

Dear GFMD Friends of the Forum,

When the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) was launched 10 years ago in Brussels, it was almost inconceivable that the global community will converge to discuss migration at the highest level, engaging the commitment of all UN member states and non-government stakeholders. The GFMD has witnessed and, as much as its [operating modalities](#) would allow, accompanied the evolution of the discourse and partnerships around migration and development.

The [New York Declaration](#) recognized the GFMD's valuable role in promoting a better understanding of international migration and development issues, and envisaged a contribution from the GFMD to the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM).

As GFMD Co-Chairs for 2017 and 2018, Germany and Morocco are honored to present to you the GFMD's contribution to the GCM – a [thematic recollection](#) spanning a decade of GFMD discussions and partnerships that have taken place in different world regions since 2007 to date. The GFMD's Thematic Recollection 2007 – 2017 was welcomed by participating GFMD member states on November 22, 2017. It was officially submitted to the UN SRSG Ms. Louise Arbour and to the GCM Co-Facilitators at the opening ceremony of the [GCM Stocktaking](#) in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on December 4, 2017.

The document covers all [six thematic clusters of the GCM](#) thematic consultations and within these, highlights selected issues in the nexus between migration and development in which GFMD has developed expertise. Under each focus issue, several policy options and options for practical actions are presented.

GFMD's [Platform for Partnerships \(PFP\)](#), which showcases more than 1,000 migration and development policies and practices, served as an important source of examples of concrete and practical initiatives undertaken by member states and non-state partners that are relevant to the six GCM themes.

The contribution is based on the main recommendations from previous GFMD Summits including those that have convergence with the GFMD Civil Society [Common Space](#) and the GFMD [Business Meeting](#) recommendations. It gives particular emphasis to the policy directions contained in the 2016 Dhaka Chair's Summary and the 2017 Berlin Summit which was particularly geared towards defining recommendations for the Global Compact. References to the Sutherland Report were made, in particular with regard to its reflections concerning the future role of GFMD.

There is a lot more food for thought that you can find in the GFMD contribution. We invite you all to read it thoroughly. The document is available now for download on the [GFMD web portal](#) and the GFMD Mobile App ([iOS](#) / [Android](#)) with [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#) versions.

As the first year of our Co-Chairmanship closes, please accept our sincerest appreciation for your steadfast support and cooperation! We trust in your continued active engagement in the GFMD process and unwavering partnership as we work towards a successful Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018!

Thanking you all and wishing you very happy and prosperous holidays!

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Thematic Recollection 2007-10 GFMD Contribution to the GCM

Key Elements



Policy Options



Options for Practical
Action



Policy & Practice
Examples

GCM Action Areas

1 Provide greater opportunities to migrate in safe, orderly and regular manner.

2 Manage migration well through people-centered, human rights-based and gender-responsive commitments.

3 Recognize mixed migration as a growing reality that calls for strong interlinkages between the Global Compacts on Migration & Refugees.

4 Collect and analyze data as a precondition for tailored, evidence-based migration policies & accountability.

5 Adopt a whole-of-government-and-of-society approach that includes parliamentarians and local actors.

6 Promote inclusive policy-making by creating enabling frameworks for civil society and other non-state actors.

7 Encourage coalitions of different stakeholders to come forward with practical solutions to shared concerns.