

GFMD 2020 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Proposed Design and Format

Introduction

The UAE is proposing to hold six regional meetings over the course of its Chairmanship. The meetings will be held between March and June 2020.

Each Regional Meeting will be assigned one of the six themes selected by the Chair, and is invited to address up to two additional themes.

The purpose of the Regional Meetings is twofold.

- First, to gather regional perspectives, knowledge and insights on the six themes, to inform the preparation of background documents for the 2020 Summit.
- Second, to identify ideas for possible partnerships, to be further developed during the course of two Migration Labs (“partnership hackathons”).

This document outlines a scenario for the design of the Regional Meetings, geared towards ensuring contributions towards these two objectives, within the constraints of time and resources available to all parties.

It is based on feedback received during a meeting of the Chair, the Three Mechanisms, the Thematic Leads, and the representative of LaMP, on the sidelines of the Summit in Quito and the meeting of the Chair’s Advisory Group in Geneva on 12 February 2020.

Meeting Design

1. An opening plenary will take place on the evening of the first day, from approximately 6 – 8 pm.
2. The opening plenary will feature introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs and a representative from each of the three GFMD Mechanisms.

3. Introductory remarks will focus on the objectives of the meeting, and perspectives from the three Mechanisms on the themes under discussion.
4. The opening plenary will be followed by a dinner for all participants.
5. The second day will begin at approximately 9 am.
6. The room will be divided into breakout areas, with the number of breakout areas corresponding to the number of themes under discussion.
7. Participants will self-select which thematic group they wish to participate in.
8. If there is an unequal distribution across thematic groups, the co-Chairs will *encourage* some participants to move into other thematic groups.
9. Each thematic group will have someone on hand to facilitate the discussion and elaborate on the guiding questions (ideally the Thematic Lead, or alternatively a member of the taskforce).
10. Each Thematic Lead may, if they so choose, draft a one-page background paper to help outline some of the key issues at hand.
11. The co-Chairs, thematic leads and three Mechanisms will consult in advance of the first Regional Meeting on how to structure each thematic session to maximise the engagement of participants; lessons learned in each Regional Meeting will be subsequently applied.
12. Each thematic group will share their understanding and general experiences of the theme: challenges, opportunities etc.
13. Lunch will be held from 1 to 2 pm.
14. After lunch, participants will have two options: to move to another thematic group, or to stay within their group and continue the thematic discussion.
15. A plenary will be convened at 3 pm, with participants from each group being invited to report in detail on discussions on substantive issues.



16. At the end of the reporting session, 4 pm, an hour-and-a-half long discussion on the formation of partnerships will be held.

17. The plenary will conclude at 5.30 with final remarks from the Co-Chairs.

18. High quality video recordings of the day will be provided to the thematic leads to assist in the compilation of background reports, and LaMP in preparation for the Migration Labs.

Proposed Agenda

Day 1

18:00 Plenary

- Introductory Remarks by Co-Chairs
- Input on Thematic Issues by Three Mechanisms

20:00 Dinner

Day 2

09:00 Breakout Discussions Begin

11:00 Coffee Break

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Breakout Discussions Continue

15:00 Plenary Reporting

16:00 Partnerships Discussion

17:30 Closing Remarks by Chairs