

Joint Reflections on Migration and Development A GFMD Symposium for Civil Society and Governments

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CONCEPT AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Hosted by:* Programme for the Study of Global Migration, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
- Organized by:* Jérôme Elie (Graduate Institute, Geneva); Irena Omelaniuk (GFMD Taskforce); John Bingham (GFMD Civil Society Coordinator; International Catholic Migration Commission – ICMC)
- In Collaboration with:* The Swiss Chair and Civil Society Secretariat, GFMD 2011
- Funding Support:* Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC); Graduate Institute, Geneva; Georgetown University; International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Workshop Coordinator:* Jérôme Elie
- Rapporteur:* Jérôme Elie
- Main Participants:* Experts (authors/editors of the Springer publication *Reflections on Migration and Development* from Africa, Asia/Pacific; Europe, Mexico and the USA); Swiss and International Civil Society representatives (including academics); Government officials; Representatives from UN Agencies and Intergovernmental Organizations.
- Working language:* English for the common spaces and German-French-English for the Swiss Civil Society spaces.



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Concept

This symposium offers a space for Swiss and International Civil Society and governments to brainstorm about the outcomes of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) 2010, in Mexico, the connections between these and the thematic program for GFMD 2011 in Switzerland, the role of Civil Society in the GFMD, and how to build on the efforts of 2010 to strengthen interaction between Civil Society and governments in the GFMD 2011.

The discussions are informal and engage a balanced selection of participants from governments of countries of origin and destination, Civil Society and Academia. They will be guided by the authors of a book on *Reflections on Migration and Development* to be published by Springer, IOM and the Mexican Government in early 2012. These will present key issues and outcomes from the chapters they have prepared. Governments and Civil Society participants are invited to be discussants and debate the issues, observations and findings of the experts.

The objective is to encourage joint reflections among governments, international and Swiss academics, and international and Swiss Civil Society (SCS) towards a more collaborative and cohesive debate at the Friends of the Forum meeting in December 2011.

In particular, the symposium will engage Swiss Civil Society (SCS) in the GFMD 2011 process, by devoting two half days to their discussions and consolidation of inputs and questions. The objectives of the SCS representatives will be to 1) use this opportunity to strengthen and develop the process of consultation and cooperation among SCS organizations and with the Swiss Government; 2) improve SCS knowledge, awareness and engagement with migration and development issues in general and the GFMD process in particular; 3) exchange ideas with International Civil Society representatives, to feed into the November 2011 Civil Society Days (e.g. by producing Swiss-specific recommendations) and the future GFMD process; 4) develop draft recommendations for the November 2011 Civil Society Days and ultimately the December 2011 Friends of the Forum meeting (with the special aim to connect the Swiss perspective with the international debate on Migration and Development).

The symposium will cover a combination of the thematic scheme of GFMD 2011 and the themes of GFMD 2010, as reflected in the forthcoming Springer book: *Labour Mobility and Development, Gender, Family, Migration and Development, Irregular Migration and Development and Policy and Institutional Coherence*. It will also reflect on *How Governments and Civil Society can move the GFMD Forward towards 2013*.

The outcomes of the symposium include a report on specific areas for the 2011 process to take forward; a better informed Springer book (i.e. informed by the CS/government comments); a better informed Swiss Civil Society on migration and development issues and on the GFMD; a draft statement/recommendations by the Swiss Civil Society (to be fine-tuned and consolidated after the two-day meeting); and a Civil Society 2011 GFMD concept paper, also for contribution to the final GFMD Friends of the Forum meeting in December 2011.

Joint Reflections on Migration and Development, Geneva, 23-24 August, 2011
PROVISIONAL AGENDA (as at 18 August 2011)

Tuesday 23 August 2011

9.30-11.00 Civil Society Reflections on Migration and Development (1)

[This session will start at the Auditorium Jacques Freymond, before breaking out in groups]

Moderator: John Bingham (GFMD Civil Society Coordinator; ICMC)

- Introductions
- Break out session (1): work on specific themes in small groups leading up to draft recommendations

11.00 – 11.15 Morning tea/coffee

11.15 – 12.45 Civil Society Reflections on Migration and Development (2)

- Break out session (2): work on specific themes in small groups leading up to draft recommendations

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Joint Reflections on Migration and Development (1)

- Opening/welcome – Jussi Hanhimäki (Programme for the Study of Global Migration, Graduate Institute – Geneva)
- Introductions by Beata Godenzi (Global Programme Migration, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation - SDC) and John Bingham (GFMD Civil Society Coordinator; ICMC)
- Key note speaker: Ambassador Juan José Gómez Camacho, Mexico
- Roundtable on **Labour Mobility and Development**

Moderator: Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque (International Organization for Migration)

- Theme leaders: Phil Martin (UC-Davis Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics); Robert Holzmann (Senior Advisor (Consultant), The World Bank)
- Discussants: Gibril Faal (GK Partners); Colin Rajah (National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights – NNIRR); Alex Zalami (UAE Government); Elizabeth Warn (International Organization for Migration)
- Swiss Civil Society perspective and open debate

16.00-16.15 Afternoon tea/coffee

16.15 – 17.45 Joint Reflections on Migration and Development (2)

Moderator: Denise Efionayi-Mäder (Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies – SFM)

- Roundtable on **Gender, Family, Migration and Development**
 - Theme leaders: Juan Carlos Calleros (Centro de Estudios Migratorios, México); Jean D'Cunha (UN Women)
 - Discussants: Helen Schwenken (University of Kassel, Germany); Ignacio Packer (Fondation Terre des hommes aide à l'enfance, Lausanne); Gloria Moreno-Fontes (International Labour Organization)
- Swiss Civil Society perspective and open debate

17.45 – 18.45 Cocktail Reception

Wednesday 24 August 2011

9.30 – 11.15 Joint Reflections on Migration and Development (3)

Moderator: Susan Martin (Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University)

- Wrap up of previous day's outcomes
- Roundtable on **Irregular Migration and Development**.
 - Theme leaders: Stephen Castles – by video (Department of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Sydney); Phil Martin (UC-Davis)
 - Discussants: Michele LeVoy (Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants – PICUM); Ambassador Eugenio Arene, Deputy Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the UN; Vincent Chetail (Programme for the Study of Global Migration, Graduate Institute – Geneva)
- Swiss Civil Society perspective and open debate

11.15 – 11.30 *Morning tea/coffee*

11.30 – 13.30 Joint Reflections on Migration and Development (4): Parallel Sessions

Moderator: Irena Omelaniuk (GFMD Task Force)

- Roundtable on **Policy and Institutional Coherence**:
 - Theme leaders: Susan Martin (Georgetown University); Maureen Achieng (International Organization for Migration)
 - Discussants: Elizabeth Adjei (Government of Ghana; Migration Policy and Advocacy Network); Ronald Skeldon (Centre for Migration Research, Sussex University)

Moderator: John Bingham (GFMD Civil Society Coordinator; ICMC)

[Session held at the Villa Moynier]

Reserved for Swiss Civil Society Delegates

- Swiss Civil Society (SCS) Roundtable:
 - Report on the SCS break out sessions and consolidation of the draft recommendations.
 - Outline of specific questions and debate themes to be discussed with the experts.
(work will continue over lunch time)

13.30-15.00 *Working lunch*

15.00–16.40 Joint Reflections on Migration and Development (5)

Moderator: Jussi Hanhimäki (Graduate Institute – Geneva)

- Wrap-up of the morning's break-out discussions
- Swiss Civil Society reports back on their work, and exchange with the experts
- Roundtable on **How Governments and Civil Society can Move the GFMD Forward and Towards 2013**
 - Theme leaders: Susan Martin (Georgetown University); Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie (co-founder of the African Foundation for Development – Afford)
 - Discussants: William Gois (Migrant Forum in Asia – MFA); Eva Akerman-Borje (Government of Sweden)
- Swiss Civil Society perspective and open debate

16.40–17.00: *Afternoon tea/coffee*

17.00–18.00 Conclusions

Rapporteur's report (Jérôme Elie, Graduate Institute – Geneva)

Plenary discussion

- Concluding comments – John Bingham (GFMD Civil Society Coordinator; ICMC)
- Concluding comments – Konrad Specker (Head of the Institutional Partnership Division, SDC)