Tenth GFMD Summit Meeting
28 – 30 June, Berlin

Five more days to go!

The overarching theme of this year’s Summit Meeting is “Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development.” Consistent with the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the Tenth GFMD theme reflects on the roles that different governance levels play—at the local, national, international levels—in promoting safe, orderly and regular migration, while leveraging the positive linkages between migration and development.

The outcomes of the six roundtable Summit sessions will feed into the ongoing Global Compact process, as well as the follow up and implementation of migration-related commitments in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The themes and background papers of the following roundtable discussions are found below:

- 1.1 Tools and Safeguards for Policy Coherence – Finding the right policy mix to balance different interests and objectives EN | FR | ES
- 1.2 From Global Agreement to Implementation – National action plans for migration-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) EN | FR | ES
- 2.1 Moving beyond emergencies – Creating development solutions to the mutual benefit of host and origin communities and displaced persons EN | FR | ES
- 2.2 Fostering the development impact of returning migrants EN | FR | ES
- 3.1 Raising the Global Talent Pool – Harnessing the Potential of the Private Sector for Global Skills Partnerships EN | FR | ES
- 3.2 Strengthening cooperation – Enabling Civil Society Contributions in Migrant Integration EN | FR | ES
Launch of the GFMD Mobile Application + Livestreaming!

A new milestone is reached! The GFMD Mobile Application is now available on Apple Store and Google Play Store! The three-day GFMD Summit Meeting will be livestreamed via this mobile application. We invite you to introduce this app to your colleagues, friends and family members who might be interested to know more about the GFMD discussions and events. This application is free of cost.

The application also offers some exciting features:

Overview of Registration (as of 20 June)

- 456 delegates of 140 States
- 88 delegates of 33 GFMD Observers
- 70 representatives of 48 Business Organizations
- 177 representatives from Civil Society Organizations

The GFMD Summit Meeting is attended by a number of VIPs from participating governments, as well as leaders of various international organizations such as IOM Director-General William Swing, United Nations SRSG Louise Arbour, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, ILO Director-General Guy Ryder, UNAOC High Representative Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants François Crépeau, and others.

Expanded Programme | Side Events
This year’s session on the Platform for Partnerships (PfP) gives government and non-state partners (the international organizations, civil society and business) an opportunity to share relevant migration and development policies and practices. Comprised of five presentations with interactive Q & A, the PfP session offers also a space for policymakers to adopt and foster new programs and partnerships, and draw from the policy recommendations of the different presenters working in the fields of migration and development.

Since 2010, the special session on the PfP in the annual GFMD Summit Meeting has showcased around 30 policies and practices. As a testament to the efforts and concrete initiatives of governments and non-state actors as they continue to search for new solutions to migration and development challenges, the PfP session has become an integral aspect of the GFMD process. Its online component is accessible to the public, and currently contains a database of over 800 M&D policies and practices.

The Special Session on the Future of the Forum will gather the Heads of Delegations of participating Member States to take stock of the milestones reached by the Global Forum since the last Summit Meeting in Dhaka, and to reflect on a collective vision for the GFMD’s future, vis-à-vis the emerging landscape of international migration governance. The session will also shed light on GFMD’s possible areas of improvement, reflect on its outcomes through substantive discussions and policy recommendations that have been established in the framework of the GFMD, and promote the renewal (or not) of government’s commitment to support the GFMD process.

Programme

Two Ad Hoc Working Groups are currently assisting the GFMD:
(as of 20 June)

- The Working Group on the 2030 Agenda and the Global Compact on Migration focuses on two related work streams: 1) to contribute to the GFMD efforts in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, with an emphasis on the follow-up and review of the High-Level Political Forum and 2) to contribute to the Global Compact on Migration.
- The Working Group on Communications considers the GFMD’s communications requirements, and the ways to better share information on the GFMD’s processes and outcomes to enhance its impact on the global migration and development agenda.

Common Space
30 June (09h00 – 15h30)

The Common Space is an annual event co-organized by the GFMD Civil Society which serves as a platform for direct interaction between states, civil society and other stakeholders in discussing the linkages between migration and development. This year’s Common Space discussions aim to contribute to the process of elaborating a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to be adopted in 2018. Hence, discussion sessions—subdivided into three general framing sessions and seven specific focus sessions—focus entirely on the “Mechanics for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” and on expounding on these “mechanisms” in relation to the role of Civil Society organizations in the nexus between migration and development.
Unlike in prior years, this year’s Common Space will take place after the two GFMD Government Days, but between the two Civil Society Days, in deference to the Muslim feast days earlier that week.

**Agenda**

**GFMD Business Mechanism Meeting**

*29 June (14h30 – 17h00)*

For the second year in a row, the GFMD Business Mechanism Meeting offers a safe space for governments and the business community to share experiences, learn about new trends and developments on linking the business agenda with migration and development policies, network with peers and governments, and influence the business position on important dossiers. The high-level conference also hosts simultaneous discussions focusing on the following themes:

- The need for skills mobility
- The business case for responsible recruitment
- Innovations for migrant and refugee access to labour markets
- Entrepreneurship and circular migration

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**Social Media Accounts**

We invite you to visit and connect with our social media accounts where we will post the latest updates on the discussions and activities, upload photos and videos, and conduct informal live video sessions with our Summit participants. Use the hashtag: #GFMD10 and #gfmd2017

We are eager to welcome all of you in Berlin!

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