

Terms of Reference¹

GFMD Ad hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda and the Global Compact on Migration

The Ninth GFMD Summit which was held from 10 to 12 December 2016 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, reiterated the vital role of the “Ad hoc WG on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development”, established in February 2016 in Geneva and extended its mandate for the period 2017-2018. Member States agreed that under the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Morocco, the GFMD should play an active role¹ not only in the implementation, follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda, but also in the elaboration of a global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration (Global Compact on Migration)².

They were confident that the GFMD’s informality and proven success in trust-building between and among crucial stakeholders in migration and development – states, international organizations, the civil society and private sector – could be effective in facilitating an informal exchange around issues of common interests and exploring innovative ways of deepening cooperation on migration and development among all concerned actors.

A. Scope of work

In light of its broadened scope of work, the ad hoc WG is renamed as the “GFMD Ad Hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda and the Global Compact on Migration (WG)”. In coordination with the GFMD Troika and under the strategic guidance of the GFMD Steering Group, the WG will focus on two interrelated work streams:

- 1. Contribute to the GFMD efforts in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development³ with a particular focus on the follow-up and review process of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), and promote coherence of processes related to the 2030 Agenda;*
- 2. Contribute to the preparation of the GFMD thematic input to the inter-governmental negotiations on a Global Compact on Migration.*

Seeking to step up its efforts with regard to the above mentioned work streams, the ad hoc WG will continue its work on migration-related aspects in the 2030 Agenda, and additionally on the Global Compact on Migration, in 2017-2018 by supporting the GFMD in

- a) providing a platform for voluntary sharing of experiences, progress and evidence,*
- b) facilitating voluntary action by building partnerships and*
- c) informing Member States, observers and relevant organizations and providing inputs to the formal follow-up and review mechanisms of the United Nations.*

¹ These TOR are based on the TOR of the GFMD 2016 ad hoc WG on the 2030 Agenda.

² UNGA Resolution 71/1 of 19 September 2016 (“New York Declaration”), para 55, 63 and Annex II, notably para 13.

³ The GFMD’s participation in the follow-up and review process of the Agenda, including by providing inputs to the HLPF, does not imply or create a formal reporting link to the HLPF or modify the forums’ mandate or governance.

B. Output

The ad hoc WG will report to the special sessions of the Future of the Forum in 2017 and 2018, and update the GFMD Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum on the implementation of the recommendations laid out in Annex I - Report from the Ad Hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁴, endorsed by the GFMD participating states on 12 December 2016 at the Dhaka Summit.

The ad hoc WG will provide recommendations on GFMD's contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda, with a particular focus on the HLPF thematic review, and to the consultation process on the Global Compact on Migration.

C. Composition of the Group

In accordance with the agreed modalities in 2016, governmental representatives from all states parties to the GFMD are eligible for participation. Membership of the ad hoc WG is on a voluntary basis, limited to 12 members. The members⁵ include currently Bangladesh, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Sweden and Switzerland. Membership should be regionally balanced, allowing for perspectives from high-, middle- and low-income countries as well as those of countries of origin, transit and destination.

The Group will be co-chaired by the Governments of Bangladesh and Germany⁶. The Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General will be invited to attend the meetings. The co-chairs maintain the flexibility to invite members of the Global Migration Group or any other expert on a needs basis.

The ad hoc WG will continue to foster exchanges with other stakeholders on specific topics with the aim of strengthening the dialogue, but also to bring added value to the discussions. To this end, the ad hoc WG engages in a multi-stakeholder "experimental lab", which aims to bring together high-ranking participants from the worlds of policy-making and civil society and possibly also from private sector.

D. Duration of the work

The ad hoc WG will operate during the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship of Germany and Morocco.

E. Funding

Costs incidental to the group's meetings are assumed voluntarily by the Co-Chairs and other members, as may be required.

F. Work-plan

The GFMD 2017-2018 WG meetings will normally be held in Geneva. Meetings are convened by the Co-Chairs. The GFMD 2017-2018 ad hoc WG will draw up a preliminary work plan for the two-year Co-Chairmanship period of Germany and Morocco. The ad hoc WG will remain engaged between official meetings through written consultations and exchanges.

⁴ The draft report was distributed to all Friends of the Forum on 1 December 2016. It was adopted, *in toto*, during the special session on the Future of the Forum in Dhaka.

⁵ Australia was an active member of the ad hoc WG in 2016, but decided to relinquish its place in January 2017.

⁶ After co-chairing the WG in 2016, Switzerland stepped down as a co-chair, after its Permanent Representative to the UN in New York was appointed by the President of the UNGA as a co-facilitator for the Modalities Resolution leading to the Global Compact on Migration.