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**Recommendations and Follow-up Actions<sup>1</sup>**

**RT 1.1: *Mainstreaming migration in development planning – Key actors, key strategies, key actions.***

1. ***Integrate migration into National Development Plans*** (NDPs) and Poverty Reduction Strategies, to be complemented by policies, concrete actions and programs at all levels.
2. Ensure ***policy coherence and coordination*** at the national level between relevant ministries and agencies.
3. More countries should consider adopting ***Migration Profiles*** (based on the EC's work) as a tool for coherence between migration and development policy, to be regularly updated and owned by the concerned countries, and possibly to include data and analysis on countries of origin and destination. Interested countries and international organizations can liaise with the EC on how to improve the migration profiles (to be reported at GFMD 2010).
4. ***Bilateral agreements and regional initiatives*** can reinforce effectiveness of partnerships, which between origin and destination countries can promote managed and regulated migration to the benefit of development
5. Provide ***more information to migrants*** at all stages of migration; and awareness campaigns in destination countries to inform the public about migrants' contributions to their development.
6. Collect more ***gender-disaggregated data*** to account for the different needs and experiences of men and women migrants. Resource allocation should be equitably distributed.

**RT 1.2: *Engaging diasporas and migrants in development policies and programs – Their role? Their constraints?***

7. Establish ***a handbook*** containing lessons learned on and practical guidelines for engaging diasporas in development activities.
8. ***Include diaspora data in migration profiles.***
9. Create a ***common discourse between diasporas and governments*** on intentions, options and actions for cooperation aimed at building and / or sustaining trust.
10. ***Support the capacity of diaspora organisations*** and institutions working with diasporas for development.

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<sup>1</sup> This is an abridged version of the full listing and explanations of the Recommendations and Possible Follow-up Actions in the Roundtable chapters of this Report.

11. **Engage diaspora organisations** in development planning of both countries of destination and origin, with particular emphasis on procedures.
12. **Study** the contributions of migrants to the wellbeing of destination countries.
13. Adopt a **gender-oriented perspective** in identifying, elaborating and implementing concrete projects in order to take into account concerns and needs of vulnerable groups.

**RT 1.3: Addressing the root causes of migration through development, specifically in light of the current global economic crisis**

14. Ensure coordinated, unrestricted, transparent **data sharing and sharing of experiences** of the impact of policies, to base policy responses to the economic crisis on best available evidence.
15. Establish **partnerships between countries of origin and destination** to deal with the varied manifestations of the economic downturn in coordination with each other.
16. **Work together in the recovery from the crisis**, taking into account the realities, benefits and challenges of the migration-development nexus.
17. Give serious consideration to the **impact of climate change** on migration and to **joint efforts** to face this challenge.
18. Focus particularly on **managing xenophobic tendencies and discrimination** in times of economic crises and job losses.
19. Pay special attention to the **feminization of migration**.

**RT 2.1: Inclusion, protection and acceptance of migrants in society – linking human rights and migrant empowerment for development.**

20. Compile **best integration practices** and publish these on the GFMD website.
21. Undertake **further research on how to evaluate impacts** of integration policies on development (including analyses of the costs and benefits to all of such policies).
22. Conduct a **comparative study on social protection** policies for migrants.
23. Give consideration to **commencing a pilot project on a bank/non-governmental program for low cost pre-departure loans** to migrants as a follow-up to the Bangladesh study for Roundtable 2.1.
24. Give consideration to **strengthening the networks between Migrant Resource Centres** as facilities that inform and support migrants in their emigration, integration while abroad and their return home. Evaluate their effectiveness from the migrants' perspective.

**RT 2.2: Reintegration and circular migration: effective for development?**

25. Establish **a database on Circular Migration programs** as an information tool for the GFMD.

26. Undertake ***longitudinal or one-time studies of the impact of reintegration on the local labour market*** in the origin country.
27. Establish an ***observatory to collect data and experiences of reintegration***, to support future evaluations. Non governmental organizations should contribute to this project.
28. Define a ***set of indicators to evaluate*** the development impact of reintegration strategies.

### **R 3.1: Policy and Institutional Coherence – Latest Data and Research Findings**

29. The GFMD should pursue its focus on policy and institutional coherence on migration and development, and research and data to underpin such coherence, including ***a Roundtable session in 2010***.
30. Pay sustained attention to ***mainstreaming and integrating migration into development planning***, including PRSPs, activities to achieve the MDGs, and National Adaptation Plans of Action (NAPAs) concerning climate change.
31. Use the ***May 2009 'Migrants Count' report*** of the Commission on International Migration Data for Development Research and Policy as a roadmap to improve data collection and analysis.
32. Use the ***2010 global census*** round to collect international migration data. National statistics offices should be alerted, and the UN Statistical Commission should take this up at its next meeting in February 2010.
33. Pursue the ***Migration Profiles*** developed by the EC as a tool for comprehensive data and coherent policies on migration and development. Interested countries and international organizations should contact the EC. Progress would be reported at the GFMD 2010.
34. The GFMD ***ad-hoc Working Group on Policy Coherence, Data and Research*** should pursue its activities as a voluntary and open group including governments, experts and international organizations (see detailed objectives in the Roundtable 3 chapter of this Report).

### **RT 3.2: Regional Consultative Processes and Inter-regional Fora**

35. Continue holding a ***GFMD Roundtable session on RCPs, Inter-regional fora and regional organizations and economic integration processes*** over the next 3 years, with particular focus on the development implications of migration.
36. ***In between GFMD meetings***, RCPs and Inter-regional fora should voluntarily ***exchange information through the GFMD website***. Create a link between the GFMD website and IOM's enhanced RCPs website section.
37. Further promote the ***mutually reinforcing role of the GFMD and RCPs and Inter-regional fora*** so that they can learn from each other, and feed GFMD findings/recommendations into the agendas of those processes and fora that deal with migration and development.
38. The positive experience of RCPs and Inter-regional fora in translating informal dialogue into action could usefully ***inspire the follow-up*** on outcomes and recommendations of the GFMD.