

Recommendations – Benchmarks – Actions
GFMD Civil Society 2015

Figure 1: Snapshot of GFMD Civil Society Days 2015

Civil society delegates and other participants

- **339** participants in total, **225** civil society delegates:
 - o **86** of them speakers in the Civil Society Days programme
 - o **169** female, **170** male
- Of the 225 civil society delegates:
 - o **48** migrants themselves and **97** representing organizations led by migrants or diaspora
 - o **76** migrant/diaspora NGOs, **57** human rights organizations, **39** development groups, **26** academia, **22** labour organizations and **5** private sector
 - o **36** from Americas, **49** from Asia Pacific, **50** from Africa; **71** from Europe; **19** Turkish civil society organizations
- **82** observers from regional and international organizations
- **8** media representatives
- **24** government representatives of **11** countries

Programme highlights and special features

- **Plenary debate** on *Safe Migration: root causes, route choices and alternatives to forced and dangerous migration*, featuring personal testimonies, poetry, and ways forward from migrants, civil society and United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration Peter Sutherland.
- **Parallel working sessions and (for the first time) Action Papers on:**
 - o *2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development and its meaning for migrants*
 - o *protecting migrants on the move in crisis and transit situations*
 - o *development solutions for forced migrants*
 - o *reforming recruitment and employment practices for migrant workers*
 - o *migrant and diaspora action for job creation and social entrepreneurship*
 - o *xenophobia and social inclusion*
- **1st time three special sessions** spotlighting:
 - o *protection and durable solutions for Syrian refugees*
 - o *children in the context of migration*
 - o *commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the UN Migrant Workers Convention*
- **1st time a Women-rapporteur** and a **Child-rapporteur** to report back from the different sessions how issues relevant to women and to children in the context of migration were brought forward, with recommendations
- Presentation of the **1st MADE global Movement Report and Survey** – independent assessment (based on 350 respondents and interviews worldwide) of priorities, progress and impact for migrants, migrant’s rights and development of Civil Society’s 5-year 8-Point Plan (from 2013)