

Terms of Reference¹

GFMD Working Group on Sustainable Development and International Migration

Member States agree that the GFMD should play an active role not only in the implementation, follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda, but also in the implementation of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (Global Compact, GCM).

They are confident that the GFMD's informal character and proven success in dialogue-based trust-building between and among relevant stakeholders in migration and development – states and their local administrations, international organizations, the civil society and the private sector – could be useful in facilitating an informal exchange around issues of common interest and exploring innovative ways of deepening cooperation on migration and development among all concerned actors.

A. Scope of work

In coordination with the GFMD-Troika and under the strategic guidance of the GFMD Steering Group, the GFMD Working Group on Sustainable Development and International Migration will focus on the following:

- A. Review, assess and further develop the recommendations and findings laid out in the report on the GFMD Ten Year Review.*
- B. Contributing to GFMD efforts in support of the implementation, review and follow-up of international commitments agreed by GFMD participating Member States, including the migration-specific and migration-related goals and targets in the **2030 Agenda²** and the objectives of the **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)**.*
- C. Any other issue delegated by the Steering Group.*

B. Output

The WG will report to the special sessions of the Future of the Forum during GFMD Summits, update and make proposals to the GFMD Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum on the implementation of recommendations from the report of the GFMD Ten-Year Review, including a road-map for further follow-up towards this end.

The WG will provide recommendations on GFMD's contribution to the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and the GCM respectively, with a particular focus on the HLPF thematic review, the GCM Capacity Building Mechanism, and the International Migration Review Forum.

¹ These TORs are based on the [TOR of the GFMD 2016 ad hoc WG on the 2030 Agenda](#), and the [GFMD 2017-2018 ad hoc WG on the 2030 Agenda and the GCM](#).

² The GFMD's participation in the follow-up and review process of the Agenda, including by providing inputs to the HLPF, does not imply or create a formal reporting link to the HLPF or modify the forums' mandate or governance.

C. Composition of the Group

In accordance with the agreed modalities in 2016, representatives of GFMD participating states are eligible for participation. Membership of the WG is on a voluntary basis, comprising between 12 and 15 members, who contribute actively to the work and resources of GFMD and participate regularly in the WG's meetings. Membership should be regionally balanced, allowing for perspectives from high-, middle- and low-income countries as well as those of countries of origin, transit and destination. Members of the GFMD-Troika are ex officio members of the WG.

The members currently include Azerbaijan (TBC³), Bangladesh, Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany (Co-Chair), Greece, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates (Co-Chair).

The Working Group is co-chaired by two Member States that are committed to provide sustained leadership and technical support to achieve the objectives of the Working Group. This co-chairing role is open to all Working Group members on a voluntary and rotating basis, subject to endorsement by the Steering Group.

WG Members are expected to participate – in person or online -- in the Working Group meetings and other deliberations. WG Members that are not able to meet this expectation are invited to consider relinquishing their seats on the Working Group to allow other member states to join.

The members of the UN Migration Network on Migration, International or Regional Organizations or any other expert, including from the three GFMD mechanisms (for civil society, business and mayors / local authorities), may also be invited to attend the meetings on a need basis.

The WG will continue to foster exchange with other stakeholders on specific topics with the aim of strengthening dialogue and fostering outcome-oriented discussions. To this end, multi-stakeholder “Migration Laboratories”, which aim to bring together policy makers and practitioners from governments, civil society and private sector, are an important tool at the disposition of the WG and GFMD.

D. Duration of the work

The WG will operate on an open-ended basis unless decided otherwise by the Steering Group.

E. Funding

Costs incidental to the group's meetings are assumed voluntarily by the Co-Chairs and other members, as may be required.

F. Work-plan

The GFMD WG meetings will normally be held in Geneva. Meetings are convened by the Co-Chairs. The GFMD WG will draw up a preliminary work plan, in consultation with the GFMD Troika. The WG will remain engaged between official meetings through written consultations and exchange.

G. Review

These TORs will be reviewed at the beginning of each Chairmanship, or at any time as may be deemed necessary by the Steering Group, in order to ensure that the WG lives up to its mandate and remains relevant and responsive to emerging developments.

³ The WG at its meeting on 13 Feb 2020 agreed to invite the Republic of Azerbaijan to become a new member of the Working Group.