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Special session: GMG Perspectives and Future work on Migration in Post-2015 Development

Agenda

Thematic Meeting on Migration in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

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Madam Chair, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen – good afternoon to you all

Opening

- I am pleased to address this Special Session of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) on behalf of the World Bank, in its capacity as this year's Chair of the Global Migration Group (GMG).
- The GMG is an inter-agency group bringing together 18 agencies to promote the wider application of all relevant international and regional instruments and norms relating to migration, and to encourage the adoption of more coherent, comprehensive and better coordinated approaches to the issue of international migration.
- 2015 promises to be a key year for migration and development, not least because the post-2015 development agenda is expected to be adopted by Member States in late September and the third International Conference on Financing for Development will be held in July. In addition, Turkey also has the Presidency of the G-20 and the conclusions of the GFMD could move the migration agenda forward in the G-20 as well.

Objectives of the World Bank for its Chairmanship of the GMG

- The World Bank approaches migration from a development perspective. The overall objectives of the World Bank chairmanship of the GMG are two-fold: (a) to continue deepening the linkages between migration and development, using as basis the multi-annual work plan (MAWP) of the GMG; and (b) strengthen team work among the 18 GMG agencies.
- The World Bank chairmanship will thus deepen and expand partnerships with relevant entities and processes, including the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).
- At this juncture, I would like to thank the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation for funding support to the GMG this year.

Migration and the Post 2015 UN Development Agenda

- The GMG developed a joint communiqué, *Realizing the inclusion of migrants and migration in the post-2015 UN development agenda*, endorsed by the 18 Principals of the GMG and conveyed to the UN Secretary-General as a contribution to his Synthesis Report (copies available in the room).
- The GMG welcomes the progress made towards the inclusion of migration in the post-2015 development agenda as proposed in the Report of the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The GMG is greatly encouraged by the inclusion of targets related to migrants and migration in proposed SDGs 3 (health), 4 (education) 5 on (gender equality), 8 (decent work), 10 (reducing inequality), 16 (peaceful and inclusive societies) and 17 (means of implementation and global partnership) in the final outcome document of the OWG. The GMG is also encouraged with the inclusion of migrants, refugees and displaced persons in the United Nations Secretary-General's Synthesis Report.
- Going forward as the post-2015 development agenda is being shaped, the GMG draws specific attention to the importance of: i) retaining the proposed migration-related targets with people-centered, inclusive, human rights-based and gender-sensitive approaches to sustainable development; ii) including prevention of causes leading to displacement (natural and man-made), ensuring durable solutions for refugees and displaced persons; and iii) considering migration as part of the means of implementation and the global partnership for sustainable development; and iv) including migrants, displaced persons, refugees and stateless persons in a standardized list of groups in vulnerable situations and, where relevant and feasible, in the disaggregation of data in the post-2015 development agenda.

GMG's work on Migration and Post-2015 Development Agenda

- Recognizing the importance of elaborating sound indicators to measure progress towards migration-related targets, the GMG organized three retreats, where it was suggested that indicators should focus mostly on opportunities of migration for development, that cooperation should be sought with the statistical community, given its role in selecting indicators, and that the case should be made to strengthen migration data and capacity building.
- The GMG data and research working group is looking at the issue of post-2015 indicators. We will continue working toward having a common position on the indicators in an upcoming meeting of the GMG.
- Let me highlight some areas of work:
 - **GMG Working Group on data and research** is finalizing a set of prioritized indicators including their operational definition, rationale for use of the indicator, method of computation, data sources and collection, compilation and dissemination. You will hear more about this work from Bela Hovy.

- **GMG Working Group on Migration, Human Rights and Gender** is working in the development of human rights indicators including access to health, education and decent work.
- A **GMG Working Group** is working on **Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Strategies**.
- **GMG Task Force on Capacity Development** implemented an online inventory of tools and activities. The inventory was launched on the GMG website in June 2014 and seeks to create a readily accessible overview of GMG agencies' capacity development work and to better coordinate such activities within the GMG as well with other networks.
- **GMG Task Force on Migration and Decent Work** launched as a multi-stakeholder process to support the Fair Recruitment Initiative (FRI) in April 2014 in Turin Italy. The process also includes IOM's International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS).

Lastly, let me reiterate that the GMG stands ready to support Member States, and the broader international community.