

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)
Regional workshop

Providing regular pathways from crisis to safety

19-20 September 2019

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador
Palacio de Najas, Calle Carrión E1-76 y Av. 10 de Agosto
Quito – Ecuador

Background

Ecuador's GFMD 2019 Chairmanship seeks to strengthen the dialogue among GFMD stakeholders at regional level. This workshop is the third of a pilot a series of regional events which will directly contribute to the thematic priorities of the Quito Summit and the development of supporting documents.

These workshops are targeting different stakeholders – local and central governments, academia, civil society and regional stakeholders. They function as standalone events that bring forward the global debate on migration and development.

This third workshop will focus on the topic of providing regular pathways from crisis to safety to those who flee their homes as the consequence of a multiplicity of factors; refugees escaping persecution and conflicts, victims of trafficking, and people seeking better lives and opportunities. The number of people in mixed flows is steadily increasing, especially at intra-regional level. They have a variety of legal statuses as well as of vulnerabilities and it is therefore critical to take stock of the range of policy options, and concrete measures governments in Latin America and the Caribbean have taken to respond to these situations and to provide access to asylum or alternative legal status.

This will be the opportunity to analyse the experiences made through complementary pathways, while underlying good practices addressing the challenges and opportunities related to documentation and identification, reception procedures, including for groups in vulnerable conditions, access to shelter and health services, and family tracing and reunification.

This theme will also explore the role of coordination and cooperation at regional, national and local levels, among governments, with non-state actors and people on the move to foster inclusive solutions that meet the needs of both newcomers and host countries.

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Objective

To facilitate the sharing of models and practices to provide regular pathways to migrants leaving crisis situations alike with a view to contributing to the Roundtable 1.1. "Providing regular pathways from crisis to safety" of GFMD 2019 agenda.

Guiding questions (as per the Concept Note GFMD 2019)

- What existing and/or new regular pathways can be used and, where necessary, adapted by governments to facilitate safe, orderly and regular migration and mobility of migrants in situations of heightened vulnerability?
- How can the complementary application of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) support State and multi-stakeholder responses to address mixed movement situations?
- Why do governments choose to grant alternative legal status besides asylum/refugee status? What forms of legal status/stay have been provided by States and on what basis? What are the costs and benefits of such arrangements?
- How have governments and non-state actors dealt with questions of (lack of) documentation and identification in crisis situations? Why is coordination on this matter important?
- What procedures have governments put in place to ensure safe reception and accommodation of newcomers and to safeguard the rights of particularly vulnerable groups? What role do international and non-governmental partners and volunteers play?
- What kinds of mechanisms at various levels (regional, national, sub-national) have governments and other stakeholders used to facilitate a coordinated response in situations of large movements? What lessons have they learned?

Expected Outcomes

- Experiences, policies and practices on management of mixed migratory flows across the region are identified and shared by the participating countries;
- Analysis of the current situation with the identification of practical, innovative and emerging practices and solutions in relation to providing regular pathways to migrants leaving crisis situations;
- Outcomes and the findings of this event will be fed into the Background Paper of the Roundtable 1.1. of the GFMD 2019 Summit.

Participants' profile

- Practitioners (public servants) from LAC countries and other regions working on migration governance, regularisation of migrants, mixed flows and international protection;
- Governments, civil society organisations, academia, international organisations, private sector.

Methodology

The workshop will include traditional panel discussions and presentations to share good practices and examples. Group work is another core element of the workshop organised to create collective knowledge and to facilitate interaction and experience sharing.

Agenda

Day 1 – Thursday 19 September 2019

- 08:30 - 09:00 Registration of participants on the ground floor of the MREMH main building
- 09:00 - 09:45 **Opening**
- *Ambassador Santiago Chávez Pareja*, Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)
 - *Ambassador Marianne Van Steen*, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to Ecuador
 - *Ms. Matilde Mordt*, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Ecuador
 - *Mr. Oleg Chirita*, Head of Programme, Global Initiatives, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- 09:45 - 10:30 *Pause and official photo of the event on the stairs leading to the halls*
- 10:30 - 10:45 **GFMD and MIEUX**
- *Ms. Estrella Lajom*, Head, GFMD Support Unit
 - *Mr. Alfred Woeger*, Project Manager MIEUX, ICMPD
- 10:45 - 11:15 **Introduction by Co-Chairs to the GFMD Roundtable 1.1**
- *Ms. Onuh Theresa Chinyere*, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in Geneva
 - *Mr. Miguel Angel Aguilar Dorado*, Deputy Director, Centre for Migration Studies, Migration Policy, Registration and Identity Unit, Secretariat of the Interior of Mexico
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Session 1 – Setting the stage**
- Moderator: *Mr. David Khoudour*, Advisor for Migration and Development, United Nations Development Programme, Colombia
- Keynote speakers:
- *Ms. Jessica Bolter*, Associate Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute
 - *Mr. Martin Baldwin-Edwards*, MIEUX Expert
- 12:30 - 13:30 *Lunch in the gardens of the Chancellery*

13:30 - 15:00

Session 2 - Existing and/or new regular pathways for migrants - safeguarding the rights of particularly vulnerable groups

Moderator: Ms. *Feline Freier de Ferrari*, Professor in the Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of the Pacific, Peru

Panellists:

- Delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador
- *Mr. Eduardo Llaña Sánchez*, Private Secretary, Colombian National Migration Agency
- *Ms. María Boloqui Bastardés*, Head of International/Dublin Unit, Spanish Asylum Office, Ministry of Interior
- *Mrs. Roxana Quesada Zamora*, Director of the Integration and Human Development Division, General Directorate of Migration and Immigration of Costa Rica
- *Ms. Fiore Stella Bran Aragón*, Migration Working Group – Regional Focal Point for Latin America, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth
- *Mr. Juan Carlos Mendez*, Regional Advisor, Platform on Disaster Displacement

15:00 - 15:30

Coffee break served in the entrance to the halls

15:30 - 17:00

Session 3 - Existing and/or new regular pathways for migrants – Access to rights (including employment and education)

Moderator: *Dra. Katalina Barreiro*, Vice-rector of the Institute of Higher National Studies of Ecuador

Panellists:

- *Mr. Jan Schneider*, Head of Research Unit, Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration
- *Ms. Ana María Araujo*, Director of Mobility, Ministry of Labour, Colombia
- *Ms. María Elizabeth Alvares Rodríguez*, Assistant in Child Migration, Institute for Women in Migration, Mexico
- *Mr. Stephane Jaquemet*, Director of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)
- *Ms. Daniela Celleri Endara*, Associate Professor, Institute of Higher National Studies of Ecuador

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Day 2 – Friday 20 September 2019

09:00 - 09:30 Summary of day 1 in Próceres Hall

09:30 - 11:00 **Session 4 – Group Work: 3 working tables per session. There will be one working table in English for each session**

Session 4.1
Existing and/or new regular pathways for migrants

**Halls: Próceres
Espejo
Peralta**

Session 4.2
Vulnerabilities

**Halls: Próceres
Olmedo
Manuela Sáenz**

11:00 - 11:30 *Coffee break served in the entrance to the halls*

11:30 - 12:00 **Presentation of the reports of the sessions 4.1 and 4.2 in Próceres Hall**

12:00 - 13:30 *Lunch in the gardens of the Chancellery*

13:30 - 15:00 **Session 5 – Group Work**

Session 5.1
Coordination mechanisms at regional, national and local levels

**Halls: Próceres
Espejo
Peralta**

Session 5.2
Access to labour market and public services

**Halls: Próceres
Olmedo
Manuela Sáenz**

15:00 - 15:30 *Coffee break served in the entrance to the halls*

15:30 - 16:00 **Presentation of the reports of the sessions 5.1 and 5.2 in Próceres Hall**

16:00 - 16:30 **Session 6 – Proposal for the GFMD Summit by the Co-Chairs of Roundtable 1.1, in Próceres Hall**

- *Ms. Onuh Theresa Chinyere, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in Geneva*
- *Mr. Miguel Angel Aguilar Dorado, Deputy Director, Centre for Migration Studies, Migration Policy, Registration and Identity Unit, Secretariat of the Interior of Mexico*

16:30 - 17:00

Conclusions and next steps for the XII GFMD Summit in Quito

- *Mr. Arnaud Peral*, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Ecuador
- *Mr. Oleg Chirita*, Head of Programme, Global Initiatives, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- *Ambassador Santiago Chávez Pareja*, Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

