



The International Organization for Migration (IOM)

The 96th Session of the IOM Council

Director General's Summary of Deliberations



December 5th, 2008



Summary of Deliberations

I. Need for Consolidation

3 Priorities

1. Member State ownership



2. Collaborative partnerships



3. Staff professionalism



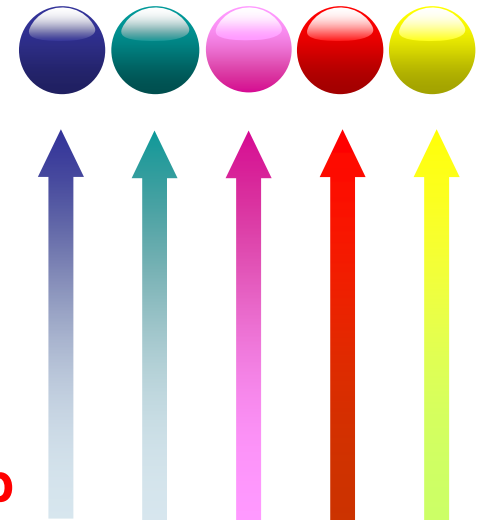


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I. Need for Consolidation (**cont.**)

5 Broad Strategic Directions

1. **Safeguard IOM's Comparative Advantage**
2. **Maintain, further develop cutting-edge activities & programmes**
3. **Engage cooperatively and thoughtfully in emerging fields**
4. **Enhance IOM's policy services to its membership**
5. **Foster partnerships**





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II. Strategic Focus



- 1. 12-point IOM Strategy Paper**
- 2. Observance of IOM's Mandate**



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Particular Emphasis

- 1. Labour migration**
- 2. Counter-trafficking**
- 3. Capacity Building & Technical Co-operation**
- 4. Emergency Response**





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III. Economic and Financial Crisis

1. Impact on Migration

2. Monitoring of trends and provision of information to Member States

3. Advice on appropriate policy response mechanisms and activities

4. Focus of attention for the GMG





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IV. Human Rights of Migrants

1. Central among concerns of International Community and IOM Membership



2. Central IOM theme in 2009

(Council, IDM workshops, etc.)



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V. Migrants' Contribution

1. Need to sensitize host country societies on role and contribution of migrants



2. IOM has important role to play



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VI. Budget and Structural Reform of IOM

1. Increase in budget: sign of Member States' confidence



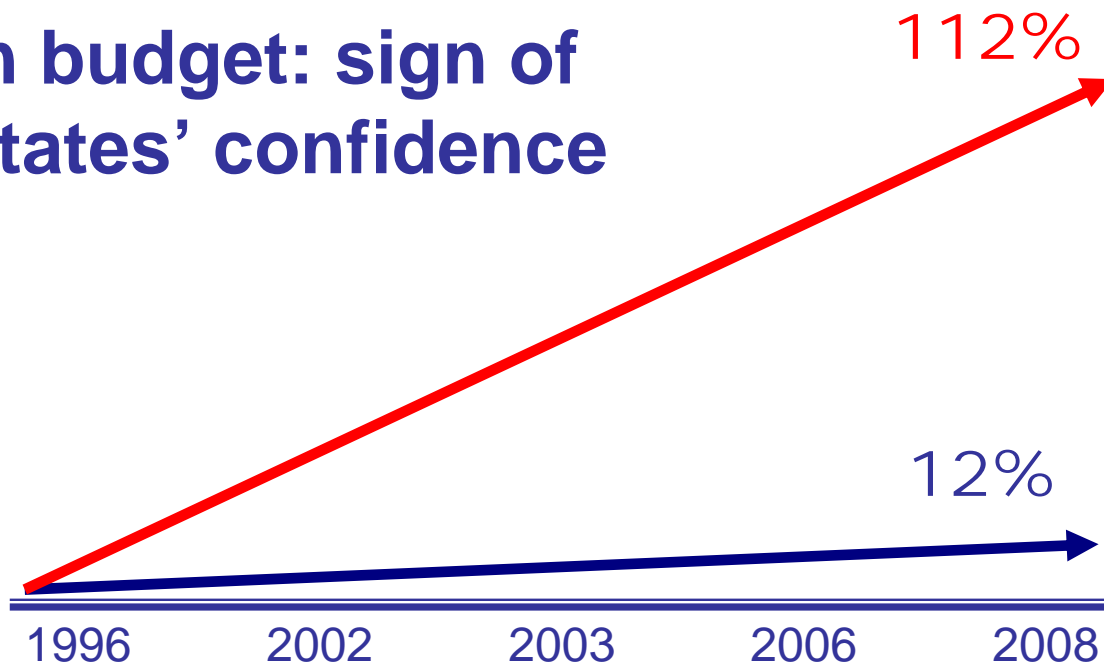


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Membership
Budget Levels





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2. IOM will work with Member States to incorporate necessary adjustments to budget and structure

3. Predictability and transparency

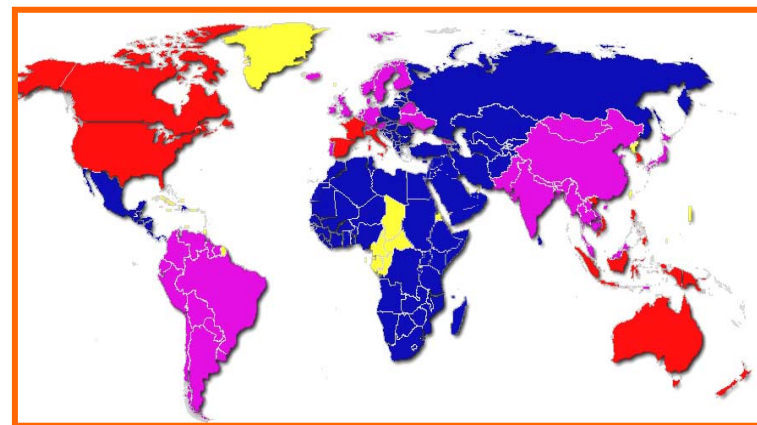




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VII. Regional and Global Consultative Processes

1. Importance of international dialogue and cooperation



2. GFMD/IOM, MOU on Support Unit, 15 December, 2008



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VIII. World Migration Report 2008

1. Timely message:

Labour movement at the heart of contemporary mobility



2. Useful resource for policy makers, practitioners, academics, civil society



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IX. International Dialogue on Migration

1. Reiterated support for IOM as a venue for sharing of experiences, lessons learned, policy dialogue
2. Constructive discussion on multi-faceted aspects of return migration
3. Consideration of key migration developments
4. Mixed flows: reflection of reality of migration

Fresh approach needed:

- Actual needs
- Practical measures



Looking Ahead

IOM Regional Meetings with DG

- 1. Europe (including the CIS): 29-30 Jan. 2009, Budapest**
- 2. Sub-Saharan Africa: 4-5 Feb. 2009, Addis Ababa**
- 3. Asia-Pacific: 5-6 March 2009, Bangkok**
- 4. Western Hemisphere: 26-27 March, 2009 Panama**
- 5. Middle East and Maghreb: 7-8 April, 2009 Cairo**



Looking Ahead

- 1. SCPF** **4-5 May 2009**
- 2. Excom** **23 June, 2009**
- 3. Council Special Session** **24-25 June, 2009**
- 4. SCPF** **26-27 October, 2009**
- 5. Council** **23-26 November, 2009**
- 6. Inter-sessional Workshops** **25-26 March & 6-7 July 2009**



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