



**GLOBAL MIGRATION GROUP:**  
INVOLVEMENT OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES IN THE  
PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GLOBAL  
FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
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## Introduction

This information note provides an overview of the activities of *Global Migration Group (GMG)* members in the preparations for the first meeting of the *Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)*.

Section 1 sets out the activities by agency; Annex 1 shows the agenda of the *GFMD* and annex 2 shows the activities in table form in relation to the *GFMD* meeting agenda.

## Section 1

### International Labour Organization (ILO)

- ILO has been asked by several governments to contribute to Round Tables, as rapporteur or providing inputs to background papers. They have also been asked by the Task Force for two background notes on human and labour rights and on gender in their relationships to migration and development.

- ILO's specific input:

#### **Session 1.2 - Temporary labour migration as a contribution to development: sharing responsibility:**

The Government of Spain has asked the ILO to act as rapporteur for the Round Table. The ILO has been requested to provide inputs to the background papers along with other actors.

#### **Session 1.3 - The role of other than government partners in strengthening the developmental contribution of temporary labour migration:**

The Government of Bangladesh has requested the ILO to provide inputs to the background papers.

#### **Session 1.4 - How can circular migration and sustainable return serve as development tools?:**

The Government of Luxembourg has requested the ILO to provide comments to the background paper on circular migration.

#### **Session 3.1 - Measuring Migration and Development Impacts: Latest Initiatives and Progress:**

The Government of Finland has requested the ILO to provide inputs to the background paper and to comment on the concept note and the first draft of the paper.

### International Organization for Migration (IOM)

- The preparations for the first meeting of the *Global Forum on Migration and Development* have been identified as a principal focus of *GMG's* work

programme under IOM's chairmanship. The Director General of the IOM expressed the firm commitment of the Organization as chair to coordinating GMG support to the Forum to the extent the other agencies and the Belgians want and need such assistance.

- A survey of model migration and development projects/activities was developed, and IOM shared with the Government of Belgium the Migration and Development Matrix as well as the paper on IOM's offers of input to the GFMD, including the Handbook on Migration and Development and recent case studies from ongoing research.
- The GMG was asked by the Government of Belgium to examine in detail the various round table concept papers to see where two or three GMG agencies have expertise and can offer to prepare a joint background paper.
- IOM's specific input:

**Session 1.2 - Temporary Labour Migration as a contribution to development: sharing responsibility. Coordinating partners: Spain and Morocco**

The Government of Morocco has asked IOM to speak on behalf of OSCE/IOM/ILO on the Handbook on "Establishing Effective Labour Migration Policies in Countries of Origin and Destination".

**Session 1.3 - The Role of other-than Government partners in Strengthening the Developmental Contribution of Temporary Labour Migration. Coordinating partner: Bangladesh**

The Government of Bangladesh has requested IOM's input on existing partnerships which contribute to maximizing the developmental impact of migration, and reduce migration-related risks. IOM has also been asked to serve as rapporteur for this session.

**Session 1.4 - How can Circular migration and Sustainable Return Serve as Development Tools. Coordinating partners: Luxembourg and Mauritius**

- The Governments of Luxembourg and of Mauritius have requested IOM to provide them with input on IOM's experience on migration, mobility strategies, and such programs like Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA).
- The Government of Belgium has requested that the MIDA approach/project be discussed in Session 1.4. DRC will present the MIDA project with the technical assistance of MRF Brussels.

**Session 3.1 - Measuring Migration and Development Impacts: Latest initiatives and progress. Coordinating partner: Finland**

- IOM has been requested by the Government of Finland to comment on the background paper for 3.1 prepared by the Institute for Public Policy Research.

**Session 3.4 - Regional Migration Consultation Processes and Development: Advancing Cooperation.**

- IOM has been requested to lead preparations for this panel, including drafting the background paper.
- IOM surveyed all major Regional Consultative Processes as input for the analysis in the background paper. Consultations took place with the Governments of Ireland, Sweden, the Netherlands and Indonesia, as well as the EC, UNCTAD, UNFPA and the Southern African Migration Project to prepare this roundtable. IOM will be a speaker at the Roundtable.
- The Global Forum Task Force requested a written contribution to the Forum on the cross cutting issues of Gender. The purpose of the contributions is to serve as a basis for the background papers being drafted by the various session leaders.
- Global Forum Market place: requests for training, advice, capacity building, equipment, project development and other initiatives will be posted on the Marketplace website [www.unmigration.org](http://www.unmigration.org) (available since 18 May); potential service providers will have to respond by COB 20 June.
- IOM Council observer organizations, IOM staff and GMG colleagues have been requested by IOM to encourage all partner NGOs, migrant's associations, Diaspora groups, migration policy and research institutes, and business entities, etc. to participate in and support the Civil Society Day on 9 July 2007.
- IOM has hosted a series of "Diaspora Dialogues" in collaboration with NGO, IGO and governmental partners and will share the results at the Civil Society Day.
- IOM has seconded a Senior Migration Specialist, Ms. Irena Omelaniuk, to assist the Government of Belgium with the preparation of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (January - August 2007).

**United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**

- UNCTAD is contributing to the background papers for **Round Table 1 Sessions 1.1 and 1.2** and is seeking to be included among the expert agencies to provide input and advice on these sessions.
- UNCTAD is one of the partners working with IOM and others on **Round Table 3.4. Regional Consultative Processes and Development**. It has contributed to the background paper and would wish to also serve as a discussant.

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

- UNDP has been invited by the Government of Belgium to organize **Session 2.2**: 'Increasing the micro-impact of remittances on development' under Roundtable 2 (Remittances and other Diaspora resources: increasing their net volume and development value). UNDP will present the session with the Government of Norway as the discussant, with Mexico likely as chair. The Government of Senegal is also considering being a partner in this effort as is IFAD.
- Together with UNICEF, UNDP has also offered support to the Government of Bangladesh for one of the sessions they are coordinating at the GFMD. Roundtable 1 covers 'Human Capital Development and Labour Mobility: Maximizing Opportunities and Minimizing Risks', and **Session 1.3** of that Roundtable discusses 'The role of other-than government partners in strengthening the developmental contribution of temporary labour migration'. UNDP and UNICEF have offered to give a joint presentation covering:
  - Emerging messages from some joint UNDP / SU SSC research on the impact on children of migration and remittances
  - A discussion of a possible 'balance sheet' approach to migration's impact on sustainable human development
  - Information on new work being coordinated by UNDP on (a) country experiences of migration; and (b) maximizing the positive human development impacts of temporary worker programmes

#### United Nations Secretariat - Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

- HLD website <http://www.unmigration.org/> has information on the Forum.
- DESA has also developed a "marketplace" website for interested Governments to present requests for assistance or services related to international migration and development, and where entities are able to provide the services or assistance requested may contact the requestors and organize meetings in parallel to the Global Forum. Access to the marketplace site can be gained through [www.unmigration.org](http://www.unmigration.org) or via the official GFMD website at [www.gfmd-fmmd.org](http://www.gfmd-fmmd.org).

#### United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

- UNFPA is co-organizing **Round Table 3 Session 4** on "Regional Migration Consultation Processes and Development" with IOM and other partners.
- UNFPA has also been asked for input from colleagues preparing other sessions.

#### Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

- OHCHR has been asked by the Task Force for a background note identifying which provisions of international human rights instruments are relevant to the GFMD round table themes.

#### Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

- UNHCR has seconded an official from its office in Brussels
- UNHCR will prepare a background paper on 'Forced migration and development'.
- UNHCR will also look into the possibility of contributing to **Session 3.4** on Regional Processes (focusing on their role in relation to refugee protection, asylum and mixed migrations).

#### United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

- UNODC is ready to provide advice on migrant smuggling and human trafficking in preparation of the roundtable sessions.

#### World Bank

- **Civil Society Day:** The World Bank will be launching the Development Marketplace for African Diasporas in Europe (D-MADE). D-MADE is a competitive small grant facility for innovative ideas about diaspora-led development projects in partnership with local organizations in sending countries.
- **Round table 2.3:** The World Bank has put together a team organizing Round Table 2.3 on the macro impact of remittances. The team has delivered and discussed the Concept Note, contacted country representatives from El Salvador, Turkey and Moldova, and finalized the preparation of the background paper after comments and inputs from other country members.
- **Round table 3.2** on Coherent Policy Planning and Methodology to Link Migration and Development: The World Bank has prepared a background paper on the lessons about integrating migration into Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS). The review included 53 PRS papers and some selected country case studies on their Annual Progress Report and some times other public information on migration policies. The World Bank will present the results and lessons from this survey during session 3.2. A draft version has been shared with the Session 3.2 team led by Sweden.

Note: for the purposes of preparation for the GFMD, the following 2 organizations in addition to the 10 GMG members were invited to provide input:

#### United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

UNESCO is involved in the preparations for the Global Forum in the following manner:

- Hosting of a 'Diaspora Dialogue' to generate concrete and practical proposals for the contribution of Diasporas to the development of their home countries (organized by IOM). The next session will take place on 15 May, involving Diasporas from Western Africa. The results of the Diaspora dialogues will feed into the Civil Society Day of the Global Forum, scheduled for 9 July 2007.
- Gender and Migration:
  - UNESCO organized an International Conference on 'Europe: Development through Migration and Integration' together with the Goethe Institute Paris (10 May 2007). The conference had a special focus on Gender and Migration. New research outcomes will be presented and discussed to feed into a preparatory document for the Global Forum.
  - Several new country studies have been published as policy papers on 'Human trafficking of women and children' (Nigeria 2007, Mozambique 2007). A policy oriented work on 'Poverty, Gender and Human Trafficking in Sub-Saharan Africa: Rethinking Best Practices in Migration Management' has been published in 2006.
- A book on Migration and Human Rights will be presented at the Global Forum, with a focus on the United Nations Convention on Migrant Workers' Rights. A second book will be presented on the 'Migration without Borders' scenario, in which regional migration agreements are examined in the different regions of the world. A third book on Democracy and Human Rights in Multicultural Societies examines new policy approaches to integration and social cohesion in cultural diverse societies.

#### United Nations' Children Fund (UNICEF)

- UNICEF was approached initially by the Government of Bangladesh to support the preparation of the Global Forum in Brussels. UNICEF and UNDP have agreed to offer support to the Government of Bangladesh for one of the sessions they are coordinating at the GFMD.
- Roundtable 1 covers 'Human Capital Development and Labour Mobility "Maximizing Opportunities and Minimizing Risks", and **Session 1.3** of that Roundtable discusses "The role of other-than government partners in strengthening the developmental contribution of temporary labour migration".
- UNDP and UNICEF will most probably give a joint presentation covering the following areas:
  - Emerging messages from some joint UNDP / SU SSC/ UNICEF research on the impact of children of migration and remittances

- A discussion of a possible 'balance sheet' approach to migration's impact on sustainable human development (including *CRC/CEDAW*)
- Information on new work being coordinated by UNDP/UNICEF on:
  - a. country experiences of migration
  - b. maximizing the positive human development impacts of temporary worker programmes, and
  - c. support to families and migrant children left behind.

## Section 2

### **Annex 1: Agenda of the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development**

Monday 9 July: Civil Society Day

Tuesday 10 July

09:00 13:00	<u>Opening Session and Welcoming Addresses</u> Report of the "Civil Society Day" and Discussion					
13:00 15:00	Lunch					
15:00 18:00	<u>Round Table 1</u> <u>Highly skilled migration: balancing interests and responsibilities (1.1)</u>		<u>Round Table 2</u> <u>Improving the formal transfer of remittances and reducing their cost (2.1)</u>		<u>Round Table 3</u> <u>Measuring Migration and Development Impacts: Latest Initiatives and Progress (3.1)</u>	
	<u>Temporary labor migration as a contribution to development: sharing responsibility (1.2)</u>		<u>Working with the diaspora for development (2.4)</u>		<u>Discussion on the future of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (3.3)</u>	

Wednesday 11 July

09:00 12:00	<u>Round Table 1</u> <u>How can circular migration and sustainable return serve as development tools? (1.4)</u>		<u>Round Table 2</u> <u>Increasing the micro-impact of remittances on development (2.2)</u>		<u>Round Table 3</u> <u>Coherent Policy Planning and Methodology to Link Migration and Development (3.2)</u>	
	<u>The role of other than government partners in strengthening the developmental contribution of temporary labour migration (1.3)</u>		<u>Increasing the macro impact of remittances on development (2.3)</u>		<u>Regional Migration Consultation Processes and Development: Advancing Cooperation (3.4)</u>	
12:00 14:00	Lunch					
14:00 18:00	Closing Session					

**Annex 2: INVOLVEMENT OF GMG AGENCIES IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT - SUMMARY TABLE**

	ILO	IOM	UNCTAD	UNDP	UNDESA	UNFPA	OHCHR	UNHCR	UNODC	World Bank	UNICEF	UNESCO
<b>Advisory role</b>		Yes					Yes - background note identifying which provisions of international human rights instruments are relevant to the GFMD round table themes		UNODC is ready to provide advice on migrant smuggling and human trafficking in preparation of the roundtable sessions		Yes	
<b>General background papers / books</b>	Yes *Background Notes: Human Rights and Migration; Migration and Gender	- Development of a Migration and Development Handbook - Paper on Gender - Responded to several proposals						Background paper on 'Forced migration and development'				Yes
<b>GFMD Market place</b>					Web site					Marketplace for African Diasporas in Europe (D-MADE)		
<b>Staff secondment</b>		Yes						Yes				



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<b>Round Table 3</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>											
Measuring Migration and Development Impacts: Latest Initiatives and Progress (3.1)	Comments and suggestions	Comments & suggestions on background paper										
Coherent Policy Planning and Methodology to Link Migration and Development (3.2)										Background paper		
Discussion on the future of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (3.3)												
Regional Migration Consultation Processes and Development: Advancing Cooperation (3.4)		IOM asked to lead preparations for the panel + will serve as speaker	working with IOM on the RT on Regional Consultative processes			Co-organizing session 3.4 with IOM and other partners		Possible UNHCR's contribution on refugee protection, asylum and mixed migrations				