

Official Invitation
Eleventh GFMD Summit Meeting
*"Honouring International Commitments to Unlock the Potential of all Migrants
for Development"*

5-7 December 2018
Palmeraie Palace, Marrakesh

The Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, in their capacity as 2017-2018 Co-Chairs of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), have the honor to invite you, States Members and Observers of the United Nations, and other GFMD Observers, to the **Eleventh GFMD Summit Meeting on 5-7 December 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco**. The Eleventh GFMD Summit will be the climax of the two-year Moroccan-German GFMD Co-Chairmanship that spans from 1 January 2017 until 31 December 2018.

The Eleventh GFMD Summit will be opened by High Level officials of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Government of Germany. It is expected to be attended by Ministers and Vice Ministers from all regions of the world, and a broad range of policy-makers and practitioners in migration and development fields.

From the outset, a central focus of the [GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship](#) has been on the GFMD's contribution to the United Nations-led process of elaborating a Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (Global Compact for Migration or GCM), and the review of the implementation of migration-related commitments in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda through the High-level Political Forum.

In this regard, the first year of the Co-Chairmanship was organized with the central theme, ["Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development,"](#) culminating in the Tenth GFMD Summit in Berlin. The second year revolves around the overarching theme, ["Honouring International Commitments to Unlock the Potential of All Migrants for Development,"](#) signaling GFMD's renewed commitment to contribute to the review of migration-related commitments in the 2030 Agenda and to accompany the GCM process.

The intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed GCM outcome document, released on 11 July 2018, invites the GFMD to play an important role in the implementation, follow up and review of the Global Compact. The Marrakesh Summit thus presents a momentous opportunity for the global migration community to reflect on future perspectives for the GFMD with its enhanced role, and to

prepare for the adoption of the first ever Global Compact for Migration, which sets out common principles and actionable commitments to ensure a more effective management of migration.

The substantive agenda of the Marrakesh GFMD Summit focuses on three Roundtable (RT) themes, to be discussed in six RT sessions:

Roundtable 1 -- From vulnerability to resilience: recognizing migrant women and men as agents of development

- *RT Session 1.1. Harnessing migrants' existing capitals to realise their potential*
- *RT Session 1.2. Migrants' engagement with public services: from basic access to co-production*

Roundtable 2 -- Regional mobility to promote transferable learning and policy coherence

- *RT Session 2.1. South-South mobility: trends, patterns and transferable learning*
- *RT Session 2.2. Regional mobility and policy coherence to support development*

Roundtable 3 - Good migration governance for sustainable development

- *RT Session 3.1. Aligning governance with contemporary drivers of migration*
- *RT Session 3.2. Beyond Remittances: leveraging the development impact and promoting the transnational engagement of diaspora and migrants*

In line with the decade-long tradition of the GFMD, the three-day GFMD Summit programme will include inaugural and closing ceremonies, Roundtable discussions, special sessions on the GFMD Platform for Partnerships and the Future of the Forum (open to Heads of delegations only), Common Space, GFMD Business Meeting, and side events.

For more details, please refer to the [Provisional Programme](#) for 5-7 December and [Logistics Note 1](#) with practical information for participating delegations.

The Moroccan-German Co-Chairs look forward to welcoming your government/organization's delegation to the Eleventh GFMD Summit.

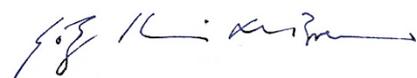
Yours truly,



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