Guidelines for GCM Rapporteurs

The role of the GCM Rapporteur Team

At the 2017 GFMD Summit in Berlin, a special GCM Rapporteur Team follows the debates at Roundtables, the Platform for Partnerships, Business Mechanism and Common Space with regard to their respective outcome relevant to the Global Compact on Migration (GCM), with a special focus on migration-related SDGs. The purpose of this measure is twofold: First, this helps to ensure that the discussions during the GFMD are more focused on concrete contributions to the GCM. In addition, all inputs from speakers and participants will be documented for potential follow-up processes in the GFMD context and beyond.

The key task of the GCM Rapporteur Team is to report the main outcomes of the debates with special relevance to the Global Compact on Migration and the migration-related SDGs. With view to the abundance and complexity of the different sessions, this task can be better pursued better in a team rather than by an individual. In order to unite different perspectives within GFMD, it is conceivable to ensure regional balance when assembling the team from delegates representing member states, international organizations and experts.

The GCM Rapporteur Team adheres to the following specific guidelines before, during and after the 2017 GFMD summit in Berlin:

Before the 2017 GFMD Summit in Berlin

The GCM Rapporteur Team reads the background papers of the conference, as well as other documents / presentations that may be available. This will help its members to get familiar with the topic and with the content of the presentations, to pre-identify the most interesting information and some links between the papers, and to prepare its final report.

During the 2017 GFMD Summit in Berlin

The GCM Rapporteur Team extracts the key points from each presentation, and carefully looks for information that is included in the presentation but not in the paper or the copy of presentation made available before the session (this occurs frequently, as presenters refine the content of their presentations). As much as necessary, it would be useful for the GCM Rapporteur Team to get advanced copies of the PowerPoint files or talking points used for the presentations.

During the open discussion, the GCM Rapporteur Team keeps track of the debate, including questions raised, subsequent answers, alternative views and other interventions. The GCM Rapporteur Team relates the actual discussions vis-à-vis their added value for the Global Compact on Migration and the migration-related SDGs.

The GCM Rapporteur Team synthesizes the discussions with the most significant conclusions of the Berlin Summit in terms of policy ideas and concepts, practices or programs related to the topic at hand, and other outcomes of the debate relevant to the GCM and the migration-related SDGs. In addition to a 10-min-report in a plenary session at the end of the Government Days, a pre-selected member of the GCM Rapporteur Team gives a 10-min report during the Common Space Closing Session.

After the 2017 GFMD Summit in Berlin

The GCM Rapporteur Team delivers a short report (between 1000 to 1,500 words) with the most significant conclusions of the debates at Roundtables, the Platform for Partnerships, Business Mechanism and Common Space with regard to their respective relevance to the Global Compact on Migration and the migration-related SDGs.

Expected Output

The synthesis report should include key ideas, significant results or useful information from all presentations and interventions relevant to the Global Compact on Migration and the migration-related SDGs, such as:

- Concepts, questions and challenges
- Existing policies, legal framework, and available data
- Policy gaps and data and research needed
- Relevant programs and practices at national, bilateral, regional or international levels, etc.
- Highlights of interventions made, doubts expressed, inconsistencies/conflicts pointed out between policies and implementation, etc.
- Policy recommendations and follow-up.

The GCM Rapporteur Team may add some personal conclusions, but must state them as such.

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