

GFMD Dialogue
on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Palais des Nations, Geneva, 6 April, 2017

According to the negotiated modalities for the intergovernmental negotiations of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the phase 1 (consultations) of the process is set to start in April and last until November 2017. The New York Declaration recognized the valuable role of the GFMD in promoting a better understanding of international migration and development issues, and envisaged a contribution from the GFMD to the Global Compact on Migration. This was re-confirmed in the modalities. On its own volition, the GFMD started internal consultations by convening a GFMD Dialogue on the Global Compact on 14 November, 2016 in New York and at the GFMD Summit in Dhaka. Furthermore, a GFMD Dialogue on the Global Compact took place on 2 February, 2017 upon the initiative of the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship. At this occasion, an approach on how the GFMD could contribute to the compact process was suggested, that was described with the three “S” – Substance, Space and Stakeholders.

At the GFMD Dialogue on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, scheduled on April 6, the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs Germany and Morocco would like to apply this approach.

- This event will offer the Friends of the Forum a space for trust-building and constructiveness as it fosters the sharing of narratives and exchange of practices, and facilitates the dialogue needed to substantiate the Global Compact.
- It will allow reflections on the substance already collected throughout the ten years of the GFMD on selected topics while assembling new ideas and approaches.
- Finally, the event will allow for different stakeholders to engage in the dialogue, while maintaining the state-led character of the GFMD.

We expect this dialogue to substantiate the envisaged GFMD input to the stock-taking meeting for the Global Compact, to be held in Mexico in late November 2017. It should however also contribute to the internal reflections within governments and other stakeholders on their individual inputs to the process, notably the informal thematic sessions and the stock-taking meeting.

All the Friends of the Forum are herewith cordially invited to participate at this GFMD thematic consultation which will take place on

6 April 2017
at the
Salle XVIII, Palais des Nations in Geneva
09h30 – 17h30

Please [register](#) no later than **Friday, 31 March 2017** by writing to registration@gfmd.org.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish. For any questions, please write to support.unit@gfmd.org.

Provisional Agenda

(as of 4 April, 2017)

9h30 – 11h00	<p>Opening plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome address by Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme, Ambassador for the GFMD Co-Chairmanship 2017-2018, Germany ○ Opening Statement by Ambassador M. Shameem Ahsan, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UNOG ○ Video Message by Mrs. Louise Arbour, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for International Migration ○ Statements by the Co-Facilitators of the Modalities Resolution of the GCM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN in New York ▪ Ambassador Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN in New York ○ Perspectives on the Global Compact on Migration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ambassador William Lacy Swing, Director-General, IOM ▪ Mr. Hu Wongbo, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA (<i>video message</i>) <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>	Room XVIII
11h00 – 11h30	<p>Coffee break (own arrangement)</p>	
11h30 – 13h00	<p>Working Session I: GCM Cluster 1: Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Ambassador Mehmet Samsar, Director General for Consular Affairs, Republic of Turkey</p> <p><i>Thematic Recollection of GFMD Discussions by Mr. Maurizio Busatti, Head, Multilateral Processes Division, IOM</i></p> <p><i>Input speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ambassador Rosemary McCarney, Permanent Representative of Canada to the UNOG ○ Mr. William Gois, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> Ms. Carolina Hernandez, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR</p>	Room XXIV
	<p>Working Session II GCM Cluster 4: Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Mr. Arturo Cabrera, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the UNOG</p> <p><i>Thematic Recollection of GFMD Discussions by Mr. Tauhid Pasha, Senior Expert, IOM</i></p> <p><i>Input speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ambassador Negash Kibret Botor, Permanent Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the UNOG 	Room XXV

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. David Khoudour, Head of the Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre <p><i>Rapporteur: Mr. Pedro de Vasconcelos, Manager, IFAD</i></p>	
	<p>Working Session III GCM Cluster 6: Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures</p> <p><i>Chair: Ambassador Ravinatha Aryasinha, Permanent Representative of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the UNOG</i></p> <p><i>Thematic Recollection of GFMD Discussions by Ms. Lara White, Senior Expert, Labour Mobility and Human Development Division, IOM</i></p> <p><i>Input speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Alex Zalami, Advisor to the Minister of Labour, United Arab Emirates ○ Mr. Jaap Buis, Public Affairs Manager, Randstad Holding nv (TBC) <p><i>Rapporteur: Ms. Michelle Leighton, Chief, Labour Migration Branch, ILO</i></p>	Room XXVII
13h00 – 14h30	Networking Lunch for all registered participants	TBA
14h30 – 16h00	<p>Continuation of Working Session I GCM Cluster 1: Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance</p>	Room XXIV
	<p>Continuation of Working Session II GCM Cluster 4: Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits</p>	Room XXV
	<p>Continuation of Working Session III GCM Cluster 6: Irregular migration and regular pathways, including decent work, labour mobility, recognition of skills and qualifications, and other relevant measures</p>	Room XXVII
16h00 – 16h30	Coffee break (own arrangement)	
16h30 – 17h30	<p>Closing Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outcomes of the Working Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Human rights of all migrants - Ms. Carolina Hernandez, OHCHR</i> ▪ <i>Contributions of migrants and diasporas- Mr. Pedro de Vasconcelos, IFAD</i> ▪ <i>Irregular migration and regular pathways - Ms. Michelle Leighton, ILO</i> ○ Concluding Remarks by the GCM Co-Facilitators ○ Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General, Ministry in charge of Moroccans living abroad and migration affairs, GFMD Co-Chairs 2017-18 	Room XVIII