

Work Plan for the Assessment Team in 2012¹

Context

In discussions of the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum in 2010, governments agreed on an assessment process that would be state-led, transparent and comprehensive, and be spearheaded by an Assessment Team that is selected from interested Steering Group Members.² They also agreed that the assessment process would be addressed in two parts:

- Part 1 examines the way the GFMD operates as a process, including its structures; it examines the impact and relevance of its outcomes in terms of substantive policy discussion, lessons learned and policy changes; and it addresses the relationship of the state-led GFMD with other stakeholders. These issues are examined on the basis of the objectives stated in the 2007 GFMD Operating Modalities and the evolving practice of the GFMD process.
- Part 2, to be carried out in 2012, will be dedicated to a strategic and political discussion among the GFMD participating governments on possible options for the future of the GFMD, based on the results of part 1.

During the Special Session on the Future of the Forum held in Puerto Vallarta in 2011, Heads of Delegation agreed on the Terms of Reference for the Assessment Team (attached). While these Terms of Reference provide detailed guidance for the Assessment Team's activities in 2011, they do offer only general guidelines on the 2nd part of the assessment to be carried out in 2012. This work plan specifies the Assessment Team's activities for 2012.

Assessment Team's Work Plan for 2012

In close coordination with the GFMD Chair-in-Office and in on-going consultation with the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum, the Assessment Team:

- Meets in regular intervals as convened by the Chair-in-Office;
- Reviews the report on part (1) of the assessment, and, based on this review, prepares a set of questions to be addressed to the Friends of the Forum in order to solicit their view on possible options for the future of the Forum.
- Reviews the responses to this survey, and, based on this review, prepares a discussion paper with possible options for the future of the GFMD;
- Consults the discussion paper with the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum to elicit their views and opinions on the different options;
- Presents a summary of the results of these consultations to the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum during the 2nd half of 2012;
- If necessary, prepares a budget on costs related to the 2nd part of the assessment process, to be brought to the attention of the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum.

¹ This Draft Work Plan has been consulted with the Members of the Assessment Team and will be subject to discussion during the Special Session on the Assessment at the GFMD 2011 Concluding Debate in Geneva.

² The Assessment Team is currently comprised by the following 14 countries: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, India, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates.