GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team Guidelines
14th GFMD Summit
Geneva, 23-25 January 2023

Background

The overarching theme of the France GFMD 2022-2023 Chair ‘From environmental concerns to cultural aspects of migration’ has put at the centre of the GFMD process the impact of climate change on human mobility and the cultural aspects of migration. The French Chair has engaged the GFMD community in a dialogue on how climate change, environmental degradation and disasters impact human mobility and interact with cross-cutting topics such as the rights of migrants, including their safety and health; diasporas’ engagement for development; labour migration; narratives on migration and culture; and the multi-level governance of migration. The 14th Summit to be held in Geneva from 23-25 January 2024 presents an opportunity to exchange knowledge and perspectives among Member States and with a broad variety of stakeholders at global level. It also offers a unique chance to link up with relevant global policy agendas.

These guidelines aim to establish a dedicated Rapporteur Team to bring the outcomes of the GFMD French Chair’s programme and 14th Summit through dedicated follow up processes to support the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). This is in line with General Assembly Resolution 73/195, which invited “the Global Forum on Migration and Development to provide a space for annual informal exchanges on the implementation of the Global Compact, and report the findings, best practices and innovative approaches to the International Migration Review Forum”.

Role of the GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team

At the 14th GFMD Summit, a multi-disciplinary team of GFMD-GCM Rapporteurs will follow debates to identify key highlights relevant to the implementation of the GCM, including findings, best practices and innovative approaches. The aim is to ensure that the highlights of the Summit are captured and brought forward to the 5th Annual Meeting of the United Nations Network on Migration and the second edition of Migration Week, and subsequently to the second round of GCM Regional Reviews to be held in 2024-2025, as well as to the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2026. The overarching goal is to foster synergies and a consistent flow of insights across the GFMD over the years, thereby contributing to global efforts in implementing the GCM.

1 The UN Migration Network Annual Meeting will take place in Geneva on 30-31 January 2024. Migration Week will take place in Geneva from 29 January – 2 February 2024.
Composition of the GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team | To ensure coverage of the multiple events within the Summit, providing multi-stakeholder perspectives as well as regional balance, this multidisciplinary team is composed of one representative of a Member State, a representative from civil society and a representative from the private sector.

The GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team adhere to the following guidelines

Before the 14th GFMD Summit in Geneva

The Rapporteur Team members:

- Read the background papers for the Summit roundtables and other documents/presentations that may be made available to get familiar with relevant content and identify possible connections across sessions.
- Meet once before the Summit (online) to coordinate their approach (including who plans to attend which sessions to ensure main take-aways from the six Summit roundtables are captured and any other session of interest to the members of the team).
- Discuss/agree on 3 guiding questions to use as shared tools for the observation of the sessions during the Summit.
- Meet to prepare the reporting to the 5th Annual Meeting of the United Nations Network on Migration and agree on a timeline to draft the GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team report.

The guiding questions will provide the backbone for the identification of key highlights to be brought forward at the UN Network on Migration Annual Meeting, Migration Week, and the second round of GCM Regional Reviews, as relevant.

The following draft guiding questions are provided as a starting point:

1. What main challenges and opportunities have been discussed during the Summit that relate to the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM)?
2. What policies and/or practices were presented that you consider important for GCM implementation? What innovative approaches were discussed?
3. Are there any recommendations formulated during the roundtables or other sessions at the Summit that are of relevance for the advancement of the GCM implementation?

During the 14th GFMD Summit in Geneva

- Each member of the GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team identifies key highlights during Summit discussions related to GCM objectives focusing on challenges and opportunities, policies & practices, and recommendations relevant for GCM implementation.
- The GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team meets at a minimum once before the closing of the Summit (in person) and once after the Summit (online) to agree on key messages to be brought to the thematic panels of the UN Network on Migration Annual Meeting and Migration Week.
- The GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team sends a short summary report to the GFMD Chair through the GFMD Secretariat.
The rapporteur team may avail itself of the support of assigned note takers during the Roundtable sessions and other events. Note takers can assist by sharing accurate and comprehensive notes on presentations, discussions, questions raised, and key points made by participants. This ensures that the rapporteur team members have access to timely information for their reporting tasks. In case of uncertainties or gaps in understanding during the session, the rapporteur can consult with the note takers to clarify points and gather additional context. Advanced copies of the PowerPoint presentations or talking points used by speakers will be made available whenever possible.

After the 14th GFMD Summit in Geneva

Expected Outputs

1. **Contribution to the UN Network on Migration Annual Meeting** - The GFMD-GCM Rapporteur Team identifies key messages to be brought forward during the 5th Annual Meeting of the UN Network on Migration, particularly during the discussions under the 3 sessions: maximizing the development promise of migration; preserving the dignity of migrants; and future of migration.

2. The GCM Rapporteur Team **prepares a report (2,000-3,000 words)** with the most significant elements and contributions relevant to the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) drawn from the Summit debates, including the Roundtables, Thematic and Networking Sessions, Platform for Partnerships and other events that the Team have attended. The synthesis report for the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) should cover the following aspects, which will also support the reporting to the GCM Regional Reviews in 2024 and to the IMRF in 2026. The report will be submitted to the UN Network on Migration secretariat as an input to the GCM follow-up and review process.

   - **Discussion Highlights**: Capture interventions, conflicting perspectives and views that were expressed during sessions regarding GCM-related topics.
   - **Challenges and Opportunities**: Summarize the highlights that emerged during the sessions, including progress, challenges and opportunities relevant for the implementation of the GCM.
   - **Policy Landscape**: Provide insights into existing policies, legal frameworks and available data presented, highlighting how they support or pose challenges to the advancement of the GCM objectives.
   - **Identifying Gaps**: Outline policy gaps, areas requiring further research and data needed to better inform GCM implementation and monitoring of progress.
   - **Practices and Programs**: Highlight relevant local, national, bilateral, regional or international programs, practices and initiatives that contribute positively to the GCM’s objectives.
   - **Recommendations and Follow-up**: Present recommendations and actionable steps that can guide future GCM-related discussions, collaborations and follow-up actions.

The GCM Rapporteur Team may add some personal conclusions stating them as such. A **template for reporting** will be provided separately.

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