



Dialogue on the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)

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Centro de Convenciones Metropolitano de Quito

Room: Panecillo 4

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) invites the GFMD to “*provide a space for annual informal exchange on the implementation of the Global Compact, and report the findings, best practices and innovative approaches to the International Migration Review Forum*” (Paragraph 51, GCM). With this mandate, the GFMD 2019 Ecuador Chair has provided targeted opportunities for GFMD stakeholders to reflect on the GFMD’s relationship with the GCM.

On 21-22 March 2019, the Chair, in partnership with the Governments of Bahrain and the Philippines, organized a GFMD thematic workshop on GCM implementation. On 4 April 2019, the Chair convened an informal consultation on the relationship between the GFMD and the Global Compact for Migration. On 29 May 2019, the Chair invited the co-facilitators of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) to brief the Friends of the Forum on the state of play of the IMRF process in New York.

Moreover, the Chair has tasked the GFMD Working Group on Sustainable Development and International Migration to lead the consideration of the recommendations laid out in the Ten-Year Review report, so that the GFMD could become fit for purpose in the era of the GCM implementation.

These efforts have, first and foremost, reaffirmed that the GFMD’s added value goes beyond the GCM. Being state-led, informal, voluntary and inclusive are the core principles on which the GFMD is organized, and that the GFMD aims to facilitate free discussions, and not to hold to account. In conjunction with this, the feedback from these events suggested that the GFMD could continue to serve a role as a peer-learning space for interested states to share experiences regarding the implementation of the GCM

With the adoption of the GCM, States commit to promote a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach in its implementation, and to cooperate at the international and regional levels, on the basis of shared responsibility, in order to harness the opportunities of migration, and to address more efficiently its challenges, in accordance with international law.

There are 272 million international migrants in the world¹, this number reflects the need to start a collaborative action to foster the implementation of the GCM. Therefore, at the Twelfth GFMD Summit to be held in Quito on 20-24 January 2020, the Chairmanship of Ecuador has decided to provide a dedicated space, in which interested governments and other stakeholders can share experiences and concrete initiatives on their implementation of the GCM on a voluntary basis. They are also encouraged to share their views about challenges and lessons learned, as well as progress achieved to date. In keeping with the informal nature of the GFMD, the event will be co-organized with the UN Network on Migration (UNMN) in the spirit of peer exchange and learning.

¹<https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/data/estimates2/estimates19.asp>

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Agenda

09:00 - 09:30	Opening of the GFMD 2019 Dialogue on the GCM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Santiago Chávez Pareja, GFMD 2019 Chair• Ms. Michele Klein Solomon, Director Policy Hub, IOM• Ms. Camila Pinto, Representative of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth
09:30 - 11:00	Panel I <i>One year from the adoption of the GCM: a review of progress</i> <p>One year on to the GCM implementation, this session aims to take stock of the progress that has been achieved from the vantage point of multiple GCM actors (national and local governments, civil society, business, and the United Nations). The session will inform participants on the work of the UN system in supporting efforts of states and partners in GCM implementation, follow up and review, and consider the priorities ahead for all concerned stakeholders.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Felipe González Morales, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head of the UN Network on Migration Secretariat• Mr. Vasco Malta, Deputy Adviser, Ministry of Home Affairs of Portugal• Ambassador Evan P. Garcia Jr., Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UNOG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bram Frouws, Head of the Mixed Migration Center • Ms. Vittoria Zanuso, Executive Director, Mayors Migration Council <p>Discussion and Q/A</p>
<p>11:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>Panel II <i>Fostering Partnerships for GCM implementation</i></p> <p>In November 2019, the GFMD Chair invited Member States to voluntarily share national initiatives that have been undertaken or are underway to deliver on GCM commitments. The following countries -- representing different regions -- have been selected by the Chair to share about their varied initiatives, policy tools and mechanisms, as well as existing and potential partnerships (e.g., pilot studies, bilateral or multilateral cooperation) to support the GCM implementation.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Stephane Jaquemet, Director of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Estrella Lajom, Head, GFMD Support Unit • Mr. D.M. Sarath Abayagunawardana, Secretary to the Ministry of Skills Development, Employment and Labour Relations of Sri Lanka • Mr. Ahmed Skim, Director of Migration Affairs, Ministry Delegate to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans Living Abroad In Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad • Mr. Rafael Barcelo Durazo, Deputy Director General for Human Rights International Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico • Mr. Rob Whitby, Deputy Head of Migration & Modern Slavery, Department for International Development, United Kingdom <p>Discussion and Q/A</p>

<p>12:00 - 13:15</p>	<p>Panel III <i>One year ahead – Building together the puzzle for regional reviews</i></p> <p>The first round of regional reviews of the GCM will take place in 2020. This session will discuss the different existing regional configurations and the implications for the preparation of the regional reviews that will feed into the first International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) in 2022.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Kanishka Weerasinghe, Director General, The Employers Federation of Ceylon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Jose Luis Pardo Cuervo, Ambassador for Migratory Affairs, Office for Migratory Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation of Spain • Ambassador Amr El Sherbini, Deputy Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Migration, Refugees & Combating Trafficking in Persons. • Mr. Alex Zalami, Advisor to the Minister of Human Resources and Emiratization, United Arab Emirates • Mr. Paulo Saad, Director of the Division of Population, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean • Ms. Azrah Karim Rajput, Migration Policy Officer, UN Network on Migration • Mr. William Gois, the Regional Coordinator of the Migrant Forum in Asia <p>Discussion and Q/A</p>
<p>13:15 – 13:30</p>	<p><i>Closing session of the GFMD 2019 Dialogue on the GCM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Santiago Chávez Pareja, GFMD 2019 Chair