GFMD REVIEW 2018

Ten Years of GFMD: Lessons Learnt and Future Perspectives

Eleventh GFMD Summit Meeting
Special Session on the Future of the Forum
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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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