



## **GFMD 14<sup>th</sup> Summit Future of the Forum**

**CICG, Room B-C, Thursday, 25 January 2024 – 15:00-16:30**

The Future of the Forum Session has become a traditional appointment during GFMD Summits to reflect on progress made within the forum. It is also an opportunity to look ahead to nurture the dialogue among governments on the topics that most affect migration and development, in partnership with a multiplicity of key stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, local governments, youth and in synergy with other global processes, such as the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development. Taking stock of developments since the last UAE GFMD Summit in January 2021 and paving the way for the future Chairmanship of Colombia in 2024-2025, this session aims to create a space for Heads of Delegations to share perspectives and priorities for the future of the international dialogue on migration and development.

The Future of the Forum Session is open to all Heads of Delegations of participating Member States, International Organizations, the GFMD Mechanisms for civil society, business, mayors, representatives of Youth and other GFMD Observers, including Regional Consultative Processes on Migration.

### **Taking Stock: From the UAE GFMD virtual Summit to the 14<sup>th</sup> Summit in Geneva during the France 2022 2023 Chairmanship**

#### **1.1. 2022-2023 Chair's Report on the agenda, progress and achievements**

France assumed the GFMD Chairmanship in July 2022, after a gap year during which the Forum was without Chair in office, and relaunched the international dialogue on migration and development focusing the attention on the topical issue of the Impact of Climate Change on Human Mobility and the importance of Culture and Narratives on migration, encouraging the GFMD community to reflect on connections across a broad range of topics: the rights of migrants, labour migration, the role of diasporas, and how to enhance the multi-level governance of migration – all topics at the centre of the 14<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit. An intense programme of activities developed in partnership with GFMD Member States and stakeholders has led to the Summit, including GFMD preparatory meetings held in Geneva and thematic workshops held in Paris and Geneva. Over the intense months of dialogue that ensued throughout the French Chairmanship, engaging over a thousand participants from 170 delegations worldwide, it emerged that the impact of climate change is likely to have a systemic impact on human mobility and in the longer-term it will require the engagement of new actors and the strengthening of new partnerships. The GFMD continues to be at the forefront of the policy and governance debate engaging key players and stakeholders.

**Mr. Christophe Guilhou**, Director for Global Affairs, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Representative of the GFMD Chair

## **1.2. Lessons learnt during the UAE Chairmanship that should not be forgotten and can be helpful to meet emerging challenges**

The UAE Chairmanship, whose overarching team was 'The Future of Human Mobility: Innovative Partnerships for Sustainable Development' focused strongly on the future of human mobility especially with respect to labour migration. During the UAE 2020 Chairmanship, the Covid-19 pandemic hit the world and impacted the lives of millions of migrants, generating challenges but also lessons learnt for policy makers, many of which can be still relevant for facing challenges ahead.

**Ms. Alia Ibrahim Mohamed Abdulrahim**, Director of International Organizations Department, United Arab Emirates

## **Looking Ahead beyond the 14<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit: New Horizons Building upon the Pillars of the Dialogue Process**

Seventeen years after its inception, the GFMD has proven its adaptability to the evolution of the international context and its relevance the topics at the centre of attention for Member States and other key stakeholders. Most of all, it has delivered on the promise of bringing to the fore the migration-development nexus. Today, the contribution of migration to sustainable development is acknowledged at global level and recognized as a key factor to achieve the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Within the migration landscape, the GFMD continues to be an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder space of trust, an informal dialogue including a broad range of actors and a space for identifying new synergies, meaningful connections and successful partnerships.

### **2.1. Reflections from IOM on the role of the GFMD to realise the full promise of migration**

To realize the full promise of migration, bold approaches are needed that build on the strengths of our collective knowledge and know-how and new partnerships are needed to bring human mobility solutions at scale and maximize the positive impact of migration on development. The GFMD will continue to be the platform of choice for nurturing an open and multi-stakeholder dialogue and to build new partnerships around the topics that matter.

**Ms. Ugochi Daniels**, Deputy Director General for Operations, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

### **2.2. Passing the baton to the Future GFMD Chairmanship of Colombia**

*Overview of the orientations and priorities of the Future Chair.*

**H.E. Mr. Gustavo Gallon Giraldo**, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN in Geneva (GFMD 2024-2025 Colombian Chairmanship)

### **15:15 – 16:25 Open floor for Statements**

### **16:25 – 16:30 Closing Remarks**

**Mr. Christophe Guilhou**, Director for Global Affairs, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Representative of the GFMD Chair