



Global Migration Group (GMG) Symposium
“Migration and Youth: Harnessing Opportunities for Development”
 17 – 18 May 2011, New York



Programme of Work
 (as of 6 May 2011)

Day 1: Tuesday, 17 May 2011

9:00 – 10:00	<p>Opening Session: Migration and Youth: Harnessing Opportunities for Development</p> <p>Welcome and opening remarks: Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF, GMG Chair. <u>High-level panel</u>: GMG Principals (tbc); Swiss Chair of the 2011 GFMD; Civil Society representative.</p>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 10:45	Introduction to the Symposium
10:45 – 12:30	<p>Session 1: Globalization, Cooperation and Youth: Newly Emerging Trends</p> <p>Session objective: Assess current and future global migration trends, their youth dimension and the role of international cooperation.</p> <p>This session will assess the composition of current and future global migration flows with an emphasis on youth, highlighting concrete challenges for international cooperation to enhance the benefits and mitigate the risks of migration in order to increase the evidence-base for policy-making.</p>
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:45	<p>Parallel Roundtables on International Cooperation</p> <p>Roundtable 1.1: Enhancing Development through International Cooperation on Migration</p> <p>Roundtable objective: Appraise how international cooperation can enhance human development in countries of origin and the implications for the root causes of migration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>In what ways can international cooperation contribute to ensuring migration out of choice, rather than out of necessity?</i> - <i>In what concrete ways can international cooperation on capacity building enhance the evidence-base for policy-making?</i> - <i>Through what mechanisms can multi-level cooperation on migration be fostered and strengthened, taking into account the distinctiveness between migratory systems including South-South and South-North?</i> <p>Roundtable 1.2: Cooperation – the Key to an Effective Policy Response to Global Environmental Change, Migration and Youth</p> <p>Roundtable objective: Understand the challenges for international cooperation with regard to youth migration in the context of environmental change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What is the impact of environmental change on the key drivers of migration affecting youth?</i> - <i>How can international cooperation ensure food security and opportunities in countries affected by environmental change?</i> - <i>How to design a medium and long-term research agenda to ensure decent entry, living and working standards and integration for youth affected by environmental change, from a human rights and gender perspective?</i>
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 – 17:00	<p>Reporting Session</p> <p>The rapporteurs from the roundtable discussions will provide a summary of key outcomes and recommendations.</p>
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Session 2: Youth Migration from a Youth Perspective</p> <p>In an interactive panel discussion, youth delegates will share their experiences, good practices and recommendations on youth, migration and development.</p>

Day 2: Wednesday, 18 May 2011

9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 3: Enhancing the Contributions of Young Migrants to Development Session Objective: Discuss strategies to enhance the contributions of young migrants to development.</p> <p>The second plenary session will focus on emphasizing some of the strategies to enhance the contribution of migrants to development in countries of origin, transit and destination. This session in particular will highlight (1) the role that the fulfilment of human rights of youth plays in countries' developmental processes as well as (2) how labour mobility and other migration of young people can be used to help achieve the developmental targets set by the MDGs.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:45	<p>Session 4: Enhancing the Well-being and Human Rights of Migrants in Support of Development Session Objectives: (a) Appraise how strategies to protect the human rights and well-being of young migrants can enhance social and economic integration and the achievement of development goals, (b) examine how labour migration can benefit young migrants in the area of skills gains and employability, (c) discuss how to protect young migrant workers and ensure that the migration of children and youth is successful and does not lead to exploitation.</p>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 5: Enhancing Cooperation on the Protection of Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Youth Session Objectives: (a) Appraise the situation of unaccompanied migrant children and youth prior to departure, in transit and in destination, and the complex and intertwining elements of challenges encountered by them, (b) examine existing international treaties, obligations, standards and norms and their applications, (c) identify various policy and programming responses and the gaps in meeting the above standards.</p>
15:00 – 16:30	<p>Session 6: Leveraging the Beneficial Impact of Migration on Youth in Countries of Origin Session Objective: Evaluate in what ways youth in countries of origin are affected by migration and how to maximize the positive and minimize the negative impacts.</p> <p>This session addresses the question how the beneficial impacts of migration can be enhanced and the potential negative effects minimized with regard to the young population in the countries of origin. It will be assessed (1) how to cope with the social and economic challenges for children of migrants remaining in countries of origin (youth left behind), as well as (2) how to leverage the beneficial effects of remittances and other migration-related contributions on education, health and employment for youth in the country of origin.</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:30	<p>Closing Session: International Cooperation and the Youth Dimension of the Migration-Development Nexus</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF, GMG Chair.</p> <p><u>High-level panel</u>: Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the UN General Assembly; Mr. Peter Sutherland, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Migration; Amb. Eduard Gnesa, Swiss Chair of the 2011 GFMD; Amb. Julian Ventura Valero, Mexican Chair of the 2010 GFMD; Mr. Shah Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UN/DESA; Amb. William Lacy Swing, Director General, IOM; Ms. Rebeca Grynspar (tbc), Associate Administrator, UNDP; Mr. Ivan Simonovic, Assistant Secretary-General, OHCHR.</p>