TURKEY
Incoming Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development
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Why?

* Turkey has decided to take on this challenging task not only because of our country's increasing importance in the area of migration, but also because of our growing commitment to development issues.
* Turkey has a wealth of experience to share in the area of migration and development.

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Turkey ➡ Transit, Origin and Destination Country

Priorities of the Turkish Chairmanship

* Inclusion of migration in the UN post-2015 development agenda
* Promoting mobility (bringing down obstacles such as visas and similar barriers)
* Ensuring the human rights of migrants
* Abolishing the notions of racism, discrimination and xenophobia
* Cooperation with other stakeholders to combat illegal migration
* Linking regional processes with the GFMD more strongly
* Strengthening partnerships for integration of migration into development such as G 20

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* Utilizing the Turkish experience with small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's), considered to be one of the best means of development, as well as the foundation of Turkey's successful transformation from a source country to a destination country.
* Promoting more effective dialogue and partnership between governments and international organizations, civil society ,the private sector and academia on migration and mobility.
* Attract the attention of the political interest in the
* Global debate on migration and development

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Guidance for the Chairmanship

* Following the multiannual work plan initiated by the Swedish Chair
* This plan enables us to have a smooth transition between the Chairs
* Ensuring coherence and continuity of the GFMD
* Outcomes of the UN High-level Dialogue

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Theme Options

* Comprehending the Dynamics of Migration and Transforming it into an Element of Development
* Migration: Pathway to development
* ***Enabling human mobility partnerships for Sustainable Development***

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Proposals for Thematic Meetings

* Strengthening regional and international partnerships to highlight the development potential of migrants and contributing to the elimination of barriers against mobility
* Contribution of labour migration to the development efforts with a view to improving public perception of migrants and to countering the migration myths
* Follow up of integration of migration in post-2015 UN Development Agenda
* Environment and migration

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Round Table Meetings

* Health of migrants and healthy working conditions for them as an enabler of development
* Creating synergy between all migration stakeholders for a sustainable development
* Improving safety and well-being of migrants stranded in crisis and addressing the challenges of irregular migration and human trafficking
* Crowdsourcing for empowering migrants and bettering the social perception of migrants
* Combatting illegal migration

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