



## The Global Migration Group 2006 – 2015

### Background and membership

- The precursor of the Global Migration Group (GMG), the Geneva Migration Group, began to operate in 2003, consisting of ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNCTAD, UNHCR and UNODC.
- The “Geneva Migration Group” became the “Global Migration Group” (GMG) in 2006, with the addition of UNDESA, UNDP, UNFPA and the World Bank.
- In November 2007, the GMG admitted a further four members – UNESCO, UNICEF, the United Nations Regional Commissions and UNITAR.
- In 2010 WHO and UN Women were admitted to the GMG.
- In 2014, FAO and UNU were admitted to the GMG.
- Today, the GMG consists of 18 members: FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UN Regional Commissions, UNICEF, UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNDP, UNESCO, UN Women, UNHCR, UNITAR, UNODC, UNFPA, UNU, World Bank, and WHO.

### Chairmanships since 2006

- 2006 United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD)
- 2006 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- 2007 International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- 2007 United Nations Department of Social & Economic Affairs (UN/DESA)
- 2008 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- 2008 United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD)
- 2009 United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (*interim*)
- 2009 United Nations Institute for Training & Research (UNITAR)
- 2010 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- 2010 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- 2011 United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 2011 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 2012 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (*interim*)
- 2012 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- 2013 United Nations Regional Commissions, coordinated by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP)
- 2013 International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- 2014 International Labour Organization (ILO)
- 2015 World Bank

### **Working Groups and Task Forces**

- Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Strategies (co-chaired by UNDP and IOM), established in 2010
- Working Group on Data and Research (co-chaired by UN/DESA and IOM), established in 2011
- Working Group on Human Rights, Gender and Migration (co-chaired by OHCHR, UN Women and UNICEF), established in 2013
- Task Force on Capacity Development (co-chaired by UNITAR and IOM), established in 2013
- Task Force on Migration and Decent Work (co-chaired by ILO and IOM), established in 2013

### **Symposia, workshops and panel discussions**

- Briefing to UN Member States in New York, 2007
- GMG panels and discussion with Member States at IOM Council Sessions in 2008, 2009, 2010
- Symposium on “Overcoming barriers: Building partnerships for migration and human development”, 2010
- Experts meeting on “The human rights of irregular migrants”, 2010
- Symposium “Migration and youth: Harnessing opportunities for development”, 2011
- Workshops on learning, “Educating in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Perfecting learning on capacity development projects”, 2013, 2014
- Two retreats on “Migration indicators for the post-2015 UN development agenda”, 2014
- GMG-ILO Workshop on the “Fair recruitment initiative” for GMG agencies, social partners and other stakeholders, 2014
- GMG technical working level meeting on “Realizing post-2015 aspirations for migrants and migration”, 2014
- Briefing to Governments on, “The Global Migration Group: Work, priorities and future directions” on the margins of the GFMD Preparatory Meetings, 2014
- Side event of the GFMD-GMG-SRSG on International Migration on the margins of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) entitled “From Cairo to Addis: Migration, labour mobility and the renewed global partnership for sustainable development”, 2015
- GMG International Conference on “Harnessing Migration, Remittances and Diaspora Contributions for Financing Sustainable Development”, 2015
- G-20-GFMD-GMG Joint Event at the sidelines of the G20 Development Working Group, 2015

### **Joint Publications**

- “International Migration, Development And Human Rights: Catalogue Of Selected Resources”, 2008
- Report on “International Migration and Human Rights”, 2008
- Fact sheets on “The Impact of the Economic Crisis on Migration”, 2009 / 2010
- Handbook “Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning”, 2010
- Briefing papers on youth migration for GMG symposium on “Migration and Youth: Harnessing Opportunities for Development” and symposium report, proceedings and key messages, 2011
- Contribution to “Recommendations and Outcomes on Migration” for the UN System Chief Executives Board (CEB) and to the CEB publication on “International Migration and Development: Contributions and Recommendations of the International System”, 2013
- Thematic paper on “Exploitation and Abuse of International Migrants, particularly those in an Irregular Situation - A Human Rights Approach”, 2013
- Online inventory of capacity development tools and activities used by GMG agencies in the field of migration developed by the GMG Task Force on Capacity Development, 2014
- Report on “Migration and Youth: Challenges and Opportunities”, 2014
- Joint discussion paper on “Realizing the inclusion of migrants and migration in the post-2015 UN development agenda”, 2015

## **Joint Statements**

- Joint statement on “Human rights of migrants in an irregular situation”, 2010
- Joint statement on “Improving international cooperation on migration and development – How can the international community best support cooperation?” and Joint priorities for action at the UN General Assembly Informal Thematic Debate on international migration and development, 2011
- Joint statement for international workshop on Migration Profiles entitled “Developing evidence-based migration and development policies”, 2011
- Joint statement on “The impact of climate change on migration”, 2011
- Joint statement on “International migration statistics” at the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Statistical Commission, 2014
- Joint statement on “Assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA) of the International Conference on Population and Development” at the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), 2014
- Joint statement at the First High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation: Building towards the post-2015 development agenda, held in Mexico City, 2014
- Statement by the ILO, in its capacity as GMG Chair, on the Occasion of the Debate on International Migration and Development at the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly, 2014
- Joint communiqué to the UN Secretary-General on Realizing the inclusion of migrants and migration in the post-2015 United Nations development agenda”, 2014
- Joint statement on the “Outcome of the GMG retreat: priorities for 2015” at the 13<sup>th</sup> Coordination Meeting on International Migration, 2015
- Joint statement at the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Population and Development, 2015

## **UN General Assembly High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD)**

- Joint position paper on the UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD), 2013
- Contributions to the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) publication on, “International Migration and Development: Contributions and Recommendations of the International System”, 2013
- Synthesis report on follow-up by GMG agencies to the 2013 UN High-level Dialogue on international migration and development (HLD), 2014

## **Post-2015 Development Agenda**

- Joint position paper on migration and the post-2015 UN development agenda, 2013
- Position document of the GMG Working Group on Migration, Human Rights and Gender on “Including migrants in the post-2015 UN development agenda”, 2014
- Summary reports of the two workshops of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research on migration indicators for the post-2015 UN development agenda, 2014
- Joint communiqué on, “Realizing the inclusion of migrants and migration in the post-2015 UN development agenda”, 2014
- Side event to the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Statistical Commission organized by the GMG Working Group on Data and Research, 2015
- Joint discussion paper on “Realizing the inclusion of migrants and migration in the post-2015 UN development agenda”, 2015

## **Contributions to the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)**

- Provision of technical assistance and substantive support to GFMD round tables, workshops, meetings and civil society days, individually and coordinated in the group, 2006-2015 including the following:

- GMG discussion paper on “Questions and issues of relevance to the inter-linkage between international migration, gender and development”, 2007
- GMG agency contributions to a “Compendium of good practice policies in bilateral temporary labour arrangements” in follow-up to GFMD RT 1.2 outcomes and at the request of the governments of Spain and Morocco, 2007
- GMG agency contributions to EC-Mauritius Workshop on “Circular migration” in follow-up to RT 1.4 and to lay the ground for future partnerships, 2007
- GMG agency contributions to the papers and discussions informing the International Conference on “*Gender, Migration and Development: Seizing Opportunities and Upholding Rights,*” as part of the preparatory activities of the GFMD Summit in Manila, 2008
- GMG joint publication on “International Migration and Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities on the Threshold of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”, presented at the GFMD Summit in Manila, 2008
- GMG fact-sheet on “The impact on the economic crisis on female migration”, at the GFMD Summit in Athens, 2009
- GMG joint publication on “Mainstreaming Migration in Development Planning: A Handbook for Policy-makers and Practitioners”, presented to at GFMD Summit in Puerto Vallarta, 2010
- GMG Issues Brief no. 1 on “Facilitating positive development impacts of diaspora engagement in skills transfers, investments and trade between countries of residence and origin”, 2013
- GMG Issues Brief no. 2 on “Improving the labour market outcomes of migration”, 2013
- GMG Issues Brief No. 3 on “Migration as an enabler for inclusive social development”, 2013
- GMG agency contributions to background papers for roundtable 1.1 on “Partnerships to promote inclusion and protect the human rights of all migrants in order to achieve the full benefits of migration”, 2015 (*in progress*)
- GMG agency contributions to background papers for roundtable 3.1 on “Enhancing human development and human security for forced migrants, who are compelled to cross international borders, through international cooperation on labour market access, educational opportunity, family reunification, and other avenues of mobility”, 2015 (*in progress*)
- Statements at GFMD Workshops, Friends of the Forum, Thematic or Summit meetings including the following:
  - GMG joint statement at the GFMD Summit in Manila, 2008
  - GMG joint statement on the “Impacts of the financial and economic crisis on international migration and migrants”, at the GFMD Summit in Athens, 2009
  - GMG joint statement on the “Human Rights of Migrants in Irregular Situation”, at the GFMD Summit in Puerto Vallarta, 2010
  - GMG joint statement on “Developing evidence-based migration and development policies”, at the International Workshop on Migration Profiles in New York, 2011
  - GMG joint statement on “Addressing irregular migration through coherent migration and development strategies”, at the GFMD Thematic Meeting in Istanbul, 2011
  - GMG joint statement on “Combating violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families”, at the GFMD Summit in Port Louis, 2012
  - GMG Chair statement at the GFMD Summit in Stockholm, 2014
  - GMG Chair statement at the launch of the Turkish GFMD Chairmanship, 2014
  - GMG statement at the GFMD Special session on “GMG perspectives and future work on migration in the post-2015 development agenda”, 2015
  - GMG Chair statement at the Fourth Meeting of the Friends of the Forum, 2015
- Coordination with GFMD Ad-hoc Working Group on policy coherence, data and research, 2010-2014

- GMG side event on “Good practices for empowering migrant domestic workers”, at the GFMD Civil Society Days (CSDs) in Stockholm, 2014
- GMG side event on “Migration and youth: Challenges and opportunities”, at the GFMD Summit in Stockholm, 2014
- GFMD Special Session on “Enhancing coordination between the GFMD and the United Nations system: SRSG Sutherland, GMG and the GFMD”, held at the GFMD Summit in Stockholm, 2014
- GFMD-GMG side event on “Fair migration and the sustainable post-2015 development agenda”, held in New York, 2014