

Save-the-Date
Launch of the Ecuador GFMD 2019 Chairmanship
27 February 2019
New York

Dear Friends of the Forum,

The Republic of Ecuador has assumed the Chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) beginning 1 January until end December 2019 under the overarching theme, *'Sustainable approaches to human mobility: upholding rights, strengthening state agency, and advancing development through partnerships and collective action.'*

At this critical juncture in global migration governance – following the adoption of the Global Compacts on Refugees and for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration in 2018 and in the context of large movements of refugees and migrants around the globe – Ecuador aspires in its Chairmanship to nurture common ground amongst States and to strengthen dialogue with GFMD stakeholders and researchers.

To mark the **launch of Ecuador's GFMD Chairmanship**, there will be a **reception open to all UN Member States, GFMD Observers and other GFMD partners in New York** on **Wednesday, 27 February 2019**, after the one-day High Level Debate on International Migration and Development.

Ambassador Santiago Chávez Pareja, Vice Minister for Human Mobility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador, and designated GFMD 2019 Chair, will welcome guests in the presence of the GFMD Co-Troika Germany and Morocco.

More details concerning the time, location and agenda of this event will be released closer to the date. If you wish to register now, or have any questions, please contact support.unit@gfmd.org.

Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

For more information on the Chair's priorities for 2019, please download the [Draft GFMD 2019 Concept Note](#), or for the highlights of the proceedings of the Marrakesh GFMD Summit, download the digest in [English](#) and [French](#).