Guidelines for GFMD-SDGs Rapporteur Team

The overarching theme of the France GFMD 2022-2023 Chair ‘From environmental concerns to cultural aspects of migration’ has put at the centre of the GFMD process the impact of climate change on human mobility and the key role of culture and narrative on migration for policy making and for the global governance of migration. Climate change, environmental degradation and disasters impact human mobility and interact with cross-cutting topics such as the rights of migrants, including their safety and health, diasporas’ engagement for development, labour migration, narratives on migration and culture, the multi-level governance of migration. The 14th Summit to be held in Geneva on 22-25 January 2024 presents an opportunity to exchange knowledge and perspectives, engaging Member States and a broad variety of stakeholders at global level. The Summit discussions aim to nurture a shared understanding of how to meet the challenges of contemporary human mobility, engaging all levels of government and key actors in society and linking up with relevant global policy agendas. These guidelines aim to establish a dedicated Rapporteur Team to ensure that the outcomes of the GFMD 14th Summit are captured and shared through dedicated follow-up processes in support of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Role and composition of the GFMD-SDGs Rapporteur Team

At the 14th GFMD Summit, a multi-disciplinary team of Rapporteurs for the SDGs will follow debates to identify main outcomes relevant to the achievement of the SDGs with the aim to ensure that the Summit conclusions capture highlights of significance for related global policy agendas such as the 2030 Agenda. To ensure coverage of the multiple events within the Summit programme, providing multi-stakeholder perspectives as well as regional balance, the GFMD-SDG Rapporteur Team is composed by 2 Member States and 2 GFMD mechanisms/platform representatives.

Before the 14th GFMD Summit in Geneva

The SDGs Teams read the background papers for the Summit roundtables as well as other documents/presentations that may be available. This will help team members to get familiar with the content, identifying relevant information and links across sessions. It will also be helpful to track relevant policies and practices emerging throughout the Summit discussions.

During the 14th GFMD Summit in Geneva

During the Summit discussions, the GFMD-SDG Rapporteur Team keeps track of the debates and identify key highlights during discussions:
The SDGs Rapporteur Team summarizes the most significant outcomes of the 14th Summit in terms of policy ideas and practices related to the SDGs.

- The members of the SDG Rapporteur Team participate in a panel during the Summit Closing Session to be held on 25 January 2024. This conversation will be facilitated around guiding questions.

The Rapporteur Teams are encouraged to seek support from the assigned note takers during the Roundtable sessions and other events. Note takers can assist by sharing accurate and comprehensive notes on presentations, discussions, questions raised, and key points made by participants. This collaborative effort ensures that the Rapporteur Teams have access to timely and reliable information for their reporting tasks. In case of uncertainties or gaps in understanding during the session, the Rapporteur can consult with the note takers to clarify points and gather additional context. As much as necessary, it would be useful for the Rapporteur Teams to get advanced copies of the PowerPoint files or talking points used for the presentations.

After the 14th GFMD Summit in Geneva

Expected Outputs

1. Contributions to the SDGs and HLPF report

The SDGs Rapporteur Team will consider the relevance of the Summit discussions for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2024 High-level Political Forum (HLPF). The synthesis report for the SDGs (2,000-3,000 words) should cover the following points:

- **Policy Coherence**: Analyze the coherence between migration-related policies and practices discussed and the broader 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Highlight how the discussions and interventions contribute to specific SDGs emphasizing areas of synergy and potential impact.

- **Data and Indicators**: Bring forward the availability of data and indicators relevant to the SDGs, focusing on how Summit discussions highlight advancements, gaps or challenges in tracking progress.

- **Cross-cutting Implications**: Consider how migration-related interventions intersect with various SDGs and their targets, illustrating potential multi-dimensional impacts.

- **Opportunities for Synergy**: Identify opportunities for collaboration between migration-related initiatives and broader SDG implementation efforts.

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1 The 12th session of the HLPF will take place in July 2024, under the theme ‘Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions’. It will conduct in-depth review of SDG 1 (no poverty), SDG 2 (zero hunger), SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), and SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals)