Global Migration Group

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High-level Panel on Migration Governance
Global Migration Group

Evolution:

• Original initiative by UNHCR and IOM
• Founding of Geneva Migration Group in 2003 (ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNCTAD, UNHCR and UNODC)
• Expanded to Global Migration Group in 2006
• Reached 16 members in 2010
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Terms of reference:

• Promote the wider application of all relevant international and regional instruments and norms relating to migration

• Promote coherent, comprehensive and coordinated approaches to migration
IOM Chairmanship: High-level Dialogue and beyond

GMG and the 2013 HLD:

- Contribution to “Recommendations and Outcomes on Migration” for the UN System Chief Executives Board (CEB) and accompanying publication
- HLD: Contributions, joint positions and advocacy
- Substantive convergence between HLD Declaration, SG 8 Point Agenda, CSO 8 Point 5 Year Plan and GMG recommendations
- Call for State – GMG interaction in HLD Declaration
- Ongoing work to operationalize SG 8 Point Agenda
GMG interaction with other processes and actors:

- Coordination between SRSG, GFMD Chair and GMG initiated
- Outreach to civil society
- Substantive GMG input to GFMD thematic meetings in 2013
- Priority focus on post-2015 Development Agenda: joint position, advocacy, participation in events, collaboration with SRSG and GFMD Chair
Conclusions

• IOM wants to see:
  • An action-oriented GMG; strengthened structure; greater interaction with States and other partners/processes

• GMG’s added value and progress:
  • Inter-disciplinary meeting place, multiple perspectives
  • Space for information sharing, coordination and consensus-building
  • Efforts towards greater coherence