



## **Global Meeting of Chairs and Secretariats of Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (RCPs).**

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# **Conclusions of the 2010 GFMD Chair**

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## 2010 Chair's objectives

- Mexico offered to host the Fourth Meeting to contribute to the migration and development debates with the region's perspective and experience on these matters.
- The main objective of the GFMD 2010 was to promote a broader understanding on the migration phenomenon and to advance on an evidence-based discussion.
- Migration is a phenomenon that concerns all of our governments and as such, we need to address its challenges together.
- Mexico proposed to renew the debate on some concepts such as:
  - irregular migration
  - human development
  - migrants' contributions to development
  - climate change

## Preparatory process

- The Chair, particularly through the Mexican Permanent Mission in Geneva, undertook a series of informal consultations to conceptualize a new discussion framework.
- The background documents for the sessions were prepared from March to September by teams of governments, international organizations and experts.
  - *Ad hoc* working groups on “Protecting and empowering migrants for development” and “Policy coherence data and research” also carried out studies and workshops.
- Mexico received contributions to cover the participation of experts and delegates from developing countries for more than €800,000 from: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Spain, United States, France, Israel, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom, Sweden, Switzerland, the MacArthur Foundation, and the IOM.

## Civil Society

- At the invitation of the Mexican Chair, the BBVA-Bancomer Foundation coordinated the organization of the Civil Society Days.
  - More than 400 delegates and observers from 80 countries attended this meeting, along with representatives from 33 countries.
- The Common Space was an innovative and successful approach to strengthen government-civil society dialogue. Topics analyzed included:
  - Improving public perceptions of migration
  - Migration and human development: enhancing partnerships

## International Organizations' participation

- The Global Migration Group (GMG), coordinated then by the UNHCHR, was an active participant through the GFMD 2010 preparatory process.
  - It was also closely involved in the preparation of the sessions' documents and organized a symposium on "*Overcoming barriers: building partnerships for migration and human development*".

## Puerto Vallarta Meeting

- The Government Meeting was held on November 10-11.
- Over 131 UN Member-States participated in the Government Meeting, with 39 international organizations as observers. Assistance was approximately 650 participants, including:
  - 8 ministers
  - 26 vice-ministers
  - UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
  - Director General of the IOM
  - SG Special Representative for Migration

## Round Table 1: Partnerships for migration and development

### Main recommendations

- Avoid the criminalization of migrants;
- Develop comprehensive policies and programs for returning migrants
- Consider circular or temporary migration schemes
- Respect for the human rights of migrants, regardless of their immigration status.
- Underline the positive contributions of regular and irregular migrants to host and origin countries.
- Maintain irregular migration on the agenda of the GFMD and other upcoming international conferences.

## Round Table 2: Human mobility and human development.

### Main recommendations

- Promote cooperation between countries of origin and destination for better job matching and skills recognition.
- Consider the portability of pensions and other social rights, as well as cost-effective health care models.
- Promote the ratification of UN Conventions that refer to the rights of children, and promote their national implementation.
- Develop gender-sensitive guidelines on policies, programs and budgets, with appropriate indicators. Also consider the impact of migration on families.

## Round table 3: Policy and institutional coherence to address the relationships between migration and development

### Main recommendations

- Develop and assess indicators of the impact of migration on development.
- Strengthen dialogue at the national, regional and global levels, on climate change and migration, as well as the need to begin discussions on an appropriate legal and institutional framework.
- Regional consultative processes (RCPs) and inter-regional fora (IRFs) contribute to greater policy and institutional coherence at the national level and reinforce a whole-of-government approach.

## The future of the GFMD

- Mexico believes that, though there is broad room for improvement, the GFMD constitutes a valuable space to share and identify good practices and promote collaboration.
- In a special session on the future of the Forum, governments agreed to begin an assessment of whether the GFMD is conducive to productive dialogue and tangible, action-oriented outcomes.
- The GFMD should continue building on the results of the previous sessions and gradually incorporate innovative perspectives and new topics.

## Migration and development agenda

- The 2011 GMDF has a different format but maintains an action-oriented focus. Mexico has extended its full support to the Swiss Chair.
- There are three important opportunities to further support the GFMD.
  - 2011 (May 19) UNGA First Informal Thematic Debate on migration and development.
  - 2011 (December 1 & 2) Concluding Debate (1<sup>st</sup> phase Assessment)
  - 2013 High Level Dialogue to evaluate the achievements of the GFMD and to influence its future.
- Governments must reiterate their interest in working closely together, and with the UN, to find new solutions to the challenges posed by migration and development.



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