



## **Innovation Lab at the XIV GFMD Summit**

### **Introduction**

The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) recognises the critical importance of multi-stakeholder collaboration in addressing global migration challenges. Cooperation between diverse stakeholder groups can improve the outcomes of migration policies and programmes. Youth represent a dynamic force with innovative ideas and initiatives that can contribute significantly to shaping migration governance and development policies. To harness this potential, the Innovation Lab will be initiated by the Migration Youth and Children Platform to foster multilateral cooperation and innovative approaches to address migration challenges.

### **Objectives of the Innovation Lab**

The key objectives of the Youth Innovation Lab are:

1. Fostering multi stakeholder cooperation and partnerships by bringing together actors from local and national governments, civil society, international organisations, private sector, and youth in an inclusive, dynamic and collaborative environment.
2. Encouraging solution-focused discussions on concrete actions and ideas related to migration governance and development.
3. Establishing a platform for showcasing youth expertise and innovation by integrating their ideas into the GFMD discussions and encouraging the development of new projects and solutions.

### **Format and structure**

The Innovation Lab will consist of a series of multilateral meetings, each focusing on a specific migration challenge in one of five regions of the world:

1. Africa
2. Europe
3. North Africa and the Middle East
4. The Americas
5. Asia-Pacific



The format of multilateral meetings is inspired by the hackathon format. Hackathons originated in the technology field, where participants would brainstorm, prototype and pitch creative solutions to a specific challenge. Ideas that were born in hackathons often went on to be developed into actual products or services. This idea was adapted for the migration governance context to push the boundaries of policymaking and encourage multi-stakeholder solutions to migration challenges. The specific brainstorming sessions will be restricted to one hour only and participants are encouraged to continue their discussion and work on the solution beyond the GFMD Summit.

Participants will form small groups to discuss a specific regional issue. A Challenge Statement will be shared with participants. Building on each other's experiences, participants will brainstorm a possible solution together. The participants will then try to concretise and operationalise their ideas. A youth delegate will moderate the session and a document facilitator will take note of the key inputs. The sessions will be held under the Chatham House Rule and will not be recorded to encourage open dialogue and free flow of ideas.

Suggested guiding questions for all sessions:

1. **Mapping existing solutions to the identified challenge:** What existing solutions, policies, or initiatives addressing the identified migration challenge are currently in place?
2. **Brainstorming new solutions:** What innovative approaches or new ideas can be explored to address the identified migration challenge more effectively?
  - a. **Multistakeholder collaborations:** Who are the key stakeholders that need to be engaged and what unique contributions can each bring to the table?
  - b. **Expected positive impacts:** What positive outcomes can be expected for migrants, their communities, countries, and broader development efforts through implementing the solution?
  - c. **Possible risks:** What are the potential risks, unintended consequences, or disadvantages associated with the proposed solution?
3. **Operationalisation of the idea:** What practical steps and resources are required to operationalise the proposed solutions? How can we ensure that these ideas can be translated into actionable projects or policies within the regional context and existing constraints?

## Logistics

*Date and time:*

23 January, 14:00-16:00

24 January, 9:00-12:00

*Location:* CIGC - Room 9



*Language:* English by default but participants can decide to use another language.

*Interpretation:* No

Participants will be invited to join the regional session in advance, but the session will also be open to other GFMD Summit participants if room capacity allows. Attending the Innovation Lab does not require prior preparation.

Participants are not expected to join all the sessions but to select a specific regional session.

### Draft agenda

23 January, 14:00-15:00	Regional session 1 - Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introductions (5 min)</li><li>● Challenge Statement presentation by youth facilitator and inputs/ contextualisation by participants (10 min)</li><li>● Facilitated discussion (45 min)</li><li>● Confirming next steps</li></ul>
23 January, 15:00-16:00	Regional session 2 - Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introductions (5 min)</li><li>● Challenge Statement presentation by youth facilitator and inputs/ contextualisation by participants (10 min)</li><li>● Facilitated discussion (45 min)</li><li>● Confirming next steps</li></ul>
24 January, 9:00-10:00	Regional session 3 - MENA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introductions (5 min)</li><li>● Challenge Statement presentation by youth facilitator and inputs/ contextualisation by participants (10 min)</li><li>● Facilitated discussion (45 min)</li><li>● Confirming next steps</li></ul>
24 January, 10:00-11:00	Regional session 4 - Americas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introductions (5 min)</li><li>● Challenge Statement presentation by youth facilitator and inputs/ contextualisation by participants (10 min)</li><li>● Facilitated discussion (45 min)</li></ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Confirming next steps</li></ul>
24 January, 11:00-12:00	Regional session 5 - Asia/ Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introductions (5 min)</li><li>● Challenge Statement presentation by youth facilitator and inputs/ contextualisation by participants (10 min)</li><li>● Facilitated discussion (45 min)</li><li>● Confirming next steps</li></ul>