</p> <p>Discussant : Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Chief of Office for the SRSG for International Migration</p>
	<p>Parallel Breakout Sessions: “Exploring practices and partnerships” - examples of existing multi-stakeholder action</p>

<p>15:30 – 17:30</p>	<p>Session 1 Ensuring an enabling environment for migrants and diaspora to contribute to sustainable development</p> <p><u>Joint presentations</u></p> <p>“Creating a dialogue space for diaspora and local authorities to yield sustainable development based on good governance”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amb. Sory Kaba, DG, Foreign Ministry of Senegal & Mr. Amadou Bocar Sam Daff, President of the Association of Senegalese in Catalonia <p>“Taking stock of the Republic Moldova's best practices and presenting the latest developments”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Daniela Morari, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova 	<p>Session 2 Ensuring the inclusion of migrants</p> <p><u>Joint presentation</u></p> <p>“Lichtenstein Languages”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mario Konzett, Director, Migration and Passport Office, Liechtenstein - Mr. Arno Brändle, Liechtenstein Languages 	<p>Session 3 Ensuring safe, dignified and rights-based transit, entry, reception and return</p> <p><u>Joint presentation</u></p> <p>“Alternatives to detention for children and youth in Mexico”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jorge Gonzalez Mayagoitia, Permanent Mission of Mexico, Geneva & Ms. Silvia Gomez, Global Advocacy Coordinator, International Detention Coalition 	<p>Session 4 Ensuring decent work, labour rights and fair recruitment</p> <p><u>Joint presentation</u></p> <p>“The Triple Win Project”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Villamor Plan, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration & Ms. Jillian Roque, Public Services Labor Independent Confederation (PSLINK)
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17:30 - 18:45	<p>Common Space Wrap-Up</p> <p>Moderator: Ambassador Arturo Cabrera Hidalgo, GFMD 2019 Chairmanship</p> <p>Davos-style panel Reporting back from 4 sessions by the respective rapporteurs</p>			
18:45 – 19:00	<p>Closing Ceremony: “The way ahead”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme, German GFMD Co-Chair ● Mr. Hamza Ibrahim, Civil Society Co-Chair ● Mr. António Vitorino, IOM Director General 			