



Paris, 28 March 2023

To:

H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva
President of the United Nations
Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Excellency,

The 2023 Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), France, is pleased to share with you a contribution for the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), to be held under the auspices of ECOSOC in New York from 10 to 19 July 2023.

In response to the invitation received on December 19, 2022 to provide substantive inputs to the July 2023 HLPF, the GFMD ad-hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda has prepared a report covering the topic of this year's High-Level Forum: "*Accelerating Recovery from Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and Full Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all Levels.*"

This contribution, prepared with the broader GFMD community – its Member States, its Mechanisms (civil society, mayors and business), its Youth Representatives and the GFMD Secretariat– in its elaboration process, aims to provide a comprehensive review of the five Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identified to be discussed this year : 6 (*clean water and sanitation*), 7 (*affordable and clean energy*), 9 (*industry, innovation and infrastructure*), 11 (*sustainable cities and communities*), and 17 (*partnerships for the Goals*).

This GFMD report addresses the interlinkages between the SDGs and migration issues in order to help identifying ways to maximize the development benefits of migration and migration flows. In its appendix, on the basis of the GFMD *Platform for Partnerships* (PfP) data, the report also aims to provide examples of good practices as well as concrete and efficient projects that contribute to sustainable development.

Finally, this report highlights considerations to be taken into account in the recovery process from COVID-19, building on the findings of the former GFMD ad hoc Working Group on the Impacts of COVID-19 on Migrants, Migration and Development and in accordance with the GFMD's thematic priorities for 2023, which are as outlined below:

1. The impact of climate change on human mobility: preventive action, humanitarian action and development
2. Rights and migration: working to ensure the health, safety and rights of migrants
3. Diasporas: actors of economic, social and cultural developments of regions
4. Labour migration: promoting the economic inclusion of migrants
5. Improving the perception of migration in public opinion through narratives, culture, emotion and rational discourse
6. Multi-level governance: bringing together the various stakeholders for improved migration governance

France, as the Global Forum on Migration and Development Chair and on behalf of GFMD community, expresses its sincere appreciation to ECOSOC for its invitation to contribute to the HLPF 2023 as called for by the General Assembly in resolution 70/1, and expresses its willingness to organize a side-event at the September 2023 SDG Summit.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.



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