

“The HLD”

The 2013 United Nations General Assembly
High-Level Dialogue on International Migration
and Development

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The HLD in Brief: An Opportunity

Shape global dialogue & action on migration

- More beneficial for migrants
- Better development impact for origin societies
- Better development impact for host societies



HLD: Three Key Points

1. Evolution of **global migration dialogue**

2. HLD 2013: What is it & what will it do?

3. IOM Engagement

Part I: Evolution of Global Migration Dialogue

Pre- 1980s:

- Not global
- National or bilateral emphasis
- National priorities



1980s – 2000s:

- Growing globalization and interdependence
- Recognized regional & global migration trends
- Need for regional and global dialogue & cooperation

Key Milestones

1990

Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers
& Members of their Families

1994

Cairo ICPD Program of Action: Ch. X
UN 2nd Cte biennial debate on migration & dev't
& annual 3rd Cte on Human Rights of Migrants

1996 – present

Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (**RCPs**):
state-led, non-binding consultative fora dedicated
specifically to migration

Key Milestones

2001 - Present

International Dialogue on Migration (IDM)

IOM Council's annual inter-sessional workshops, themes chosen by Member States

2001-2005

Berne Initiative

Swiss-led, non-binding *Int'l Agenda for Migration Management*

2003-2006

Geneva Migration Group - founded by IOM & UNHCR for inter-agency consultation

Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM) “*Migration in an Inter-Connected World: New Directions for Action*” 19 independent Commissioners and a Core Group of States

Key Milestones: Results

- Informal awareness raising and discussions built confidence
- Realization:
 - Migration relevant for all countries
 - Migration relevant for socio and economic development, environment, etc.
- Set Foundation: 1st GA High-Level Dialogue on International Migration & Development in 2006

UNSG actions before HLD 2006

Expanded Geneva Migration Group to
Global Migration Group (GMG)

Appointed SRSG on Migration and Development
Sir Peter Sutherland



HLD 2006 Outcome: Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

2007 Belgium
2008 Philippines
2009 Greece
2010 Mexico
2011 Switzerland
2012 Mauritius

State-Led, non-binding & informal:
share best practices & lessons learned

Civil Society Days
Common Space

Next: 2014 Sweden
2015 Turkey

IOM Support to the GFMD

1. Hosts GFMD Support Unit
2. Senior Migration Expert Supports each Chair
3. Background papers & experts on request
4. Follow-up: Recommendations Become Action:
 - Migration Profiles Repository - on GFMD website
 - Handbooks:
 - Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning*
GMG-endorsed, piloted in field by UNDP/IOM
 - Developing a Road Map for Engaging Diasporas in Development*
Published by IOM & MPI

Part 2: HLD 2013

Proposed theme: Enhancing benefits of international migration and links to development.

Proposed roundtables:

1. International migration and development in view of the post-2015 development agenda
2. Protection of migrants' human rights, address human smuggling and trafficking
3. Institutional coherence and/or multi-stakeholder cooperation
4. Labour mobility

Provisional Modalities: 2013 HLD

Date: 3-4 October— after 68th Session General Debate

Backdrop:

- UN's Role in Migration?

For Resolution:

- HLD on a periodic basis? If so, at what interval?
- Result: Negotiated outcome? Chairperson's summary?

Geneva Delegations:

- Coordination with New York for consistency!

Part 3: IOM Engagement

IOM Constitution, Article I(I)(e):

“to provide a forum to States as well as international and other organizations for the exchange of views and experiences, and the promotion of co-operation and co-ordination of efforts on international migration issues...”

IOM Engagement – GA Requests to IOM

GA Resolution A/RES/65/170 (2010) invites IOM to:

- Organize discussions to examine regional aspects of international migration and development
- Provide inputs to UNSG report
- Provide inputs to HLD preparatory process
- Contribute through RCPs
- Continue promoting & protecting migrant rights

IOM Engagement – Support for HLD

IOM's 3 Pillars of Support for HLD:

1. Promoting the integration of migration within development processes at national/regional/global levels.
2. Protecting & promoting the human rights of all migrants – including undocumented, stranded or otherwise vulnerable migrants.
3. Supporting inter-state, multi-stakeholder consultation and cooperation on migration, especially by providing knowledge and expertise as the lead global agency on migration.

IOM Engagement – UN System Recommendations

The Secretary General's Chief Executives Board tasked IOM and UNFPA, with GMG, to produce on behalf of the UN System, draft recommendations and outcomes:

- 26 contributions received from: agencies, funds and programmes; Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants; and NGO Committee on Migration
- Contributions summarize UN system's thoughts and activities on migration and development

IOM Engagement - Recommendations

Recommendations in key areas (under GMG review):

- Mainstreaming migration into:
 - international development-related processes
 - national sectoral policies and plans
- Ensuring migrant protection
- Strengthening data, research and knowledge base
- Improving multi-stakeholder coordination and capacity

IOM Engagement – Partnerships (GMG)

IOM: GMG Chair in 2013, 2nd half

Facilitate GMG support for HLD preparations and proceedings, possibly including:

- Coordinating with UN Regional Commissions in 1st half of 2013
- Joint publication of GMG agencies work on migration and development
- GMG principals' side event at the HLD
- GMG statement at the HLD opening plenary

IOM Engagement – IOM Alignment

- **2013 IOM International Dialogue on Migration and World Migration Report** - “Migrants and development,” with focus on migrants’ well-being
- **“Friends of the Chair” initiative** – keep membership informed of HLD preparations; supply HLD with IOM Council inputs
- **HLD NY Prep: 5 roundtables** - IOM, UNDESA and UNFPA, with interested governments, prepare New York UN delegates/observers

IOM Engagement – IOM Alignment

- Support interested RCPs and regional economic communities to advance their discussion on migration and development.
- Peru and IOM co-host, May 2013:

Global Meeting of RCP Chairs and Secretariats

- Diaspora Ministers Forum – Spring 2013
- IOM Country Offices support States' organization of national preparatory consultations
- IOM/CSO consultation 2012: reflection on possible HLD outcomes

Conclusion: IOM's Goal

- Ensure constructive debate
- Ensure continued progress in inter-state and multi-stakeholder cooperation
- Foster better outcomes for migrants and societies