#### **GFMD Mauritius 2012**

"Enhancing the human development of migrants and their contribution to the development of communities and states"

GFMD 2012 PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES
AND SECOND PHASE ASSESSMENT
NEW YORK
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#### **OUTLINE**

GFMD 2012 Preparatory Activities

Second Phase Assessment

The future of the GFMD: a possible enhanced role for the GMG?

Possible focus for Mauritius in 2012?



#### Overview of the approach

• The Concept Paper sketches the proposed format, round tables, GFMD assessment phase II, supporting structures, and the roles of non-state partners in 2012

#### OBJECTIVES OF GFMD 2012

To build on the Swiss GFMD 2011 and previous meetings; to pursue achievable improvements in the conditions and prospects of people on the move and their families, for increased development outcomes.

- noting the specific challenges of Africa
- in close consultations with CS and international organizations (GMG), to support governments in achieving agreed outcomes; and
- engaging the private sector and diaspora as appropriate to support governments in achieving desired outcomes.



#### FORMAT of the GFMD

- Summit in November 2012 in Mauritius
- Roundtables with Government-led teams and thematic sessions
- With support from ad hoc Working Groups
- Building on GFMD 2011 and any synergies generated from other events



#### Developing the Concept Paper

- AN EXTENSIVE, INCLUSIVE, MULTI-STEP CONSULTATION APPROACH
- Iterative process taking into account all comments
- Draft 2 integrated the responses to the survey sent in December 2011
- Draft 3 (current) followed the brainstorm (18/19 Feb)
- Final Concept after the FOF meeting (07 Feb)

#### THEMES proposed in the Survey

- 1. Circulating Labour for Inclusive Development
- 2. Supporting Diaspora as Agents of Socioeconomic Change
- 3. Factoring Migration into Development Planning
- 4. Public Perceptions of Migrants
- 5. Engaging Business in Migration for Development
- 6. Leveraging Remittances for Development
- 7. Gendering the Migration and Development debate
- 8. Migration Health and Development
- 9. Policy Coherence, Data and Research
- 10.Climate Change, Migration and Development
- 11. Migration and Poverty Alleviation



#### PROPOSED ROUNDTABLES

- Circulating Labour for Inclusive Development
- Factoring Migration into Development Planning
- Managing migration and perceptions of migration for development outcomes
- Gender, Human Rights and Migration

## RT I: Circulating Labour for Inclusive Development

- Issues to be addressed: labour, skills and other migrant and diaspora assets in circulation in a globalized economy
- Aim: to strengthen human development potential (in COOs and CODs) through improved skills, employment and investment prospects of migrants and diaspora



## Session 1.1:Beyond-the-Border Skills and Jobs for Human Development

- Showcase: effective models of vocational training, skills certification, enhancement and recognition for mobile workers in COOs and CODs
- Possible Outcomes: strategies and facilities to support learning, improve human capital development and jobmatching.

## Session 1.2: Supporting Migrants and Diaspora as Agents of Socioeconomic Change

- Showcase: innovative transnational public-private partnerships, networks and instruments to leverage migrant /diaspora potential for entrepreneurship and investment in development
- Possible Outcomes: matching grants to encourage migrant/diaspora investments and businesses; diaspora databases; private-public partnerships



#### Roundtable 2: Factoring Migration into Development Planning

- ◆Issues to be addressed: how to mainstream migration in development planning and better utilize data on migration and development for coherent polies and practices; the special challenges of South-South migration flows
- Aim: to link migration and development data wit coherent and effective policies



- Showcase: National experiences with development plans (e.g. PRSPs), migration profiles and development mainstreaming project
- Possible outcomes: models with effective programs that factor migration into development planning; an informal survey by the WG on Polic Coherence, Data and Research

#### Session 2.2: Addressing South-South Migration and Development Policies

- Showcase: Linkages of migrant movements with development, development deficits and other drivers of South-South migration
- Possible outcomes: strengthen capacities to manage sub-regional migration, especially through improved data gathering & analysis
- Effective models for govt cooperation with CS

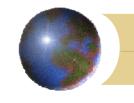
#### Roundtable 3: Managing Migration and Perceptions of Migration for Development Outcomes

- Issues to be addressed: How to manage public perceptions of migration, to better protect/support migrants; and how to ensure that migration management policies protect migrants and families adequately
- **Aim:** concrete solutions involving shared responsibilities of key actors including countries of origin, transit, destination, media, private sector, CS, migrants and diaspora 15



# Session 3.1: Shaping Public Perceptions of Migrants and Migration

- Showcase: how public perceptions of migrants/migration can influence the capacity of migrants to contribute to development
- Possible Outcomes: workable models of awareness-raising and informed public debate and interactions between policy makers, politicians, media and community



#### Session 3.2: Migrant Protection as Integral to Migration Management

- Showcase: migration management strategies that protect migrants in vulnerable & irregular situations
- Possible Outcome: generate tools that policy makers and practitioners members could voluntarily use to achieve the above



- Issues: to reinforce gender as a means of analyzing the migration-development connections; and strengthen protection of migrant domestic workers
- Possible outcome: models of genderbased practices that affect the development impacts of migration; factor gender in Migration Profiles

# Session 4.1: Gender, Human Rights and Migration: Challenges and Opportunities

- Showcase: workable policies and initiatives by Governments to improve access of women migrants and their families to basic rights
- Possible outcomes: models of legal, health, social and other protections available to women

# Session 4.2: Protecting Migrant Domestic Workers: Enhancing their Development Potential.

- Showcase: workable policies and initiatives from government improving access to women
- Possible outcomes: workable models of legal, health and other social protection available to women; domestic worker protection checklist



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#### Process in 2012

• The 2 December 2011 Special Session on the GFMD Assessment (Phase I) at the GFMD 2012 Concluding Debate unanimously endorsed the 2011 Report on Phase I of the Assessment. At this session, the Friends of the Forum also adopted a 'Work Plan for the Assessment Team in 2012' which sets out the assessment activities under Phase 2.



- Phase 2 of the process will be dedicated to a political and strategic discussion among all GFMD participating governments on possible options for the future
- Based on this work plan, the Assessment Team has prepared more detailed working modalities, reflected in a paper that has now been shared with you

### Between February and June 2012,

- The Assessment Team will meet in regular intervals and at the margins of the SG and FoF meetings. It will:
  - 1) analyze specific areas for possible improvements of the way the GFMD functions as a process, and
  - 2) discuss possible options concerning its relationship with the UN, GMG, other relevant international agencies, and Civil Society.



#### In April 2012

The results of these preliminary considerations will be shared and discussed with the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum at each of their meetings, to elicit their views and receive additional comments and proposals.



• The Assessment Team will present to the Steering Group and Friends of the Forum a consolidated paper on possible options for the Forum's future, for further discussion and review.

#### In September 2012

- A revised paper will be submitted to the Steering Group and Friends for discussion and review.
- A final consolidated document will then be prepared for the GFMD Summit Meeting in November 2012 in Mauritius, for discussion and endorsement. This document would also include yet to be determined references to the September 2013 Second UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development.

# Phase 2 of the assessment will be discussion-based

- The 2011 Assessment Report will guide these discussions.
- However, the strategic analysis of the Forum's future will be of a political nature and will not be limited to the actual findings of the report.
- The Chair will pay particular attention to this process which will be conducted with full transparency. The Steering Group and Friends of the Forum will be involved at all stages of the 2012 assessment activity.



#### Interaction with the UN

We will cooperate with the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on International Migration and Development. And as agreed at the 2010 GFMD meeting in Puerto Vallarta, the assessment process will be concluded by the end of 2012.



A final assessment report will be prepared by the Mauritian Chair before 31 December 2012. The report will include the 2011 Phase I Survey and Assessment Report, the final assessment document adopted at the Mauritius GFMD Summit Meeting, and also reflect the discussion of the Special Session on the Assessment at the Summit meeting.



# Overall lead of Mauritius representation in Geneva

Ambassador Servansing, Mauritius Ambassador and Special Representative to UN special agencies will lead the assessment process on behalf of the Mauritian Chair.

# The future of the GFMD: a possible enhanced role for the GMG?

Possibility to have a State led process with greater role for the GMG in supporting the substantive part of the work presently left to ad-hoc teams

### Possible focus for Mauritius?

Objective	Means
A focus on ensuring that human beings end up better off from our collective efforts;	Across GFMD 2012 generally
A stronger partnership between Governments, Civil Society, the Private Sector and International Organisations to that end;	Through RTs, Common Space?
An objective of mobilising financial support and human resources to enable sustained action (on a voluntary basis by interested Governments) towards making the lives of migrants better in agreed areas;	Specific RTs as appropriate? PfP?
More effective interactions with the Diaspora for Development, particularly in Africa via an African Diaspora Fund/Institute	RT 1.2?
Improving Skills for Migrants (UAE proposal)/EU matched funding scheme for returnee (Mauritian?) migrants to invest in a business or training on return to their country of origin	RT 1.1?
Developing a pilot to encourage Employers to work with Governments to take on refugees who are in limbo in camps.	Non-GFMD? (GFMD traditionally not worked on refugee issues)
African Institute for Remittances	RT 1.2?
Housing for migrant labor in Mauritius	?
Schemes to support learning to improve human capital both at home and abroad, e.g. through skills training for jobs, skills upgrading while abroad, and skills recognition upon return;	?
Tools to support and incentivize diaspora to mobilize its assets for investment in the home country, including investment in skills.	RT 1.2