



Global Forum on
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“Taking Action on Migration and Development – Coherence, Capacity and Cooperation”



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14 thematic meetings – 3 thematic clusters

1. Labour mobility and development
2. Addressing irregular migration through coherent migration and development strategies
3. Tools for evidence-based migration and development policies



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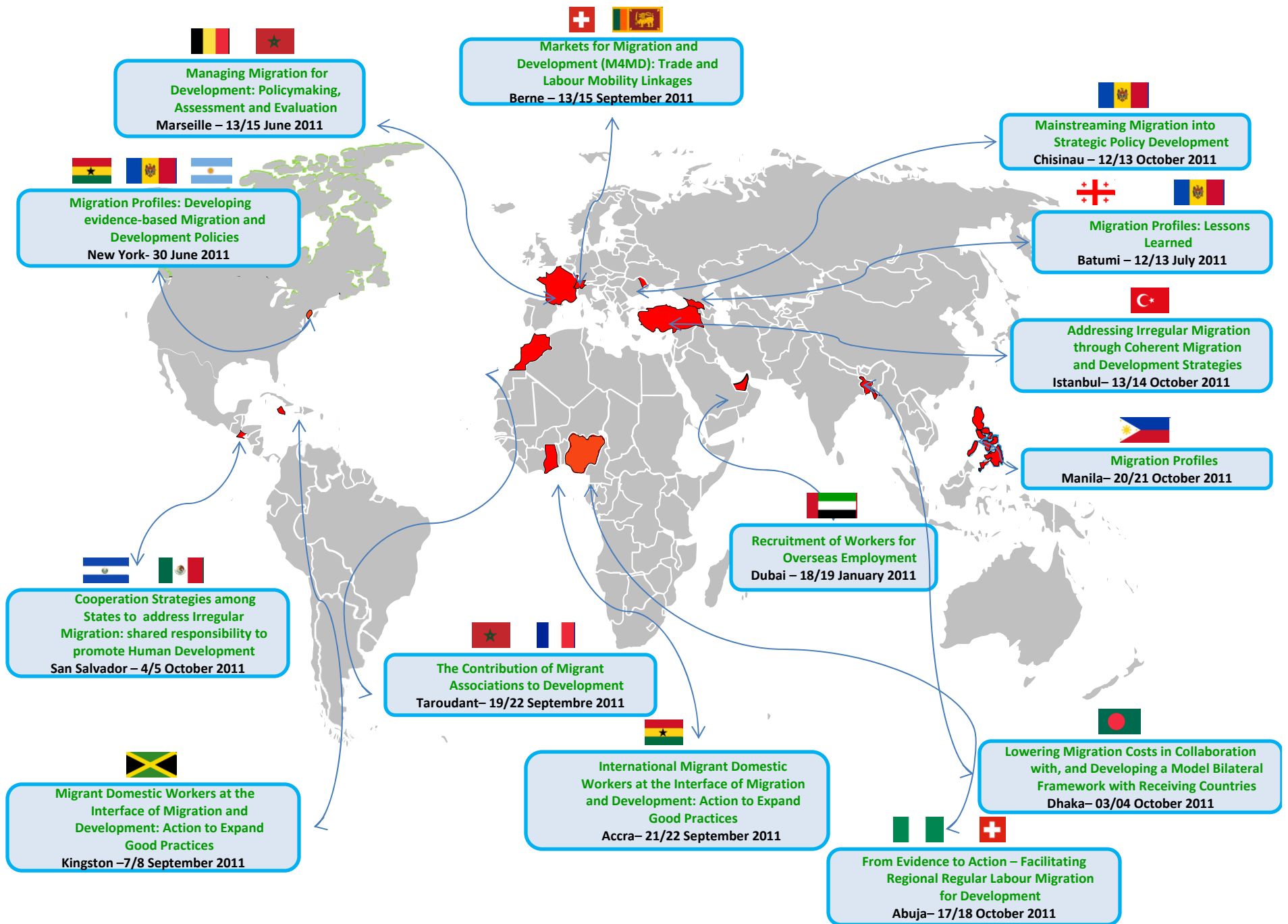
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GFMD 2011 Concluding Debate

1-2 December 2011

Palais des Nations, Geneva

- Some 600 delegates from about 160 countries
- 36 GFMD observers
- 120 civil society representatives (Common Space)





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Cluster I: “Labour mobility and development”

- **Private sector engagement** in labour market planning (matching demand and supply)
- **Lowering the costs of migration** through international cooperation in the area of skills development, regulation of recruitment processes and mutual recognition of qualifications
- Enhancing protection mechanisms for **global care workers**



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Cluster II: “Addressing irregular migration through coherent migration and development strategies”

- Need for a better understanding of the **implications of irregular migration on development** for both sending and receiving countries as a basis for coherent policies, which aim at effectively addressing irregular migration for the benefit of societies and affected migrants alike



Cluster III: “Tools for evidence-based migration and development policies”

- Progress made in evidence-based policy-making through the increased utilization of **Mainstreaming migration into Development Planning, Migration Profiles and Impact Assessments**
- More **government ownership, inter-ministerial cooperation** and the understanding of **statistical processes as an opportunity**



GFMD Assessment

- Phase I in 2011: survey on the GFMD process
 - **Majority of states (> 80%) appreciates the added-value the Forum brings to the exchange of knowledge and experience**
- Phase II in 2012: strategic discussion on possible options for the future of the GFMD



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UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

(2nd edition in 2013)

*How should the Global Forum on Migration
and Development interact with the UN HLD?*



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