

14th Global Forum for Migration & Development:
Civil Society Preparatory Meeting

22nd January 2024

11:00 – 17:00

The Civil Society Preparatory Meeting is the official space for civil society delegates attending the GFMD to collectively discuss, engage and prepare together for their participation into the Summit.

The Meeting is a descendent of the Civil Society Days, a series of meetings bringing together civil society from across the world to collectivise inputs for the GFMD Civil Society Rapporteur. Since 2020, civil society has been allowed access and participation into the entire GFMD process and Summit activities, and thus these preparatory activities have evolved into the Preparatory Meetings- a space for meaningful discussion and exchange to allow for the best representation possible of the diversity and richness of civil society across the world.

11:00 – 11:30	<p><u>Welcome and Opening Ceremony</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from the GFMD CS Mechanism: Stéphane Jaquemet, <i>Director of Policy and COO of the International Catholic Migration Commission</i> • Welcome from the GFMD CS Co-Facilitators 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brice Monnou, <i>FORIM</i> ○ Mamadou Goïta, <i>Pan-African Network in the Defense of Migrants Rights</i> ○ Marie Lobjoy, <i>Secours Catholique-Caritas France</i> ○ Valentina Origoni, <i>Secours Islamique France</i> • Honouring Ceremony: Honouring migrants and civil society leaders who have passed before us, those who are missing, and all migrants at risk of their lives
11:30 – 12:45	<p><u>Opening Panel: The State of Migration and Human Rights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: Brice Monnou, Mamadou Goïta <p>A wider discussion around: the state of migrant and human rights worldwide, whether multilateralism is working, social cohesion, closing and shrinking space of civil society, and the role of civil society in fostering peace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ambet Yuson, <i>Building and Woodworkers International (BWI)</i> ○ Chloé Tinguy, <i>Secours Catholique-Caritas France</i> ○ Lara Arabian, <i>Cross-Regional Center for Refugees and Migrants (CCRM)</i> ○ Maria Teresa Urueña, <i>Red Jesuita / Bloque Latinoamericano sobre Migración</i> ○ Milena Franke, <i>Migration Youth & Children Platform</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paddy Siyanga Knudsen, <i>Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism / GFMD Africa Group</i> ○ William Gois, <i>Migrant Forum in Asia</i> <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
12:45 – 14:00	<u>Lunch</u>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><u>Breakout Sessions: Mobilising Civil Society</u></p> <p>Breakout groups will be discussing the various challenges illustrated during the panel and plenary, for us to come towards concrete collective steps forward in addressing the lack of global progress, accountability, and shrinking civil society space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All breakout groups will be discussing the same Guiding Questions • English 1: <i>Cathi Tactaquin</i> • English 2: <i>Gibril Faal</i> • English 3: <i>Sumitha Shaantini Kishna</i> • English 4: Michele Levoy • English 5: <i>Salote Soqo</i> • English 6: Lala Arabian • Spanish 1: Berenice Valdez Rivera • Spanish 2: <i>Efrain Jimenez</i> • French 1: Philippe Nanaga • French 2: Fambaye Ndoye
	<p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are conditions (rights, protections, livelihoods etc.) better for migrants now than before? Why or why not?</i> • <i>Are civil society spaces shrinking? What is the state of affairs in your local context?</i> • <i>What are the main issues facing our organizations and networks, in terms of stalling, hindering or reversing the progress of migrant rights and protection? Are there any improvements, good practices, progress that can be shared and built on?</i> <p><u>Plenary Restitution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Marie Lobjoy
15:30 – 16:30	<p><u>Thematic Plenary: Final preparations for the GFMD Government Roundtables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderators: Valentina Origoni <p>NOTE: Following the earlier briefing around civil society restrictions at the RTs initially set by the Chair, this session was reduced to a short 15 minute overview of the representatives to allow for the previous discussion to continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRT1 Climate: Helena Olea- panellist • Reps: Evalyn Tennant, Valentina Origoni • GRT2 Rights: Carolina Gottardo- panellist

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reps: Victor Genina (floor intervention- selected by co-chairs), Michele Levoy • GRT3 Diaspora: no civil society panellist selected • Reps: Brice Monnou, Stella Opoku-Owusu • GRT4 Labour Migration: Joel Odigie- panellist • Reps: Fambaye Ndoeye, Irem Arf • GRT5 Narratives: Mercedes Perez- panellist • Reps: Wan Lee (floor intervention - selected by co-chairs), Cecilie Kern • GRT6 Multilevel Governance: no civil society panellist selected • Reps: Mamadou Goïta, Wiliam Gois
16:30 – 16:55	<p><u>Closing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Reflections from the Intersectional Rapporteurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gender: Vani Saraswathi, <i>MigrantRights.org</i> ○ Race: Paddy Siyanga Knudsen, <i>Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism</i> ○ Youth: Aryan Sanghrajka, <i>Migration Youth & Children Platform</i> • Closing remarks from the Co-Facilitators • Closing remarks from Stéphane Jaquetmet • 16:50 – Group photo (5 mins)

**17:00 sharp everyone must leave as they are arranging it for the Summit*