

Civil Society Days 2016, 8-9 December, Dhaka, Bangladesh
SPECIAL Session B report

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Special session letter + theme	Special session B
1. Civil society commitments for the next 6 months (through GFMD in Germany)	
What 2 strategic steps or actions did the group suggest for the next 6 months-- up to and to be reported on at the GFMD in Germany in June 2017, and specifically who committed during this session to working on them?	
First strategic step or action in the next 6 months	Look into existing legislation at the national and regional level, comparing and looking for overlaps, gaps and synergies on a human-rights based approach to vulnerable migrants
Specifically who in civil society will work on it?	The Global Migration Group / OHCHR
Second strategic step or action in the next 6 months	Suggest/ pressure national governments into adopting practical measures in order to identify migrants in vulnerable situation upon arrival, without waiting for the lengthy (and often limited by narrow criteria) asylum procedures. Provide enough reception staff, psychologists, legal assistance but also and importantly social workers to be able to understand and assess the situation that a migrant is coming from and in which they find themselves > take practical measures to identify situations of practical vulnerability that arise from situation or origin or situation faces during transit, not only 'structural' condition (such as being a child)
Specifically who in civil society will work on it?	Local/ national migrant organizations? > Local administration in charge of reception; personnel at hot spots etc.
2. Civil society commitments for the six months June-December 2017	
What 2 strategic steps or actions did the group suggest for the 6 months after GFMD 2017, i.e., through to year-end 2017, and again, specifically who committed during this session to working on them?	
First strategic step or action in the 6 months between June and December 2017	Bring the Principles and Guidelines on the human rights protection of migrants in vulnerable situations within large and/or mixed movement into the Migration Compact
Specifically who in civil society will work on it?	National organizations to pressure their national governments?
Second strategic step or action in the 6 months	Keep developing and working on vulnerability also in conceptual terms

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Specifically who in civil society will work on it?	Collaboration between scholars and practitioners?
3. Priority messages to convey to governments by the CSD Chair on 10 December	
If your session could choose only two key messages to be conveyed by the civil society CSD Chair in his report to states on the 10th of December, which would these be? (<i>feel free to just refer back to any point written out above</i>)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rather than defining vulnerability in narrow legal terms, there is a need for practical tools to be able to assess situations of migrants upon arrival, and provide appropriate assistance to those in vulnerable situations. - Incorporate the guidelines into the Migration Compact 	
4. Inspiring quotes	
If you like, please provide one or two quotes that you heard during the session that you found inspiring. The sessions follow Chatham House rules, so please either ask for approval to name the speaker/organization <u>or</u> put "anonymous".	
In cases in which migrants are 'returned'/ deported back to their country of origin, it is important to secure not only the <i>lawfulness</i> , but also the <i>sustainability</i> of the return.	