The GFMD is the largest voluntary, informal and non-binding government-led multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue and cooperation in the field of migration and development. While remaining outside the UN, the GFMD has supported and aligned its agenda with emerging processes, including the UN-led process of elaborating a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), to be adopted at the Intergovernmental Conference on Migration to be held in Morocco in December 2018.

The Eleventh GFMD Summit Meeting will take place in the framework of the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Morocco. The three-day Government-led Meeting on 5-7 December will feature Roundtable discussions, a Common Space for government and non-government stakeholders, a GFMD Business meeting, GFMD’s Platform for Partnerships, a special session on the Future of the GFMD, and side events. As in the past, the GFMD Summit will be preceded by GFMD Civil Society Days to be held on 3-4 December 2018, also in Marrakesh.

ORGANIZATION: The organization of the Marrakesh GFMD Summit is being coordinated by the GFMD 2018 Taskforce led by Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General of the Ministry Delegate in charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, assisted by the GFMD Support Unit in Geneva.

REGISTRATION: Registration for the GFMD Summit will be announced via http://gfmd.org. This is separate and distinct from the GCM accreditation and registration which is already underway (for more info: https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/intergovernmental-conference-2018).

LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION: The inauguration of GFMD Summit Meetings is usually attended by high level government officials (i.e., Ministers and Vice-Ministers) and heads of international organizations; but Roundtable discussions and other key activities of the Summit are held at the technical level.

OUTCOMES: As in the past, the Marrakesh GFMD Summit will come out with the Co-Chairs’ Conclusions, highlighting the outcomes of the different activities during the three-day Summit, and the deliberations on the future of the GFMD, including its possible role in the implementation, follow up and review of the Global Compact for Migration.

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS:

The Eleventh GFMD Summit is expected to gather some 1,000 participants from different fields in the migration-development nexus:

1. Government policy-makers and practitioners from around 130-150 UN Member States;
2. GFMD Observers comprised of some 57 international organizations and specialized agencies;
3. Representatives of civil society and the private sector, as endorsed by their respective coordinating offices—the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) and the International Organization for Employers (IOE); and
4. Panelists, speakers and other special guests of the GFMD Co-Chairmanship.

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