

Cooperation Strategies among States to Address Irregular Migration: Shared Responsibility to Promote Human Development

San Salvador, El Salvador
October 4-5, 2011

Objectives

The agenda for the GFMD thematic meeting in El Salvador 4-5 October flows from recommendations made in Puerto Vallarta regarding joint strategies in addressing irregular migration. States highlighted the need for shared responsibility between countries of origin, transit and destination, as well as respect for the human rights of migrants, regardless of immigration status. Other recommendations included the need for States to highlight the contributions made by regular as well as irregular migrants in the host country, including through public awareness campaigns to this effect. Finally, the recommendations emphasized the need for coordination and cooperation amongst States regarding information sharing, and for focusing on the protection of vulnerable migrant groups including irregular migrants.

The specific objectives of this meeting are to:

- Exchange information on bilateral, regional and international practices designed to protect migrants in an irregular situation.
- Identify conditions and mechanisms for sustained and effective partnerships between countries of origin, transit and destination in order to reduce the risks and vulnerabilities of migrants in an irregular situation.

Methodology

The discussion and outcomes are expected to highlight practical examples of cooperation mechanisms and activities between States and non-State actors to address the issue of irregular migration including, expanding regular migration channel opportunities, combating xenophobia and increasing protection measures for migrants overall, among others.

To guide the discussion towards concrete outcomes, the meeting will focus on the following questions posed to countries of origin, transit and destination:

- How can more regular migration channels mitigate irregular migration and its negative consequences for human development?
- How can migrants and their families be best protected from the risks of irregular migration?

- What information and research do we need to fully understand and address irregular migration from a development perspective? How do we best collect, analyze and share this information?

The meeting is broken into five distinct sessions comprised of:

1. **OPENING ADDRESSES** and introductions including an overview of meeting objectives;
2. A **COMMON SPACE** comprised of CSO presentations on cooperation activities with Governments and a Panel Discussion between migrant advocate organizations and Government counterparts;
3. **THEMATIC DISCUSSION 1: Effective partnerships between countries of origin, transit and destination** including presentation and working group discussion of good practices followed by a plenary summary responding to the Guiding Questions;
4. **THEMATIC DISCUSSION 2: Good practices designed to protect migrants in an irregular situation and promote their human development** including presentation and working group discussion of good practices followed by a report back and plenary summary responding to the Guiding Questions;
5. **CONCLUSIONS** – Consisting of a meeting summary and recommendations for 2011 GFMD Concluding Debate.

Moderators will play a critical role in promoting interactive discussion among the participants following the presentations. Each presentation must take maximum 10 minutes to allow time for discussion among participants.

Appointed *rapporteurs* will help take notes of the proceedings, sum up the conclusions of the thematic discussions and the overall recommendations for the 2011 GFMD Concluding Debate. The Chair will ensure that all points of the agenda are covered, that the time allocated to speakers and to interventions from the floor is respected, and that the expected outcomes of each roundtable are achieved.

Programme

Monday, 3 October

Arrival of participants

Venue: Hilton Princess San Salvador Hotel
Meeting language: English, Spanish and French (simultaneous interpretation)
Co-Chairs: Government of El Salvador and Government of Mexico
Rapporteurs: IOM

Day I – Tuesday, 4 October

07:30 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:30	OPENING ADDRESSES AND INTRODUCTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Mr. Hugo Martínez Amb. Ruben Beltran Guerrero, Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Head of the Mexican Delegation Amb. Eduard Gnesa, Special Ambassador for International Cooperation on Migration Issues, Chair in Office of the 2011 GFMD, Switzerland Ms. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of IOM Introduction to meeting objectives and methodology (Vice-minister Juan José García, El Salvador)
9:30 – 10:30	PRESS CONFERENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Mr. Hugo Martínez Amb. Ruben Beltran Guerrero, Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Head of the Mexican Delegation Amb. Eduard Gnesa, Chair-in-Office of 2011 GFMD, Switzerland Ms. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of IOM
09:30 – 12:30	COMMON SPACE
09:30 – 11:00	Input Session: Cooperation between Civil Society and Governments Moderator: Mr. David Morales, General Director for Human Rights, El Salvador <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Conditions for Effective Partnerships between Civil Society Actors and Governments” Mr. Pablo de la Vega, Inter American Platform for Human Rights, Democracy and Development, Ecuador “Cooperation between Civil Society and Governments on migration matters from an Asian Perspective” Mr. Rex Varona (Executive Director, Asian Migrant Centre), Hong Kong “Cooperation between Civil Society and Governments on migration matters in the framework of regional integration processes” Mr. Abelardo Morales (FLACSO), Costa Rica “Cooperation between Civil Society and the State on migration matters from a pastoral perspective” Father Rafael Moreno Villa, Migrants Jesuit Service, Mexico City <p>Plenary discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>

11:15 – 12:30	<p>Panel Discussion: Cooperation between Civil Society and Governments</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Irena Omelaniuk, Senior Adviser to the Swiss Chair-in-Office, GFMD 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John Bingham, Head of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission – ICMC, Geneva • Ms. Eve Geddie, Program Officer, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants – PICUM, Brussels • Mr. Reinaldo Gonçalves de Almeida Member of the National Council on Immigration of the Ministry of Employment, Brazil • Mr. Georges Boissé Immigration Programme Manager of the Canadian Mission in Mexico
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 17:00	THEMATIC DISCUSSION 1: EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN, TRANSIT AND DESTINATION
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Tour de Table (brief introduction by all participants)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. David Morales – El Salvador</p>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Input Session 1: Shared responsibility: conditions and mechanisms for sustained and effective partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Mr. Sergio Martinez Vera – Mexico, INAMI attaché to the Mexican Embassy in Guatemala <p>Input Session 2: Effective temporary and circular migration programmes to address irregular migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Temporary and Circular Migration Programme: case study of Senegal and Spain” Mr. Alassane Tounkara, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Employment, Senegal
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:15 – 17:00	<p>Plenary Discussion: Conditions and Mechanisms for Sustained and Effective Partnerships between Origin and Host Countries</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. David Morales – El Salvador</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guiding question (wrap up day 1) • Examples of Good Practices
19:30 – 21:30	<i>Welcome Reception/Cocktail</i>

Day II – Wednesday, 5 October

08:30 – 08:45	Summary of Day I Mr. David Morales – El Salvador
08:45 – 15:00	THEMATIC DISCUSSION 2: GOOD PRACTICES DESIGNED TO PROTECT MIGRANTS IN AN IRREGULAR SITUATION AND PROMOTE THEIR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
08:45 – 09:45	<p>Moderator: Dr. Irena Omelaniuk, Senior Adviser to the Swiss Chair-in-Office, GFMD 2011</p> <p>Input Session 1: Mechanisms for effective information exchange on irregular migration</p> <p>“Establishment of observatories/research centres and information exchange/data collection” Mr. Marlon Bristol, Technical Assistant of the Facility on Migration for CARICOM, ACP, Guyana</p> <p>Input Session 2: Examples of good practices and policies designed to sensitize the public on issues of racism and xenophobia against migrants regardless of their migratory status</p> <p>Programs to integrate migrants and combat discrimination, racism and xenophobia Mr. Brandon Prelogar, Special Advisor for Refugee and Asylum Affairs, Department of Homeland Security/Policy – United States of America</p> <p>Presentation on El Salvador-Nicaragua Regularization Programme General Direction for Immigration of El Salvador</p> <p>Input Session 3: Practical steps taken to address irregular migration, granting irregular migrants access to healthcare and education or facilitating access to formal remittances channels Ms Elena Zuñiga, UNFPA office in San Salvador</p> <p>Questions and Answers</p> <p>Plenary discussion</p>
9:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:00 – 12:00	<p>Parallel Working Group Session: Good Practice examples</p> <p>WG 1: Sensitize the public on issues of racism and xenophobia</p>

	<p>Moderator: Ms. Doris Rivas – El Salvador</p> <p>WG 2: Practical steps taken to address irregular migration, granting irregular migrants access to healthcare, education and formal remittance channels</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sergio Martinez Vera – Mexico</p> <p>Working group discussion</p>
12:00 – 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45 – 14:15	<p>Working Group Reporting Session: Good Practice examples</p> <p>Moderator: Amb. Ernesto Céspedes – Mexico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group Reports • Plenary discussion
14:15 – 14:25	<i>Coffee Break</i>
14:25 – 16:30	CONCLUSIONS
14:25 – 15:55	<p>Concluding Discussion</p> <p>Ms. Doris Rivas – El Salvador</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarising Meeting Conclusions • Good Practices and Recommendations for 2011 GFMD Concluding Debate
15:55 – 16:30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Eduard Gnesa, Special Ambassador for International Cooperation on Migration Issues, Chair in Office of the 2011 GFMD – Switzerland • Amb. Ruben Beltran Guerrero, Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Head of the Mexican Delegation • Vice-Minister Juan José García – El Salvador
	<p>PRESS CONFERENCE FOR RESULTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Eduard Gnesa, Special Ambassador for International Cooperation on Migration Issues, Chair in Office of the 2011 GFMD – Switzerland • Amb. Ruben Beltran Guerrero, Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Head of the Mexican Delegation • Vice-Minister Juan José García – El Salvador