

**All Member States,**

14 November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: INVITATION TO NOMINATE YOUTH DELEGATE FOR THE NEXT 2021 MIGRATION  
YOUTH FORUM AT THE XIII GFMD**

It is an honour to reach out to you as a Government attending the XIII Global Forum on migration and Development this January. We are writing to invite you to nominate a young delegate (31 years old or under) from your government's official delegation to the GFMD, to attend the 2021 Migration Youth Forum, which will take place virtually on the 4th to 6th of January at time at 14:00 CET - 17:00 CET (or 8:00 AM EST - 11:00 AM EST). As you might know, the Youth Forum is a preparatory space to the GFMD Summit, where youth will come together to discuss and prepare for their participation in the main event. The concept note and programme outlining the objectives and format of the sessions are attached.

To nominate a young delegate or for any questions, please contact the Youth Forum Chair, Ms. Camila Batista, at [camila.batista@unmgcy.org](mailto:camila.batista@unmgcy.org), or the Migration Global Focal Point, Ms Marta Verani, at [marta.verani@unmgcy.org](mailto:marta.verani@unmgcy.org). Alternatively, [here](#) is a form collecting all required information to submit the nomination. We will be available for any questions throughout the holiday period, albeit with small delays. We'd kindly ask for the nominations to be sent by the 2nd of January in order to be able to smoothly process their participation.

In either case, we look forward to seeing you at the GFMD Summit, where youth will be actively participating in the discussion, taking part in the main agenda and side events, and bringing concrete proposals to our shared complex problems and opportunities. In particular, we look forward to engaging with you in the session we are organizing for the 18th January at 13:00 CET - 15:30 CET (or 7:00 AM EST - 9:30 AM EST), part of the official GFMD programme and organized in partnership with IOM and UNICEF, and supported by the GFMD-Chair-in-Office the UAE, and the Government of Switzerland. We also take this occasion to remind you that this is a session organized by youth but it is aimed at governments and other stakeholders as key participants. There will be time for questions and interventions as well and we really look forward to engaging with you.

Our unique platform brings together youth from different countries and communities, UN Member States and organizations, humanitarian and development partners, the private sector, and affected communities, with the aim of building the capacity of young people on issues of

migration, discussing the ways and means of implementation and review of migration policies and of the GCM at all levels, maintaining throughout a special focus on the role of young people.

As we look forward to hearing from you, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to your government for your support and for recognizing the very important role young people are playing in addressing the dilemmas of migration, as well as wishing you all a lovely holiday season.

Sincerely,

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