

GMG

Report for the period under IOM Chairmanship January to June 2007

1. Meetings

At principals level

27 February - Chaired from Geneva.

2 May - Chaired from NY - attended in part by UNICEF and UNESCO by invitation.

8 June - Chaired from Geneva – called at the request of and attended by SRSG Sutherland, Ambassador De Clercq and the Philippine Ambassador in Geneva as next Chair of the GFMD.

At working level

22 January – Chaired from Geneva: Attended in part by EC representatives who briefed GMG members on EU policies on migration and planned migration-related initiatives.

20 April – Chaired from Geneva.

30 April – Geneva-based GMG colleagues gathered at IOM in Geneva at the request of DESA to discuss a draft document on international migration being prepared for the Policy Committee together with other agencies connected by video link.

2. Documents produced

Internal

- Survey of agencies with which GMG members work.

External

- Examples of effective practice in the field of migration and development for GFMD
- Compilation of what GMG agencies are doing with and for the GFMD.
- Migration and gender – considerations under each of the GFMD Round Table headings
- Matrix of activities which GMG members could offer under each of the GFMD headings/topics.
- Survey of capacity building activities

Statements/press releases

- Statement by GMG WG Chair to the meeting of the Friends of the GFMD in Brussels 30 January
- Statement by GMG WG Chair to the meeting of the Friends of the GFMD in Geneva 27 March

3. External briefings

- 2 May by the Troika (IOM, UNHCR, UNDESA) to UN Member States in New York

4. Issues considered by the Group

- Work programme, joint work on documents, plans for and follow up to meetings.
- Ways in which the Group could help and prepare for the Global Forum.
- Applications by agencies for membership in the Group.
- Migration and Gender.

5. Miscellaneous:

- GMG members kept colleagues updated on relevant developments and initiatives, and provided information on issues of common interest on an ongoing basis.
- Working methods were kept under review.