



Subject: **GFMD Civil Society Budget 2020 – invitation to contribute**
 From: **GFMD Civil Society Coordinating Office**
 To: **Friends of the Forum**

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Esteemed colleagues in governments, Friends of the Forum,

It is our pleasure to submit to you the budget for organizing civil society participation in the GFMD activities in 2020, including the Summit in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in January 2021. We thank in advance governments for their support in making civil participation not only possible, but also truly diverse and representative.

The budget for 2019 is **USD 685.155,90**, a budget similar to the one presented last year.

The budget includes costs of organizing civil society participation in GFMD activities throughout the period of the UAE chair, in particular:

- preparatory meetings of civil society for the GFMD throughout 2020
- participation in the 6 regional consultations, including the selection of participants and preparatory work (a total of 19 regional internal meetings and webinars)
- Participation in all the GFMD meetings (FoF, Advisory Group, Steering Group when invited as observer, Working Groups, etc.)
- the Civil Society Coordinating Office and staff
- Summit costs of the GFMD Civil Society Days (flights, accommodation, and food for sponsored participants and staff)

You will see that a significant portion of the costs are to support travel and lodging for “sponsored participants”. This is for a projected 90 civil society participants from lower income countries, migrants, diaspora and women leaders. Altogether, as in Quito last year, we expect some 250 selected civil society organizations from around the world will participate in the GFMD Summit. We also expect to receive 1500+ applications meeting all the selection criteria, which means that a transparent and inclusive selection will need to be made.

Budget of the GFMD Civil Society Programme 2020 (including Summit in January 2021)	
	Costs (USD)
Travel for sponsored delegates	135.000,00
Accommodation for sponsored delegates	67.500,00
Meals and other expenses for sponsored delegates	27.00,00
Programme staff, local partner & volunteers	293.779,00
Staff travel, accommodation and meals (Summit and preparatory missions)	29.590,00
Communication (website, videoconferencing, etc.)	22.000,00
Coordinating office costs (financial and administrative support)	39.000,00
Documentation and translation	9.000,00
<i>subtotal</i>	622.869,00
<i>Overhead (10%)</i>	62.286,90
Total costs (USD)	685.155,90

To date, we have received contributions or pledges from Germany (GIZ), the UAE, Switzerland (SDC) and Canada, altogether amounting to around 543'000 US\$ (details to follow), leaving a gap of around 140'000 US\$.

It is very good, and we indeed would like to express our deepest gratitude to the four governments just mentioned. Thank you for their extreme generosity and all the support. But not being able to raise the additional 140'000 US\$ would have two consequences. Firstly, we would have to significantly reduce the number of sponsored participants, also impacting at the same time diversity and inclusiveness. Secondly, the Coordinating Office, ICMC, would have an operating deficit for the third consecutive year, something which we absolutely cannot afford, and which could put at risk our long-term ability to mobilize and coordinate Civil Society.

We would welcome financial contributions of all kinds and of all levels. As in previous years, may we suggest any one the following two modules to you:

- **Module 1: Un-earmarked contributions**

We would *most* welcome an unearmarked contribution directly to ICMC's GFMD Civil Society Coordinating Office, or indirectly through the GFMD Support Unit. In the case of a direct contribution we can sign a direct agreement with you, and we will report on the use of funds through a final narrative and financial report. In case of an indirect contribution, we will make an arrangement with the Support Unit, and submit the final narrative and financial report to them.

- **Module 2: Earmarked contributions**

It is also possible to make an earmarked contribution to a specific budget line. For example, in the past several governments have chosen to fund participant costs from civil society and migrant organizations from their own country or region, often matched with funding for an equal number from lower income countries. We can sign a direct agreement with you on this, and will report to you on the use of funds accordingly.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your consideration,

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