

GFMD REVIEW 2018

Ten Years of GFMD: Lessons Learnt and Future Perspectives

*Eleventh GFMD Summit Meeting
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CONTEXT

- **Increased international cooperation on migration**
- **Migration as a polarizing issue**
- **Large mixed movements and migrant vulnerabilities**
- **Recognition of development benefits of orderly migration, but also**
- **Growing concerns around security and integration**

REVIEW FINDINGS & ANALYSIS



GFMD STRENGTHS

- **Informality has allowed for trust-building among States**
- **Greater understanding and cooperation among stakeholders**
- **A large body of knowledge generated and shared with UN processes (HLD, SDGs, GCM)**
- **Flexible format allows for experimentation and innovation**

GFMD WEAKNESSES

1. **Formality of interactions at Summits**
2. **Ad hoc nature: limited learning, continuity & sustainability across Chairmanships**
3. **Lack of review and follow up of outcomes**
4. **Limited interaction between stakeholders**
5. **Insufficient participation of relevant actors (interior, development, business...)**

EXPECTATIONS

The GFMD is still wanted – but expectations diverge:

- **GFMD as platform for informal dialogue including on controversial and emerging issues**
- **GFMD as a catalyst for action and partnerships towards GCM implementation**

These scenarios are not mutually exclusive...

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS



IMPLICATIONS

But States must make a choice on the GFMD's future role to adapt to a changing political and institutional landscape.

In any case, the GFMD needs to:

- **Broaden ownership and commitment by States and other stakeholders**
- **Refine its working methods and organizational structures**

DEVELOP THE GFMD IN THREE DIMENSIONS

- **Policy**
- **Partnerships**
- **Peer-Review**



KEY FIELDS OF ACTION

- **Mainstreaming data and knowledge in GFMD deliberations**
- **Supporting a whole-of-government approach in participating States**
- **Promoting decentralization of GFMD activities**
- **Mobilizing collective action by diverse stakeholders**
- **Improve interaction at Summits through innovative meeting formats**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Deepen policy dialogue through continued formats - **issue/sector-specific working groups** - for Governments and other stakeholders
- 2) Facilitate multi-stakeholder partnerships through a **GFMD marketplace and Migration Labs**
- 3) Support the implementation and review of agreed goals by introducing a **peer-review space** and developing the PfP into an **online learning hub**.

Strengthen Operating Modalities

- Reduce frequency of Summits & extend Chairmanship periods
- Introduce option of Geneva-based Summits
- Broaden interface with governments through teams of GFMD focal points
- Strengthen the Support Unit: Capacities for knowledge management & communications, operational relationship with IOM, collaboration with UN Migration Network

Sustainable Financing of GFMD

In the short term:

- Review existing financing framework
- Expand in-kind contributions by all stakeholders
- Use matching funds to broaden the circle of contributors

In the long term:

- Consider the introduction of a fee-based system



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