

Reporting Template 2018
Working sessions of the GFMD Civil Society Days

Session theme:	Actions ensuring the social, economic, and political inclusion of migrants in communities.
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SECTION A: 4 December – Recommendations Day <i>Priority messages and recommendations for States during Common Space</i>	
1. What are civil society’s key priorities and concerns related to this theme?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Align national and local migration policies with global human rights standards. Ensure implementation of national policies is made in partnership with migrant representatives at all levels, including youth. Make migration policies with a long-term commitment. Develop national plans on the implementation of the GCM while integrating migration into existing policies. - Give a greater role to the diaspora as agents of change by including them in development plans, by reducing obstacles to their participation, eg. reducing the cost of remittances and promoting dual citizenship, and by greater representation of the diaspora population in both host and countries of origin. - Combat racism, xenophobia and discrimination by developing positive discourses and introducing curricula in schools on diversity, anti-racism and migration. - Foster inclusion by promoting regularization and greater interaction with migrants at the local level. - How can governments balance political goals with broader positive discourse on migrants and inclusion?
2. What good practices or effective multi-stakeholder partnerships are OR have in the past OR could in the future respond to challenges related to this theme?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positioning of cities in their key role of protecting vulnerable citizens including migrants and how this can be beneficial for them (e.g. from Barcelona) - Senegalese example of diaspora associating themselves and ensuring their civil participation in Barcelona - Whole of society approach to inclusion to ensure benefits for entire community - National action plans for social inclusion/non-discrimination together with positive political discourse and best practices and showing facts and positive benefits of migration (e.g. FORIM developed kits to deconstruct 10 myths/stereotypes on migration, and shared with administrative sectors of governments). - Ensure coordination with local and regional authorities
3. What policies and practices exist that are counter-productive to responding to challenges related to this theme, and can ways be identified to improve them?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of coordination with local and regional authorities leading to ineffective national policy development and implementation - Lack of inclusion of migrants/diaspora in policy development and implementation, as well as labour markets and political life (including right to form their own trade unions).
4. What are the three questions on this theme we want to ask governments in Common Space?	

1. How will govts engage with CSO and migrants for implementation of the GCM (in part to promote transparency)?
2. How are you going to make sure that migration governance is tackled at every level (from grassroots to global, not only national)?
3. Specifically, how will you involve and coordinate with local and regional authorities who are your eyes and ears on the ground and also the implementers of your policies?

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SECTION B: 6 December – Commitments Day

Civil society convergences, advocacy and action in and post Marrakesh Week, into the implementation phase of the Global Compact for Migration

1. What was learned from the discussions with governments during Common Space that informs/influences civil society strategy around this theme?

- Not all governments work with CSO: we need to develop strategies to engage with them. (e.g. Nepal)
- We need to spread information about the GCM with other CSOs (not present or not aware of it).
- The space for a positive dialogue with governments on migration is shrinking. We need to develop alternative visions for the future.
- We should reach out to other partners who are engaging on migration but are not part of the GCM circle (e.g. GCR colleagues).
- Civil society needs to be present during international and global conferences to spread ideas.
- We need to take stock of what civil society is doing at the local level to bring this into our advocacy at the global level.
- Some mechanisms must be developed to hold governments accountable and monitor migrants' rights.
- Local partnerships are key.

2. What existing civil society structures, networks and initiatives are already working on this theme?

- Stephanie - Women's collective among Latin American women migrants at the local level in USA. Provides local capacity building of women; addresses issues on health including those left behind; help with birth certificates and issues of dual citizenship; help those in detention to navigate bureaucracy; develop personal skills on public speaking; work with stakeholders to provide public spaces... Broad regional representation in the US, e.g. Colorado, Chicago and other cities, and are expanding access to this training.

- Stella – African diaspora (of African origin who continue to engage and contribute to their home communities while abroad) economically focused (enterprise and employment in Africa) – has a wider impact. Providing opportunities (such as to make a migration a choice not a necessity).
- Diaspora Finance programme to promote economic inclusion: provides business level support to diaspora start-up businesses (as they often lack an understanding of the market, how to register a company (etc)... The program gives grants to entrepreneur SME to promote job development and sustainability... outputs are obvious, but impact is very difficult to demonstrate in 3-5 years.

3. How can we link with other movements to amplify our voice and impact – especially ones that are not in the room but that should be engaged going forward?

- Build cross-cutting partnerships with different stakeholders.
- Collaboration among civil society across thematic and regional lines
- Prioritise demonstrating impact (diaspora and small organizations)

4. What collective civil society action should be taken in 2019, during the first year of Global Compact implementation, and at which level?

- A main or overarching theme that came out of our group was the greater participation of migrants by providing them the space to be an active voice in the shaping of policies. The other theme was raising awareness and understanding of the GCM among CSOs, migrant communities, for example through the development of a guide or a toolkit on the GCM.
- Create platforms or spaces for discussions on concrete or applicable policies in relation to the GCM, so that CSOs and migrant communities can do advocacy related to migration at local and national levels.
- CSO (including social entrepreneurs) and governments should engage further in discussion to translate GCM policy into a language that is understandable, inclusive, and distils the GCM further.
- CSOs must monitor the implementation of the GCM by governments, making sure they do it using a human rights approach with active participation by migrants and their families so they have a say in the shaping of these policies.
- Governments should empower civil society (by providing funding etc.) to engage with local communities (migrants and diaspora) to make the GCM understandable and relatable. This engagement will also facilitate evidence based policy which is inclusive. Multi-year, national plans should be developed with participation by migrant workers.
- Need to develop strategies to work with the IOM, in cooperation with other organizations (multistakeholder), including support for the creation of migrant networks to promote representation at the IOM Working groups on Migration.
- Foster greater understanding of the GCM among civil society and the broader public. Reach out to other stakeholders and identify possible allies, including Human Rights Institutions and media. And lastly ...media needs to give an active voice to migrants.

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