

GFMD SUMMIT DIGEST

Day 2 Highlights

The second day of the 10th GFMD Summit Meeting kicked off with two simultaneous Special Sessions on the [Future of the Forum](#) (FOF) and the [Platform for Partnerships](#) (PfP). It was followed by simultaneous [Side Events](#) featuring innovative policies and programs on migration and development, then the GFMD [Business Mechanism Meeting](#), in line with the multi-stakeholder character of the GFMD.

Future of the Forum: Continuity of the GFMD

Presided over by the GFMD Co-Chairs, **Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme** and **Mr. El Habib Nadir**, this year's special session on the Future of the Forum (FOF) highlighted the major steps that have been taken since Germany and Morocco took over the GFMD Chairmanship from Bangladesh, leading to the Tenth Summit, as well as the reflections and specific recommendations of participating governments for the GFMD beyond Berlin.



Keynote speeches were delivered by the UN SRSG, [Ms. Louise Arbour](#), and [Dr. Kathleen Newland](#) to set the scene for the open discussion, in which [at least 20 states](#) intervened. There was a strong consensus that the GFMD must continue in its role as a place for confidence-building and innovation between governments and all crucial actors on migration and development. Participating governments saw the GFMD's current informal, inclusive, multi-stakeholder and non-binding nature as particularly important for the follow up on the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) and the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. El Habib Nadir, representing the Moroccan Co-Chair, gave assurance that the thematic priorities of the Eleventh GFMD Summit in Marrakesh will indeed be anchored on the 2030 Agenda and the GCM. He indicated that the co-chairmanship will improve the GFMD communication channels with the governments through various means such as the Mobile App, while continuing its partnership with the private sector and the civil society for a more participatory information sharing and policy discussion.

Platform for Partnerships: Sharing of Policies and Practices

Comprised of five presentations, this year's [Platform for Partnerships](#) (PfP) session provided an opportunity for participating governments and GFMD's non-state partners an opportunity to share relevant migration and development policies and practices. The PfP presentations revolve around the topics of vertical and horizontal policy coherence, facilitating remittances, reintegration of returning migrants, as well as skills matching and health financing and coverage for migrant workers. Several recommendations came out of these presentations, such as skills assessment to facilitate labor market integration and migrants' access to health services as key elements for a Global Compact on Migration. In addition, the use of remittances through banking systems as a means to promote financial inclusion and provision of 'portable' social and health benefits were deemed as relevant policy proposals.



The presenters included: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Joint Migration and Development Initiative ([JMIDI](#)), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Republic of Moldova's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, as well as the International Labour Organization ([ILO](#)), IOM-Migration Health Division ([MHD](#)) and World Health Organization (WHO).

Side-Events: Complementing the Roundtables

At the margins of the GFMD Summit Meeting, seven events covering a variety of topics related to migration-development nexus were held. Complementing the roundtable sessions in the first day, these events highlighted the cross-cutting aspects of migration and showcased the multi-sectoral approaches and pioneering initiatives of concerned governments and organizations.



Leading international organizations and governments co-organized and supported the seven side events. [RT 1.1](#) side event was co-organized by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (GER) and the Ministry in Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs (MAR). RT 1.2 side event was organized by IOM-Global Migration Data Analysis Centre ([GMDAC](#)), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ([OECD](#)), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). [RT 2.1](#) side event, on the other hand, was co-organized by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHR) and UNDP. RT 2.2 side event was organized by the World Bank-Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) while RT 3.1 side event was co-organized by the OECD and ILO. The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), on the other hand, organized [RT 3.2](#) side event. Finally, the seventh side event was co-organized by the governments of Germany and Slovakia and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

GFMD Business Mechanism Meeting

Exploring the critical role of the private sector in the elaboration of the *Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration* was the theme of this year's Business Mechanism Meeting. Speaking before a wide audience of business leaders and government representatives, [Ms. Linda Kromjong](#), Secretary-General of the International Organisation for Employers, emphasized the important role of businesses in national migration management systems. Their practical experiences in recruitment, labour mobility and immigration laws and procedures, and their solid knowledge of emerging market and staffing trends can inform governments, within and outside the GFMD process, in facts-based migration policy-making.



The opening of the Business Mechanism Meeting was followed by [four parallel discussions](#) that centered on the need for international skills mobility, fair recruitment and decent work opportunities, innovations for the integration of migrants and refugees to the labour markets, as well as the role of entrepreneurship and circular migration for development. These themes were identified by the four business committees of experts based on the various discussions in the framework of the GFMD Business Mechanism.

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