



Global Forum on MIGRATION & DEVELOPMENT

Civil Society

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WHAT is the Global Forum on Migration and Development?

The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) is a state-led, informal, voluntary, and non-binding process, bringing together expertise from all regions and countries at all stages of economic, social and political development.

Objectives of the GFMD

- Provide policymakers and practitioners a platform to discuss policies, challenges and opportunities
- Identify information, policy and institutional gaps
- Exchange good practices and experiences
- Establish partnerships and cooperation
- Structure the international priorities and agenda

HOW was the GFMD created?

The GFMD was created during the first UN General Assembly High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD) in 2006. The GFMD is a process outside of the UN system: dedicated to **informal and non-binding**, yet **action-oriented dialogue**. It is a series of meetings and activities.

The GFMD is Chaired by rotating states.

GFMD chairmanships at a glance



Belgium
2007



Philippines
2008



Greece
2009



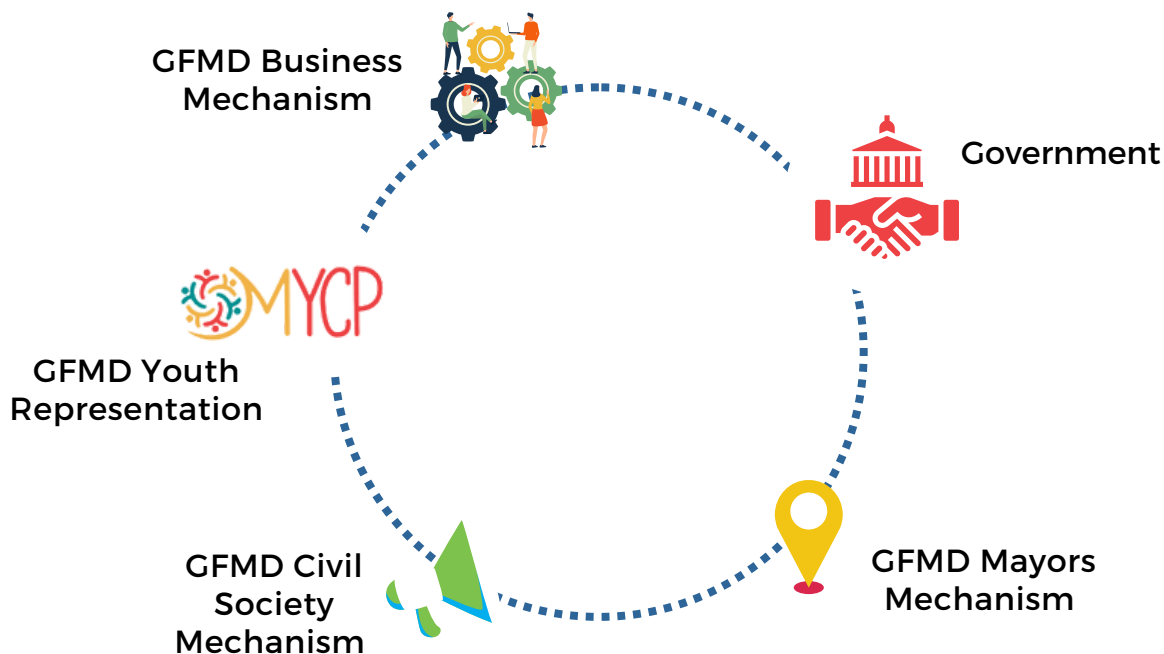
Mexico
2010



Switzerland
2011



Non-State Mechanisms engagement



Alongside the governments who participate in the GFMD, there are three non-state stakeholder mechanisms: the **Business Mechanism**, the **Civil Society Mechanism**, and the **Mayors Mechanism**. The Youth Representation is a transversal component for youth engagement (coordinated by the **Migration Youth and Children Platform – MYCP**) within all stakeholder groups and governments.

Civil Society engagement in the GFMD

Civil society has been engaged since the first GFMD by participating in its Civil Society Days (CSD), where recommendations and action plans were discussed and then submitted to the GFMD at the opening session of each summit. Over the years, civil society has stepped up its role, **responsibility, ownership, and leadership** in the GFMD process, as well as advocacy for full participation in the entire GFMD process.



Sweden
2013-2014



Türkiye
2014-2015



Bangladesh
2016



Germany &
Morocco
2017-2018



Ecuador
2019



UAE
2020



France
2023

Full stakeholder participation in entire GFMD process

- Civil society has been engaged since the first GFMD by participating in its Civil Society Days (CSD). Since 2020, civil society and the other stakeholder mechanisms now participate fully in the entire GFMD Summit and process alongside all governments and other stakeholders, including in all preparatory meetings, thematic workshops, roundtables and other GFMD events.
- The Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) serves as the institutionalised structure that coordinates all civil society engagement in the GFMD. It is guided by an International Steering Committee (ISC) and coordinated by a secretariat (formerly referred to as the Civil Society Coordinating Office) housed by the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC). The CSM coordinates civil society engagement by (co)organizing preparatory meetings, regional and thematic consultations, briefings and webinars, and other activities for civil society around the world, to feed into each GFMD activity. In addition, the CSM coordinates civil society participation in each GFMD activity, by drawing from key leaders and representatives nominated from a range of civil society processes and activities that feed into the GFMD.





The 2023 GFMD's overarching theme is "From environmental concerns to cultural aspects of migration: adopting an inclusive approach to meet the challenges of and increase the opportunities for human mobility".

2023 GFMD Thematic Priorities

- 1 The impact of **climate change on human mobility**: preventive action, humanitarian action and development.
- 2 **Rights and migration**: working to ensure the health, safety and rights of migrants.
- 3 **Diasporas**: actors of economic, social and cultural development of regions.
- 4 **Labour Migration**: promoting the economic inclusion of migrants.
- 5 Improving the **perception of migration** in public opinion through narratives, culture, emotion and rational discourse.
- 6 **Multi-level governance**: bringing together the various stakeholders for improved migration management.

Provisional Calendar of 2023 Activities

29 Mar

Thematic workshop on labour migration and climate change, Geneva (hybrid)

27 June

Workshop on Culture, Narratives and Mobility, Paris (hybrid)

28 June

Workshop on Climate and Human Mobility, Paris (hybrid)

22 - 26 Jan 2024

14th GFMD Summit, Geneva

Other thematic workshops and preparatory events will be added as they are confirmed

Throughout the 2023 GFMD Chairmanship, the Civil Society Mechanism will continue to organize activities for civil society, with updates on its website. To follow the activities of the GFMD and receive updates, please [subscribe to our newsletter](#).



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