

The High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development



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GENESIS OF THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT (HLD)

In 2003, in resolution 58/208

- The General Assembly decided to hold a “High-level Dialogue” in 2006
- The GA also decided that the outcome document of the HLD would be a “Chairman’s Summary”
- The GA requested a report that would review the literature on migration and development

THE GLOBAL MIGRATION GROUP

Also in 2003

- Sweden and Switzerland set up the Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM)
- The Global Commission consisted of 19 Commissioners serving in their personal capacity
- About 30 countries supported the effort

Global Commission's Recommendations

- GCIM worked from January 2004 to end of 2005
- GCIM released its report "*Migration in an interconnected world: New directions for action*" in October 2005
- The Report contained six Principles and 33 Recommendations

The Global Commission's Recommendation 33

Recommendation 33 suggested that the Secretary-General establish a “Global Migration Facility” that would build on the Geneva Migration Group

Follow-up to Recommendation 33

- The Secretary-General met with Executive Heads of UN entities working on migration and the Director General of IOM at the end of October 2005
- That meeting produced the decision to expand the Geneva Migration Group

As a result, in April 2006 the SG established the Global Migration Group

The Global Migration Group

Members:

ILO

IOM

UNCTAD

UNDESA

UNDP

UNFPA

UNHCHR

UNHCR

UNODC

WORLD BANK

**THE SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL ON
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION
AND DEVELOPMENT**

Special Representative

Secretary-General named

Mr. Peter Sutherland

Chairman of BP and Goldman Sachs
as his Special Representative on
Migration

(January 2005)

THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THE HLD

Resolution 60/227 of 2005

- Set date for HLD: 14-15 September 2006
- Decided that the preparatory process could include up to two Panels:

First Panel: New York on 8 June

Second Panel: Geneva on 6 July

First Panel (New York)

High-level officials of GMG institutions and the regional commissions were invited to address Member States:

UNFPA

UNDESA

World Bank

Regional Commissions

Special Representative

Second Panel (Geneva)

Another opportunity for high-level officials of
GMG institutions to address Member
States:

UNCTAD

UNHCHR

UNHCR

ILO

IOM

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

The Panels' contribution to the HLD

- Discussed how GMG members could contribute to enhance the benefits of international migration or address the challenges it posed
- Emphasized contribution of UN system to normative framework on migration (especially, international instruments)
- GMG members expressed views on HLD process and possible follow-up

ROLE OF THE UN SYSTEM AT THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

Round tables of the HLD

The HLD had four round tables on:

1. Migration and development
2. Human rights and trafficking
3. Multidimensional aspects of migration, including remittances
4. Partnerships and capacity building

UN System at the HLD

High-level representatives of UN system institutions participated in the Round Tables of the HLD

Member States noted the contributions by the UN system and listened to a statement by IOM

As a result, Member States wish that the UN system, especially GMG, provide support for the follow-up to the Dialogue

**FOLLOW-UP TO THE
DIALOGUE: A CONSULTATIVE
FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL
MIGRATION AND
DEVELOPMENT**

The Secretary-General's Recommendation

- The Secretary-General recommended the creation of a consultative Forum to continue addressing international migration and development issues
- The Forum would be State owned, open to all Member States, voluntary and non-legislative.

VIEWS ON THE CONSULTATIVE FORUM

**127 Member States made
statements at the Dialogue**

**About two-thirds expressed
support for the Forum**

BELGIUM'S PROPOSAL

**The Government of Belgium
offered to organize and host the
first meeting of a Global Forum on
International Migration and
Development**

Timing: July 2007

**VIEWS EXPRESSED BY
MEMBER STATES DURING
THE HLD THAT ARE
RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF
UN SYSTEM**

**MEMBER STATES CALLED FOR
STRENGTHENED
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
TO PROMOTE THE POSITIVE
IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL
MIGRATION ON DEVELOPMENT**

**MEMBER STATES
UNDERScoreD THAT RESPECT
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS
ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THAT
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION IS
BENEFICIAL FOR ALL**

**MEMBER STATES STRESSED
THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION IN COMBATING
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND
PREVENTING SMUGGLING OF
MIGRANTS**

**MEMBER STATES RECOGNIZED
THE PRESSING NEED OF
ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES
OF MIGRATION, INCLUDING:**

**POVERTY
UNEMPLOYMENT
LACK OF PEACE AND SECURITY
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

MEMBER STATES CALLED FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING IN A VARIETY OF AREAS:

Justice
Border control
Statistics and research
Policy development
Drafting of legislation
Formulation of regulations
Training in human rights....

UN SYSTEM MAY PROVIDE TO THE FORUM's FIRST MEETING:

➤ Examples of best practice

> Practical responses to the challenges posed by migration

> Substantive input and background information on the topic or topics considered

> Activities that may be carried out at the request of Member States

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