



Youth Forum

at the GFMD 2019 Summit
17 and 18 November in Quito, Ecuador





Migration is a defining feature of the 21st century.

Migrants are 3% of the world population and produce 9% of world GDP. If migration is poorly managed, migrants can be put at risk, communities can come under strain, and we fall behind on achieving the SDGs.

This is why the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) - the first global agreement to tackle migration flows through international cooperation - is essential. As a part of the implementation, follow up and review process for the GCM, key actions will be taken at this year's Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Quito, Ecuador.

32% of migrants are youth. As such, we need to be present. Our voices must be heard.

50 youth representatives from formal and informal communities of youth will come together to discuss these key topics at the **2019 Youth Forum**, on the 17th and 18th of November. We received official recognition from the Chair of the GFMD, and we will host the Forum at the headquarters of the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Najas Palace.

The UNMGCY Youth Forum is supported by IOM and UNICEF. We have an established direct link to the Civil Society Day (CSD) mechanism, and will have 7 youth rapporteurs, through which youth voices will be inputting directly into the GFMD Civil Society discussion and the Summit.

We will be discussing key challenges and opportunities regarding migration and development. We will collect data on relevant youth-led action and solutions around the world. We want to engage the GFMD decision-making process through meaningful participation from youth participants.

Our challenge to the world at the 2018 Youth Forum:

Engage us. Invest in us. And count us in.

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Engage us. Give us a space at the decision-making table. Are you organizing a side event? Are you planning a roundtable? Make sure youth are represented. We are happy to help with identifying youth candidates to join.

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Invest in us. Fund youth to the Youth Forum and GFMD. Can you fund a participant from your country, region or thematic area? From a low-income background/country? From your own organization, or as part of your government delegation?

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Count us in. Are you preparing a dataset, report, speech, or intervention for the GFMD? Include youth priorities and perspectives. We will have a report after the Youth Forum, collecting inputs from youth on all key topics and roundtables of the GFMD. Include us in your key messages.

Will you support our fight to create the future we want?

Please contact Ms. Marta Verani, the Youth Forum Chair, at marta.verani@unmgcy.org if you have any questions.

