

GFMD Dialogue on the Global Compact on Migration

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As the future co-chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, Germany considers the New York Declaration to constitute a strong signal of the international community for better governed international migration. Migration is a global challenge and a global chance at the same time.

So, what should the Global Compact on Migration look like? We believe that it should combine commitments of states to promote migration and development, to reduce irregular migration, and to address forced migration and displacement. The Platform on Disaster Displacement which is chaired by Germany and Bangladesh currently, could significantly contribute to this aspect of the future Compact on Migration. By combining these three elements, the Compact on Migration should become a truly comprehensive global framework for the governance of migration, building on mutual trust and respect among states. The Compact should also be an important contribution to the implementation of the migration related sustainable development goals.

We consider the mainstreaming of migration into national sustainable development strategies a key element of what the Compact should address.

The migration compact should aim at reconciling the interest of migrants, countries of origin and countries of destination to the mutual benefit. For example, many industrialized countries including mine face severe shortages of skilled workers in a multitude of professions. Opening up certain skilled labour markets, under full observation of international labour rights and national labour standards, could provide a prospect of self-reliance to man.

The Global Compact could facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, notably goal 10.7, by committing to a set of guidelines and targets, possibly arranged in a roadmap to measure progress, and by a follow-up mechanism.

With regard to the partnerships needed, state to state cooperation will be important, with IOM providing the international platform and the expertise, and GFMD playing the traditional role of an informal platform to exchange good practices, and to explore innovative ways to deepen cooperation. Under the German-Moroccan Co-Chair in 2017 and 2018, GFMD will contribute to the Migration Compact negotiations. There should also be partnerships between states and NGOs and private businesses for the implementation and permanent feedback from migrants, employers and other stakeholders.