

Snapshot of the GFMD Civil Society Days 2016

Civil society delegates and other participants

- 342 participants in total, 200 civil society delegates:
 - o More than **60** of them speakers and moderators in the CSD programme
 - o **166** female, **176** male
- Of the 200 civil society delegates:
 - o **75** migrants and **85** representing organizations led by migrants or diaspora
 - 75% migrant/diaspora NGOs, human rights organizations, or development groups, with 25% from academia, labour organizations and private sector
 - 78 from the Asia-Pacific region, 40 from Europe; 35 from Africa; 35 from the Americas, and
 12 from the Middle East;
- **41** additional civil society participants from the People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights (PGA) meeting in Dhaka over preceding days
- **54** observers from regional and international organizations and other guests
- **7** media representatives
- 40 government representatives of 12 countries and the European Union

Programme highlights and special features

- Opening Plenary: From momentum to real governance: next steps after the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and the role of the GFMD, featuring personal testimonies, poetry, and ways forward from migrants, civil society the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Organization for Migration
- Concluding debate: Commitments: what between now and the GFMD in Germany, June 2017?
- Parallel working sessions and Action Papers on:
 - o Promoting rights in recruitment processes throughout the labour supply chain
 - o Protecting and empowering migrant workers in all global supply chains
 - o Protecting migrants in all crises, in transit and at borders
 - o Development solutions for forced displacement, including by conflict, disaster and climate
 - o Creating welcoming societies and ensuring the social inclusion of diaspora and migrants
 - o Migrant and diaspora action for job creation, social entrepreneurship and public policy
 - Multilateral cooperation and governance of migration and development: institutions and legal frameworks
 - Implementing and monitoring migration-related aspects of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the role of the GFMD
- Four special sessions on strategizing after the New York Declaration:
 - Making migration governance work key considerations for a Global Compact for safe, regular and orderly migration
 - Guiding principles and voluntary guidelines on the treatment of migrants in vulnerable situations
 building on existing guidelines and recommendations on vulnerability
 - Creating welcoming societies how we can connect civil society campaigns in order to change policies as well as perceptions.
 - o Points of no Return a "first" conversation on return and readmission; what is happening, and where are the lines?
- **Rapporteurs** for **women** and **children** report back from the different sessions on issues relevant to women and to children in the context of migration, with recommendations
- Direct interaction with governments during small, 90-minute issue-specific "Lunch and Tea Tables",
 bilateral meetings of civil society delegates with their government delegations, and Common Space.