

Global Forum on Migration and Development

First Meeting

9-11 July 2007

Brussels, Belgium

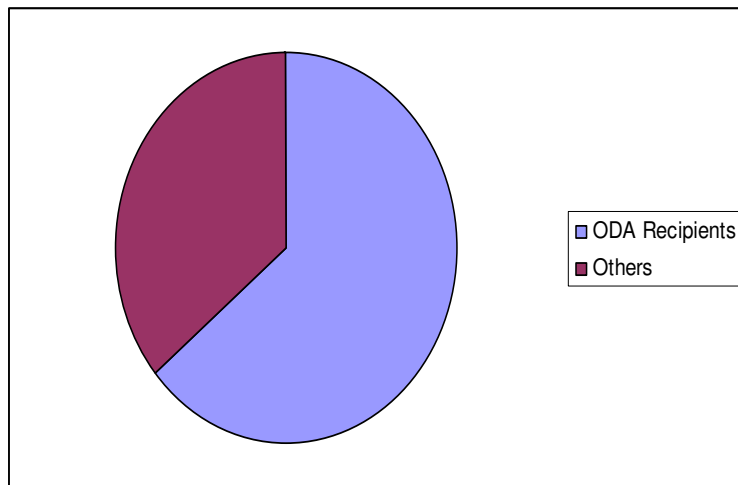
Analysis of the Responses to the Questionnaire

Responses to the questionnaire

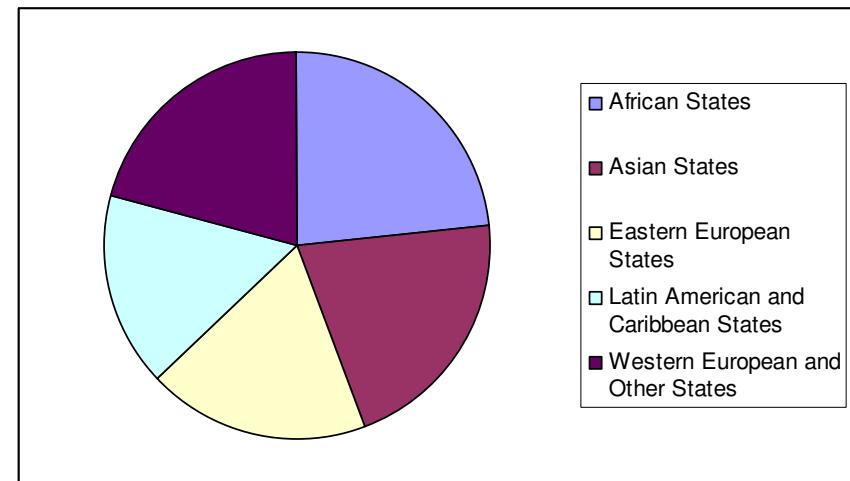
- Nov. 2006 : Questionnaire was sent to all UN Member States
- Purpose : Identify States' priorities and define 2 themes for the first meeting of the GFMD
- Method : List 5 themes out of 18 proposed (further expliciting the two first)
- 1 March 2007 : 119 responses received, of which 87 included a list of priorities
- Global balance (ODA + Regions)

Distribution of results

- ODA Recipients



- Regional Distribution



Weighted Results (1/2)

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| Theme 1- Migration as a socio-economic development tool : poverty reduction, remittances (different aspects such as cost, investment environment, financial education of migrants, which financial instruments, etc.) co-development, skills transfer, etc | 244 |
| Theme 3- Best ways in order to strengthen the links between migration policies and development policies | 159 |
| Theme 8 – Migration, development and security : smuggling, trafficking and exploitation | 127 |
| Theme 9 - Situation of migrants : human rights especially rights of women and children, working conditions, informal economy etc | 101 |
| Theme 13 – Capacity building in countries of origin, transit and destination | 81 |
| Theme 5 – Migration as an obstacle to socio-economic development, brain drain, etc | 69 |
| Theme 2 – Ways and means to address certain development related root causes of migration | 67 |

Weighted Results (2/2)

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| Theme 7 - Globalization : challenges and opportunities for migration and development | 62 |
| Theme 6 – Social aspects of migration in countries of origin and destination | 62 |
| Theme 10 – Return of migrants : which challenges and opportunities for development | 57 |
| Theme 14 – Regional processes and their contribution to migration and development | 47 |
| Theme 15 – Migration patterns : long term migration vs. short term labour migration | 43 |
| Theme 11 – Partnerships : governments, international organisations, etc. | 41 |
| Theme 12 – Role of civil society, including diasporas, private sector, trade unions, banks, pension funds etc. | 35 |
| Theme 4 – Consequences for development of the structural imbalances of the national, regional, global labour markets | 24 |
| Theme 18 – Gender dimension of migration | 20 |
| Theme 17 – Need for better data collection | 21 |
| Theme 16 – Development/Asylum nexus | 5 |

Conclusion

- **Organize the first meeting of the GFMD around the two following themes:**
 1. Migration as a socio-economic development tool
 2. Best ways in order to strengthen the links between migration policies and development policies
- **Broaden the first theme as follows:**

“Migration **AND** socio-economic development ”.

Organisation of the first meeting of the “Global Forum on Migration and Development”

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Proposed Outcomes of the First Meeting of the GFMD **(July 2007)**

- **To bring added value to the debate by building on existing knowledge**
 - Exchange best practices, identify obstacles to be removed, explore innovative policies and initiatives, and promote fresh collaborative approaches among stakeholders, ...
- **To aim at interactive discussions and concrete deliverables: ideally each Roundtable session should result in proposals for concrete action**
 - workable models, pilot programs, multi-stakeholder partnerships and coalitions, ...
- **To identify ways to measure progress in follow-up of the GFMD in certain key areas**

Proposed Overview of the First Meeting of the GFMD

- 10 July (morning): Opening. Plenary Session.
Report of the “Civil Society Day” of 9 July 2007

- 10 (afternoon) - 11 July: Roundtable Sessions

Theme I – Migration and socio-economic development (+ cross-cutting issues)

- **Roundtable 1 (four sessions):** Human Capital Development and Labour Mobility: Maximising Opportunities and Minimizing Risks
- **Roundtable 2 (four sessions):** Remittances and other Diaspora Resources: Increasing their Net Volume and Development Value

Theme II – Best ways to strengthen the links between migration policies and development policies (+ cross-cutting issues)

- **Roundtable 3 (four sessions):** Enhancing Institutional and Policy Coherence, and Promoting Partnerships

- 11 July (afternoon): Closing Session / Reports from Roundtables (3) / Concluding Remarks, Chair’s Recommendations and Next Steps

| JULY 10 | | | | | | |
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| 09.00 13.00 | Plenary Session: Welcoming Addresses and General Discussion Report of the “Civil Society Day” and Discussion | | | | | |
| | Roundtable 1 Human Capital Development | | Roundtable 2 Remittances and Other Diaspora Resources | | Roundtable 3 Enhancing Coherence | |
| 15.00 18.00 | Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 1 | Session 3 | Session 1 | Session 2 |
| JULY 11 | | | | | | |
| | Roundtable 1 | | Roundtable 2 | | Roundtable 3 | |
| 09.00 13.00 | Session 3 | Session 4 | Session 3 | Session 4 | Session 3 | Session 4 |
| 15.00 18.00 | Plenary Session: Reports from Roundtables (3 reports) Closing Session: Concluding Remarks, Chair’s Recommendations, Future of the GFMD | | | | | |
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Proposed Agenda

Opening Session and Welcoming Addresses

Plenary Session : Introductory Remarks and General Discussion

- ***Setting the scene*** – Interlinkages between migration and development policies (...)
- ***Linking up the policies*** – How to make migration work for development and help development contribute to better management of migration (...)
- ***Sharing responsibilities in the management of migration and development*** (...)

Report of “Civil Society Day”

Roundtable 1

Human capital development and labour mobility: maximising opportunities and minimizing risks

Possible issues for discussion (excerpts):

- a) **Highly skilled migration: How to balance the interests of destination countries, origin countries and the migrants?**
(...)
- b) **Temporary labour migration as a contribution to development: The challenge of sharing responsibility**
(...)
- c) **Circular migration and sustainable return as development tools**
(...)

Roundtable 2

Remittances and other diaspora resources: increasing their volume and developmental value

Possible issues for discussion (excerpts):

a) Increasing and mobilizing formal remittances to developing countries

(...)

b) Increasing the development value and impact of remittances

(...)

c) Strengthening the diaspora contributions to development

(...)

Roundtable 3

Enhancing Institutional and Policy Coherence, and Promoting Partnerships

Possible issues for discussion (excerpts):

a) Policy planning

- Methodology: When and how does it make sense to include consideration of migration in development programmes, and vice versa?
- Measuring progress and assessing the impacts

b) Tools for implementation

- Partnerships among local authorities
- Country development plans
- Regional integration processes
- Bilateral and multilateral development cooperation partnerships
- Co-development: What it is, and what it is not

Closing Session (July, 11)

- **Report from Roundtables**
- **Concluding Remarks, Chair's Recommendations, Next Meetings and Future of the Forum.**