

Snapshot of the GFMD Civil Society Days 2017

Civil society delegates and other participants

- **333** participants in the Civil Society Days (CSD)
 - o More than **60** were speakers and moderators in the CSD programme
- Of the **254** civil society delegates:
 - o **134** female, **120** male
 - o **121** migrants, refugees or members of the diaspora and **114** representing organizations led by migrants, refugees or members of the diaspora
 - o **73** representing human rights organizations, **70** migrant/diaspora NGOs, **59** development groups, **25** from academia or think tanks, **19** from trade unions/workers' organizations and **1** from private sector
 - o **108** from Europe, **49** from Asia-Pacific region, **30** from Africa, **31** from North America, **23** from Latin America; **13** from the Middle East; all from **65** different countries
- An additional **50** civil society participants in **3** outreach meetings held in Kathmandu, Budapest and Dakar simultaneously and connected by on-line streaming to the first Civil Society Day,
- **69** observers, among which **20** government representatives and **30** from regional and international organizations, and **19** from foundations
- **10** media representatives

Programme Highlights and Special Features (see <http://www.madenetwork.org/documents>)

- **Breaking Down Walls: Prelude at the Brandenburg Gate:** pre-CSD rally attended by close to **100** members of civil society, featuring migrant testimonies, short poems, songs and objectives of CSD
- **CSD Opening Plenary:** Updates, testimonies and strategizing on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, by migrants and families of disappeared migrants, members of the diaspora, CSD Chair and Co-chair Ms. Wies Maas and Ms. Berenice Valdez Rivera; the UN Special Representative on International Migration, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, the Deputy Director of IOM and the Director of the Open Society International Migration Initiative.
- **Concrete recommendations from over 4 hours of sessions** on safe, orderly and regular mechanisms for
 - o [Children on the Move and other Migrants in Vulnerable situations](#)
 - o [Creating welcoming societies for Migrants in the face of growing Xenophobia](#)
 - o [Return and reintegration](#)
 - o [Safe, orderly and regular mechanisms of migration in the context of work, including Ethical Recruitment of Migrant Workers, Labour migration and Regularization](#)
 - o [where work is not the principal driver –focus on resettlement, private sponsorships and family reunification](#)
 - o [Climate and environmental change and migration](#)
- **Concrete recommendations from 2 special “Green rooms” on civil society baselines, redlines and common messages** towards the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
- For the first time, **7** rapporteurs of these thematic sessions presenting [a report back and recommendations in the related Common Space Focus Sessions](#)
- Direct interaction with states during **10** small, 90 minute issue- and region-specific ‘**Tea Tables**’
- **8 CSD side events** and film screenings, as well as **8 pre-CSD tables** for preparatory discussions
- **CSD Closing Plenary:** Commitments on baselines, redlines and common messages, regional priorities, capital strategies, plus report backs from the *Grand Rapporteur*; the *Rapporteur on Children*; the *Rapporteur on Women* and the *Outreach Rapporteur*