



**Global Forum on  
MIGRATION & DEVELOPMENT**

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- **GFMD**

- Follow-up to 2006 UNGA High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
- Initiative of Belgium
- Survey Circulated in 2006
- Informal & Voluntary State-Led Forum
- International Organizations and Civil Society as Observers

- **GFMD I**
  - Brussels: 9-11 July 2007
  - Format
    - Themes developed by “Friends of the Forum”
    - Civil Society Day
    - 2 Days of Roundtable Discussions
    - Specific Actions per Roundtable

- **GFMD I**

- Themes:

- ***Human capital development and labor mobility: maximizing opportunities and minimizing risks.***
    - ***Remittances and other diaspora resources: increasing their net volume and development value.***
    - ***Enhancing policy and institutional coherence, and promoting partnerships.***

- **GFMD I Follow-Up**
  - Actions RTD 1:
    - Matrix of Good Practices – Health Sector
    - Compendium Good Practices – Bilateral Temporary Labor Agreements
    - Feasibility Study – Worker Financial Services
    - Workshop to ID Good Rec/Emp Practices
    - Workshop on Circular Migration

- **GFMD I Follow-Up**
  - Actions RTD 3:
    - Expert Working Group
    - Report on Policy Lessons
    - Working Group on Data Sharing
    - Working Group on Policy Coherence
    - Common Migration Database
    - Network of GFMD Focal Points among Regional Consultative Processes (RCPs)

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- **GFMD II**
  - Manila: October 2008
    - Continuity from GFMD I
    - Themes to be further developed by “Friends of the Forum”
    - Three-theme Format
    - Civil Society Day or 2 Days
    - 2 Days of Roundtable Discussions

- **GFMD II**

- Themes:

- *RTD 1: Migrant's Rights and Development (Migration, Development and Human Rights)*
    - *RTD 2: Promoting Safer, Legal Migration in Order to Strengthen Development Impact of Migration*
    - *RTD 3: Policy and Institutional Coherence and Partnerships*



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- **RDT 1:**
- *Migrants are best able to contribute to development in both the home country and the host country, when they are protected and supported socially, economically, politically, and in terms of their basic human rights. This is particularly important for lower skilled labor migrants, female migrants, and the families of migrants both in the home and host countries.*

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- **RDT 1:**
- Social protection-e.g., establishment of migrant resource centers
- Economic protection and Empowerment of Migrants – e.g., benchmarks of behavior for recruiters and employers; financial intermediation services
- Political – e.g., right to vote, to organize.
- Partnerships to support and enable migrants as development resources, and to enable governments and other agencies working with the migrants

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- **RDT 2:**
- *All migration and development stakeholders must share in the responsibility to promote safer, legal, and more productive migration using a three-pronged approach:*

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- **RDT 2:**
- Building capacities to manage migration and to promote migration through legal and safe mechanisms in the domestic and international fronts;
- Defining multi-stakeholders' role in combating the negative consequences of migration such as trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling, and others;
- Establishing migration policies and programs that strike the right balance between facilitation and control and bring concrete “returns” to developing countries.

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- **RDT 3:**
- *Policy and institutional coherence and partnerships should be promoted in the domestic, regional, and international fronts between and among varied stakeholders on migration and development.*

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- **RDT 3:**
- Strengthening data collection and research to measure migration and development-related impacts towards more informed and shared policy-making on migration and development.
- Linking up policy planning and methodology on migration and development in order to promote a) synergies between migration and development policy and actions, b) inclusion of migration in national development plans/strategies; and c) achievement of policy coherence within governments.
- Enhancing bilateral partnerships and regional consultative processes (RCPs) to optimize the migration and development nexus.
- GFMD as a global process for attaining greater coherence within and between the migration and development policy fields.

- **GFMD II**
  - Preparation and Coordination in Geneva
    - **1<sup>st</sup> Steering Group Meeting**
      - 15 Oct 2007
    - **2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Group Meeting**
      - 19 Nov 2007
    - **1<sup>st</sup> Friends of the Forum Meeting**
      - 17 Dec 2007



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- Steering Group Members

- *Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, France, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, RO Korea, Senegal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, United Kingdom*



- **GFMD II**

- Feedback on Draft RDTs

- *Need to Focus and Streamline RDTs*
    - *Allow Fuller Participation / Avoid Parallel-Side Events*
    - *Less Theory, More Practical Focus*
    - *Human Rights of Migrants*
    - *Safer, Legal Migration*
    - *Protection: begins with Sending Country*

- **GFMD II**

- Feedback on Draft RDTs

- *Should Emphasize Development Aspect*
    - *State Emphasis - Enhance Civil Society / International Organization Engagement*
    - *South-South Cooperation / Asia-Pacific Experience*
    - *Avoid North-South Clash*
    - *Maximize use of ICT / Internet / Web*

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- **GFMD II**
- ***Proposal of UN Global Migration Group (GMG) on “International Partnership on Migration and Development”***
  - *Approved in principle by GMG*
  - *Presented to GFMD Steering Group*
  - *For further discussion*

## **–GFMD II**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friends of the Forum Meeting**

**17 December 2007**

**1000h-1300h / 1500-1800h**

**CICG Geneva**

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- **PLEASE...**
  - **Attend the Friends of the Forum Meeting, Dec. 17**
  - **Submit Comments on Draft Themes, GMG-International Partnership, Country Papers on Migration, etc.**
  - **Encourage all to support GFMD Process**
  - **Join GFMD II in Manila !!!**