



**Twelfth GFMD Summit
Quito, Ecuador**

Common Space

‘Integrated approaches to foster migrants’ inclusion for sustainable development’

Objective:

In line with the established tradition, the GFMD 2019 Common Space aims to foster frank and action-oriented exchange between and among GFMD stakeholders, and to showcase concrete and practical examples of multi-stakeholder initiatives in fostering migrants’ inclusion for sustainable development. Governments and non-state partners from civil society, business, local authorities and international organizations are encouraged to share relevant case studies, good practices, and latest policy trends, in order to ensure more evidence-based deliberations.

The ultimate objective is to promote multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnerships resulting in the replication of good practices, network-building and/or joint projects.

The Twelfth GFMD Common Space

For the first time in GFMD history, the third day of the Twelfth GFMD Summit – Thursday, 23 January - will be an “**open day**” for all stakeholders to interact, share ideas and foster partnerships.

In the spirit of fostering a whole-of-society reflection, the Quito **Common Space** is expanded to enable the participation of businesses and local authorities, in addition to Governments, civil society and international organizations. The GFMD 2019 Chair has ensured a multi-stakeholder collaboration in developing the concept and designing the agenda of the Common Space, in close cooperation with the three GFMD mechanisms.

Agenda:

The Quito Common Space agenda revolves around the central theme, “***Integrated approaches to foster migrants’ inclusion for sustainable development,***” which is an issue of common interest and concern for national and local governments, businesses, and civil society. Additionally, this theme is aligned with Ecuador’s thematic priorities in its 2019 GFMD Chairmanship and ensures consistency and continuity of the main policies and outcomes identified through the activities of this Chairmanship in 2019.

The social and economic inclusion of migrants in their host communities is vital not only for the wellbeing of migrants and their host communities, but also for unlocking the potential of migrants and migration to contribute to sustainable development. Achieving successful inclusion of migrants, however, is a complex and multi-dimensional challenge, spanning diverse policy areas of government and society, including pathways for regularization, access to services (including housing, education, healthcare, and decent work), economic empowerment, and social cohesion. As such, it requires integrated whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, involving a wide range of stakeholders.

As a state-led process with well-established mechanisms for the engagement of civil society, businesses and local authorities, the GFMD offers an ideal space for constructive and action-oriented debate on this complex theme. In partnership with the three GFMD mechanisms, the Ecuadorian Chair has proposed the following subthemes in order to provide a focus for multi-stakeholder discussions, promote a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities, and inspire all concerned to generate truly integrated solutions to fostering migrants' inclusion.

Subthemes:

1. Reducing vulnerabilities: pathways to regularization.
2. Access to services for migrants: the role of cities and other stakeholders.
3. Ensuring access to decent work and protection of labor rights.
4. Promoting migrants' inclusion in host communities: shaping narratives and combatting xenophobia.

Methodology:

The Common Space will start with an opening plenary, followed by four “world café” inspired group discussions on specific sub-themes in order to deep-dive into the different elements of migrants' inclusion (*i.e., pathways for regularization, access to services, access to decent work, and combatting xenophobia*), and to facilitate more dynamic interaction and experience sharing.

To ensure meaningful and active participation, the engagement and commitment of all GFMD stakeholders – governments, international organizations, civil society, business and local authorities – is highly encouraged.

Below is a detailed program of the GFMD Quito Common Space:

Opening and Scene-setting session (in plenary)

9h00-10h30

The opening plenary session of the Quito Common Space will be led by the GFMD 2019 Chair. It will feature a moderated Davos-style panel comprised of the leaders of the three GFMD mechanisms (civil society, business and mayors) and the Government Roundtable Rapporteurs to tease out the key outcomes of the parallel stakeholder meetings (Government Roundtables, Civil Society Day, Business Meeting and Mayoral Forum) the day before (22 January). The idea is to set the backdrop for multi-stakeholder reflections during the Common Space breakout sessions. Subject to availability of time, there will also be an open discussion during the opening / scene-setting session.

Coffee break
10h30 – 11h00

This brief pause serves as an opportunity for networking between and among GFMD actors and partners.

Parallel Breakout sessions in World Café formats
11h00 – 16h30

To facilitate interaction and experience sharing, the opening plenary will be followed by four “world café” inspired sessions. See **Annex A** for the comprehensive Guidance Note on the format and modalities of these break-out sessions.

Coffee break
16h30 – 17h00

In addition to affording a networking opportunity, this brief pause allows the consolidation of the findings and suggestions coming out of the break-out sessions.

Conclusion of the GFMD Quito Common Space (in plenary)
17h00 – 18h00

The concluding session of the Quito Common Space will include the presentation of the outcomes of the world café sessions by the host stakeholders, the awarding of the winner of the GFMD business start-up competition, and high level closing statements.