



United Nations Children's Fund's (UNICEF) Chairmanship Summary Report January – June 2011

Introduction

UNICEF chaired the GMG from January to June 2011 under the leadership of UNICEF Executive Director, Mr. Anthony Lake. During this time, the GMG made progress on various thematic issues, such as human rights, youth issues and migration. This report summarizes joint GMG activities and initiatives taken during the period January to June 2011 following the joint work plan agreed by the GMG at the beginning of the year. It bears mention that all other activities foreseen under the joint GMG work plan for the first half of 2011 have been completed as planned, except the joint GMG thematic report on youth and migration, which is currently in the initial stage of the drafting process.¹ This report shall flag key achievements, some constraints and areas for further potential work during 2011 under the UNESCO Chair, Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General UNESCO.

In accordance with the GMG Annual Work Plan for 2011, during UNICEF's chairmanship the general thematic focus of GMG activities was on bringing greater attention to a rights based approach to adolescent² and youth³ issues within the discussion on international migration. These issues have been considered from an equity, human development and gender perspective.

UNICEF Executive Director and GMG Chair, Mr. Anthony Lake, emphasized the continuity of thematic issues, including the excellent work accomplished during the chairmanship of Ms. Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. GMG activities gave special attention to the human rights and gender dimensions of international migration, particularly as they relate to irregular migrants, including youth and adolescents. In addition, the thematic focus of the next Chair, Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, on climate change and migration has been taken into consideration wherever possible, especially during the GMG Symposium on 17–18 May 2011 and in the joint GMG thematic report on youth and migration.

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¹ Please see *Annex II* for a comparative chart of items planned according to the work plan and actual activities.

² UN agencies, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) (<http://www.who.int/child-adolescent-health>), the United Nations' Children Fund (UNICEF) (<http://www.unicef.org/adolescence>), and the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA) (<http://www.unfpa.org/public/adolescents>) define adolescents as boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19.

³ Youth is defined by the United Nations as the age between 15 and 24 (United Nations, General Assembly Resolution 50/81 of 13 March 1996, The World Programme of Action for Youth in the Year 2000 and Beyond, A/RES/50/81).

Highlights and Some Key Points

- **All activities** foreseen **under the joint UNICEF-UNESCO GMG work plan** for the first six months of 2011 have been **completed** as planned, except for the joint GMG thematic report on youth and migration, which is currently in the initial stages of drafting. In addition to the agreed Work Plan, several further initiatives were carried out during this period.⁴
- During UNICEF's GMG Chairmanship, the GMG was able to give greater attention to the issue of **'youth and migration' in the international agenda**, as per UN resolution on migration and development and on protection of migrants from December 2010.⁵ The GMG's activities' impact included repercussions in the GA Informal Thematic Debate on international migration and development (GA Informal Debate) on 19 May 2011 and the GA high-level meeting on 'Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding' on 25–26 July 2011.
- At the **GA Informal Debate** on 19 May 2011, on behalf of the 16 GMG Principals, UNICEF Executive Director Mr. Anthony Lake delivered a joint GMG statement, endorsed by all Member Agencies, on "Improving international cooperation on migration and development – How can the international community best support cooperation?"⁶ In addition to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development (SRSRG) and GMG Chair, Mr. Anthony Lake, Mr. William Lacy Swing (IOM Director General) and Ms. Thetis Mangahas (Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific) addressed both the GA Informal Debate and GMG Symposium on 17–18 May 2011.
- During the GA Informal Debate, **Member States mentioned** expressly **the GMG** and our "major strides in supporting Member States in a collaborative and coordinated manner, especially by assisting in the implementation of the suggestions emanating from the Global Forum. The recent crisis in Northern Africa has highlighted the importance of collaboration and coordination among relevant members of the Global Migration Group."⁷
- The **President of the General Assembly (PGA)**, H.E. Amb. Joseph Deiss, **during the closing session of the GMG Symposium on 18 May 2011, remarked** that "youth definitely deserve a *specific focus* in the context of migration" and mentioned that the "Symposium has demonstrated that one of the strengths of the Global Migration Group is to bring together the expertise of the agencies that participate in the group to present and discuss the evidence on migration and youth from a development perspective so as to inform Member States. The conclusions of these two days of discussions will usefully feed into our Thematic Debate tomorrow as well as into the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Youth that will take place in New York on 25 and 26 July."
- The UNICEF GMG Chair and Agencies worked closely with the **office of the PGA** during the preparation of the GA Informal Thematic Debate and the GMG Symposium. This included collaborative efforts with the PGA to ensure that the debate in the GA and the GMG Symposium on Migration and Youth were complimentary and mutually reinforcing. Preparatory working sessions with the PGA and UN-DESA were useful in supporting civil society representation from different regions and stakeholders at both, the GA Informal Debate and the GMG Symposium.
- A **two-page document "Migration, Development and International Cooperation: Priorities for Action"** was drafted and adopted by the GMG as input for the GA Informal Debate. This document contains action-oriented priorities and key messages.⁸

⁴ Please see *Annex II* for a comparative chart of items planned according to the work plan and actual activities.

⁵ Both GA resolutions recognize "the contributions of young migrants to countries of origin and destination, and in that regard encouraging States to consider the specific circumstances and needs of young migrants." (A/RES/65/212 and A/RES/65/170).

⁶ See *Annex VIII.6* and <http://globalmigrationgroup.org/en/home/55-statement-of-the-gmg-at-the-general-assembly-informal-thematic-debate-on-international-migration> and <http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/65/initiatives/Migration/AnthonyLake.pdf>.

⁷ See the President's Summary of the GA Informal Debate.

⁸ See *Annex VIII.8* and <http://globalmigrationgroup.org/en/home/56-migration-development-and-international-cooperation-priorities-for-action>.

- The **GMG Symposium on “Migration and Youth: Harnessing Opportunities for Development”** was held on 17–18 May 2011 in New York. The Symposium was attended by more than 200 high-level and expert participants, including civil society representatives. High-level participants included the President of the UN 64th General Assembly, the SRS, the Swiss Chair-in-Office of the 2011 GFMD, three GMG Principals, four GMG deputy principals and other GMG senior management representatives. It was also well attended by high-level Member State delegates. In addition to the incumbent Swiss GFMD Chair, the last two GFMD Chairs, Philippines and Mexico, were represented by their Ambassadors and delivered a presentation.
- The GMG Symposium led to several concrete outputs, namely six briefing papers, a Symposium report, including a set of concrete recommendations and policy messages, as well as panelists’ presentations. Key messages and policy recommendations from the GMG Symposium include:
 - The **social and economic inclusion** of young migrants in host societies in addition to improving their **access to basic social services** is of the outmost importance to break the link between migration, discrimination and xenophobia especially in countries of transit and destination.
 - The **protection of human rights** should be the cornerstone for the design and implementation of migration-related policies as well as the principal guide of an evolving international cooperation agenda. The international community should **promote a safer migration-related policy framework**, bearing in mind that all children and young migrants are entitled to their fundamental rights; that each and every migrant is a special case – especially children – and that they must be given a chance to voice their rights.
 - **Remittances have a positive impact** in the formation of human capital and on the eradication of poverty. To maximize the impact of remittances on families and countries of origin, remittances should be linked to **recipients’ broader inclusion into the financial system** including loans and saving products.
 - International cooperation is vital in **making migration a choice** rather than a necessity. To transform migration into a choice, however, it is necessary to address push factors such as poverty, conflict, demographic factors and environmental hazards, as well as pull factors such as demand for labor and higher income potential.
 - **Institutional capacities need to be strengthened** at all levels to foster inclusive dialogue, policies and practices. The dialogue should **involve stakeholders at all levels**, including migrants’ associations, young migrants, private sector and civil society.
 - Need for **more data and research** to better understand the challenges and opportunities that migration presents to young people especially those related to climate change and urbanization.
- The Swiss Chair of the **Global Forum on Migration and Development** (GFMD) consulted extensively with the GMG in early 2011. Three thematic GFMD events with select group of GMG Agencies, including the GMG Chair, were completed before July 2011. By the end of the year, approximately seven other events are planned to be carried out in partnership with Member States and select GMG Member Agencies. This new practice by the GFMD stakeholders has stimulated greater policy interaction at country and regional level. This had a positive effect of involving key stakeholders in specific thematic areas which are relevant to the Member States dialogue. The Swiss GFMD Chair has requested both GMG Chairs for 2011 to prepare a joint intervention on behalf of the GMG for the GFMD Concluding Debate in 2011, including addressing GMG Agency participation.
- The GMG Working Group on **mainstreaming migration in national development planning** has made significant progress in the pilot project in the first six months of 2011. **Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mali and Moldova** have been chosen as **pilot countries**. The Co-Chairs of the GMG Working Group – UNDP and IOM – have initiated work plans with national partners in these countries. A **global survey** was conducted to assess the **capacities, needs and demands of UN country teams**. Work is under way to develop a training module on gender-sensitive guidelines including a checklist on mainstreaming gender concerns into international migration and development strategies.

The Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration, led by IOM and UNDP is collaborating with the GFMD in organizing the thematic workshop on Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning, to be held in Chisinau, Moldova, on 12-13 October 2011 with relevant stakeholders and member states.

- In the first six months the Chair supported the establishment of the **GMG Working Group on Data and Research**, co-chaired by UNDESA and IOM. Since February the Working Group has conducted an **inventory of monitoring and evaluation activities** as well as the impact assessments of international migration projects and programmes. Preliminary results were presented at the GFMD workshop “Managing Migration for Development: Policymaking, Assessment and Evaluation”, held in Marseille, France, 13–15 June 2011. Furthermore, a **joint GMG statement on Migration Profiles** has been prepared by the GMG; the GMG Chair-in-office, UNICEF Director for Policy and Practice, Mr. Richard Morgan delivered the statement on behalf of the GMG at the GFMD workshop “Migration Profiles: Developing evidence-based migration and development policies”, held in New York on 30 June 2011.⁹ The GMG and Member Agencies through this group and co-chairs are contributing with specific inputs to the GFMD’s Ad hoc Working Groups, especially to the Ad hoc Working Group on Policy Coherence, Data and Research. The GMG Working Group on Data and Research is keeping channels of communications with the GFMD Ad hoc Working Group on a continual basis. The GMG may also need to explore ways to systematically interact with the GFMD Ad Hoc Working Group on Protecting and Empowering Migrants.
- The GMG Working Level focal points did not initiate a separate GMG Working Group on **capacity development**. However, an assessment is under way and will be completed under the next Chair. The ILO Summer “Labour Migration Academy: Enhancing Protection, Promoting Development and Facilitating Governance” took place in Turin, on 4–15 July 2011. GMG collaborations, value added and gaps will need to be ascertained in the near future. Some progress on specific training tools has been made by both GMG Working Groups.
- The GMG has continued the thematic work initiated under the former Chairs, in particular work on providing further visibility to **irregular migration**, while human rights was given priority throughout the six-month tenure of the Chair. In all GMG communications for the GA Informal Thematic Debate human rights issues were highlighted. A special event in on 4 May 2011, the OHCHR-NY Office hosted a panel entitled *Addressing Vulnerability of Migrants to Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination*. This event marked the 10th Anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, various Member States attended this event and the Chair made an intervention focusing on human rights, youth and children issues.
- A **multi-year strategic plan** could be developed before end 2011 by the Troika and incoming Chair with support of the GMG. This could enhance future collaborative efforts of the GMG ahead of 2013.¹⁰ It could also increase the strategic relevance of the GMG and enhance delivery of results, create greater ownership and increase fundraising capacities in a difficult funding environment.
- The GMG will need to continue making for **inter-agency collaboration** at the regional and national level. There has been more systematic involvement of the Regional Commissions in the past six months. Further coordination with UN Committees was proposed by the Chair and the two co-chairs of the GMG Working Group on mainstreaming migration in order to enhance GMG visibility and concrete outcomes that are relevant to Member States and stakeholders.¹¹
- The SRSO had approached the UN Secretary-General and the GMG, proposing a closer **cooperation of the GFMD and the GMG**.¹²

⁹ See *Annex VIII.6* and http://www.unitar.org/ny/sites/unitar.org.ny/files/GMGStatement_Morgan.pdf.

¹⁰ For more details see *Annex V*, UNICEF Internal GMG Discussion Paper, August 2011.

¹¹ Such as the UN Policy Committee, UN Development Group (UNDG) MDG Task Force, the UNDG Human Rights Mechanism, Committee on Migrant Workers, the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee of the Rights of the Child.

¹² Internal SRSO proposal “*UN position on the 2013 High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development*”, see *Annex VI*.

- A **small standing GMG Secretariat** could be considered in relation with the SRSR proposal. This could help ensure continuity and institutional memory and allow the rotating Chairs to focus on substantive and strategic issues, create conditions for greater synergies, leadership, coherence and relevance.
- The GMG website has been **redesigned**, and updated to a more user-friendly format, as well as migrated to a new and more accessible server. A password protected **online workspace** has been created that facilitates storing key GMG documents for internal GMG use.
- The UNICEF Chair wishes to express its sincere **thanks to all GMG Member Agencies** for their outstanding and continuous support during the Chairmanship. The achievements of the GMG as described above were only possible thanks to the invaluable contributions by each Agency and the close and fruitful collaboration among all GMG Members.

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Activities and Achievements during UNICEF's Chair

In the remainder of this report, we highlight activities and achievements during UNICEF's Chair, following the general order of the annual GMG work plan (see *Annex I*). A comparative chart of activities planned under the annual GMG work plan for 2011 and the accomplished activities in the first half of 2011 is provided as *Annex II*.

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I. Institutional Arrangements

1. Establishment of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research

In addition to the existing GMG Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Planning, under the UNICEF Chairmanship a new *GMG Working Group on Data and Research* has been established in February 2011. The working group's Terms of Reference and the work plan for 2011 have been developed in April 2011 with inputs from several GMG agencies (see *Annex IV.3–4*).

The Working Group is co-chaired by UN/DESA and IOM and will coordinate the activities of GMG agencies working on data and research issues, as well as the GMG inputs to the GFMD Ad-hoc Working Group on Policy Coherence, Data and Research. According to the Working Group's terms of reference, its main areas of work include: 1) promoting more effective sharing of information about data and research activities of the GMG agencies; 2) advocating for the use of guidelines and innovative practices in research and data collection; and 3) enhancing the evidence-base on migration and development in the lead up to the UN High Level Dialogue in 2013, through joint research and data collection initiatives. For the **activities of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research** during the first half of 2011, see below **Section II.5**.

2. Creation of the GMG online workspace

The UNICEF GMG Chair, with the support of IOM, produced a more user-friendly GMG workspace that contains key GMG documents. This has involved a transfer and consolidation of all available information and documentation of past Chairs, as well as current work by GMG Member Agencies. It is hoped that this will be useful to the institutional memory of the GMG and the Secretariat for the rotating GMG Chairs. Documents were grouped in 5 categories (GMG membership, work processes, joint outputs and publications, GMG symposia and GFMD). The workspace is password protected and can be accessed through the GMG webpage.¹³

3. GMG Chair 2012 and 2013

The World Bank has confirmed its willingness to chair the GMG during 2012. UNODC is also willing to assume the responsibility as the GMG Chair in 2012. Modalities for chairing in 2012 are being consulted and the UNESCO Chair with the GMG Troika will follow up on this matter. For 2013, ILO, WHO, the UN Regional Commissions, and UN Women have been approached and will come back to UNESCO. IOM has expressed its availability including to co-chair the group in case the GMG decided to adopt a one-year Chairmanship with a co-Chair-system. In addition, the UN Regional Commissions are currently discussing their capacity to chair the GMG in the near future.

¹³ <http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org> .

II. Activities and Outputs

1. UNICEF Executive Director and GMG Chair Anthony Lake's Interventions at the UN General Assembly informal thematic debate on international migration and development (*Item IV.2 of the Work Plan*)

a. Joint GMG Statement

Upon invitation of the President of the UN General Assembly, the UNICEF Executive Director, Anthony Lake, as the Chair of the GMG, participated as a panelist in the GA Informal Debate. He delivered a joint GMG statement on "Improving international cooperation on migration and development".

The joint statement that had been vetted by all GMG Member Agencies elaborated what the GMG would like to see from Member States in terms of cooperation and emphasized how international organizations and the GMG can support international cooperation. In addition to showcasing benchmarks of international cooperation, the joint statement included three key areas for increasing international cooperation, namely (1) a proactive and rights-based approach to regular and safe migration; migrants, including the need to reduce the incidence of xenophobia, racism and discrimination against migrants and to protect, respect and ensure the human rights of all migrants and members of their families; (2) improving the rights of migrant workers; and (3) ensuring that the potential for migrant remittances is fully realized. The statement also drew on the main messages from the GMG Symposium and highlighted that children and young people are increasingly affected by international migration. In addition, the statement reflected the GMG's efforts to promote the wider application of all relevant international and regional instruments and norms relating to migration (see *Annex VIII.6*).

Printed copies of the GMG joint statement have been distributed to participants at the GA Informal Debate. The statement has also been made available online, both by the President of the General Assembly and on the GMG website.¹⁴

b. Priorities for Action

A two-page document, titled "Migration, Development and International Cooperation: Priorities for Action," was prepared by the GMG and circulated at the GA Informal Debate. For this document, key messages and action-oriented priorities were collected from GMG Member Agencies and distilled into a set of key messages, which were then presented at the unique opportunity for advocacy the Informal Debate offered (see *Annex VIII.8*).¹⁵ Priority areas included the need for:

- A rights-, age- and gender-based approach;
- Promoting integration and combat xenophobia;
- Addressing the vulnerability of migrants in an irregular situation;
- Making social security benefits portable;
- Ensuring equitable access to health services;
- Fostering participation;
- Increasing the positive effects of remittances;
- Greater data collection and capacity building;
- Promoting economic growth and sustainable development; and
- Taking into account regional specificities.

¹⁴ See <http://globalmigrationgroup.org/en/home/55-statement-of-the-gmg-at-the-general-assembly-informal-thematic-debate-on-international-migration> and <http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/65/initiatives/Migration/AnthonyLake.pdf>.

¹⁵ See <http://globalmigrationgroup.org/en/home/56-migration-development-and-international-cooperation-priorities-for-action>.

c. Events presided by the President of the UN General Assembly and the UN Secretary-General

The President of the UN General Assembly, Amb. *Joseph Deiss*, extended an invitation to the Chair of the GMG, UNICEF Executive Director, Mr. *Anthony Lake* to attend a breakfast and a luncheon on 19 May 2011. The UN Secretary-General *Ban Ki-moon* also presided this event with thirty high-level dignitaries and chiefs of delegations. Mr. *Peter Sutherland*, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development, Amb. *Eduard Gnesa*, Swiss Chair-in-office of the 2011 GFMD, was also present together with high-level panelists of the GA Informal Debate.¹⁶ Mr. *Sha Zukang*, Under-Secretary-General, UN-DESA, Mr. *William Lacy Swing*, IOM Director General, Ms. *Thetis Mangahas*, Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific was also invited at the luncheon with Mr. Lake. This gave the GMG Chair and Principals the opportunity to address important migration issues on an informal basis with high-level interlocutors in view of current challenges and the 2013 high-level dialogue.

d. High-level Meeting between GMG Chair, SRSG on international migration and development and IOM Director General

On 18 May 2011, one day before the GA Informal Debate, GMG Chair, UNICEF Executive Director Mr. *Anthony Lake*, Mr. *Peter Sutherland*, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development, and Amb. *William Lacy Swing*, Director General, IOM, met at the UNICEF premises in New York in order to discuss important issues on international cooperation, the role of the GMG and its possible closer collaboration with the Global Forum.

e. Preparation with GMG for GA Informal Debate

As Chair of the GMG, UNICEF has worked effectively at the behest of the Office of the President of the General Assembly (PGA) since early January 2011. The Chair worked closely with UNDESA on various aspects leading up to the debate. This involved high-level meetings with the cabinet of the PGA, as well as a number of working sessions. Several GMG Member Agencies also worked with the PGA and the Chair. The GMG was asked to provide concerted inputs and comments to the concept note for the Informal Debate and provide assistance on number of activities. The GMG advocated for more focus on human development, human rights, gender and labour issues that require special consideration in the international migration dialogue and highlighted practical experiences since 2006.

f. Civil society participation at the GMG Symposium and the GA Informal Debate

The UNICEF GMG Chair coordinated efforts with the Office of the PGA and UN-DESA to make sure that the GA Informal Debate would include effective and active participation of civil society as much as possible. The UNICEF Chair together with select GMG Agencies impressed upon the PGA the need to open a special space given the recent Puerto Vallarta 2010 GFMD event and the contributions of civil society.

The GMG aimed at capitalizing on the synergies between the GA Informal Debate and the GMG Symposium. The latter was possible given the interest of many civil society participants coming from abroad to attend the GA Informal Debate. The GMG Chair – together with the PGA, UNDESA and select GMG Member Agencies – made special efforts to promote broad and diverse representation from civil society at both events, and facilitate the attendance of representatives from developing countries, by suggesting and identifying relevant actors from the NGO movement that would enrich and substantially contribute to the debate. This included migrant and diaspora organizations, grassroots movements, human rights organizations working on migrant issues, development organizations, women groups, indigenous organizations, and trade unions. It was hoped that doing so would help both to foster new partnerships, contribute to the sharing of valuable policy insights and best practices among stakeholders, practitioners, and experts, including in the field of international migrant rights.

¹⁶ For a list of panelists, see <http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/65/initiatives/migration.shtml>.

2. GMG Symposium Migration and Youth: Harnessing Opportunities for Development (*Item IV.1 of the Work Plan*)

Under the leadership of the GMG Chair and UNICEF Executive Director, Mr. Anthony Lake, the GMG jointly organized the GMG Symposium “Migration and Youth: Harnessing Opportunities for Development” on 17–18 May 2011 in New York. This thematic focus was consulted with the PGA, the GMG, and GFMD Mexico, Switzerland, and other Member States. It responded to two resolutions in the General Assembly on migration and development and on protection of migrants from December 2010.¹⁷ Moreover, the Chair benefitted extensively from preparatory sessions, suggestions and substantive inputs by GMG Member Agencies in the four months leading up to the Symposium.

During the two days of the GMG Symposium, more than 200 participants—representing international organizations, Member State delegations, civil society, academia, and youth—shared insights from a wide range of perspectives. The GMG Symposium was able to advocate successfully with civil society and Member State delegates that more in-depth attention and concrete measures need to be considered for youth. The Chair and the GMG made an effort to include voices of youth. The delegation of young people made a special contribution in to the debate and referred to critical issues that were also discussed at the Member State dialogued on 19 May 2011. The event showcased policy and evidence-based research on migration’s impact on the development prospects of youth in the next five years, as well as on the contributions made by young migrants to development. The GMG Symposium was able to engage participants on an in-depth discussion based on field realities, challenges and immediate priorities for action in migration and development.

In line with the recent efforts by the former GMG Chair and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navanethem Pillay, the GMG Symposium highlighted the human rights and gender dimensions of international migration, as well as the perspective on migrants in an irregular situation, particularly as they relate to youth and adolescents. In addition, a session focused entirely on youth migration and environmental change, which is the thematic focus during UNESCO Chairmanship in 2011. The GMG Symposium was generously funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), all GMG Member Agencies and the UNICEF Chair.

a. High-level Participation

The policy relevance of the event was evidenced by the high-level panelists that opened and closed the GMG Symposium, as well as the Member State delegates and civil society stakeholders. The panels included dignitaries, such as *Amb. Joseph Deiss*, President of the UN General Assembly, *Amb. Eduard Gnesa*, Swiss Chair of the 2011 GFMD, *Mr. Peter Sutherland*, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development, *Ms. Marta Santos Pais*, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, *Mr. Anthony Lake*, Executive Director, UNICEF and GMG Chair—who opened as well as closed the Symposium—, *Mr. Sha Zukang*, Under-Secretary-General, UN-DESA, *Amb. William Lacy Swing*, Director General, IOM, *Ms. Rebeca Grynspan*, Associate Administrator, UNDP, *Ms. Thetis Mangahas*, Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. Other dignitaries included H.E. *Amb. Libran N. Cabactulan*, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations, H.E. *Amb. Carlos Enrique Garcia Gonzalez*, Deputy Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the UN, *Ms. Purnima Mane*, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA, *Ms. Lakshmi Puri*, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women, H. E. *Amb. Alfonso Quiñónez*, Secretary of External Relations of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Member of UNITAR Board of Trustees, *Mr. Ivan Šimonović*, Assistant Secretary-General, OHCHR, *Dr. Dilip Ratha*, Lead Economist and Manager, Migration and Remittances Unit, The World Bank, *Mr. John Bingham*, Head of Policy at the International Catholic Migration Commission and Civil Society Coordinator and Representative at the

¹⁷ Both GA resolutions recognize “the contributions of young migrants to countries of origin and destination, and in that regard encouraging States to consider the specific circumstances and needs of young migrants.” (A/RES/65/212 and A/RES/65/170).

2011 GFMD, and Ms. *Beata Godenzi*, Head, Global Programme Migration, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and GFMD 2011.

b. GMG Symposium Outcomes and Outputs

During the GMG Symposium a range of practical examples, best practices, and policy issues were discussed; these concerns were also of great importance to the Member State debate at the GA Informal Debate 2011 and the Global Forum on Migration and Development 2010 and 2011 (GFMD). The youth issues were much more visible for all participants given latest international events and will no doubt feature on the next High-level Dialogue on international Migration and Development in 2013. With a view to the key issues of the 2011 GFMD, the GMG Symposium emphasized ways to enhance coherence in migration and development policies with regard to youth, as well as modalities in which capacities can be increased. Much focus was given to how international cooperation could support these goals, which are relevant to the Millennium Development Goals. During the Symposium, several sessions focus on sharing knowledge and expanding the evidence base for policies relating to labour mobility and development, feminization of migration, global care workers and irregular migration. This also included an in-depth review of normative challenges.

The GMG Symposium led to several concrete outputs, namely six briefing papers, a Symposium report, as well as forty panelists' presentations. The preparation of briefing papers was undertaken by clusters of GMG agencies working together for each session. Draft versions of the briefing papers were reviewed by all GMG agencies. Six briefing papers were prepared by GMG Agencies on the following topics:

- Globalization, Cooperation and Youth: Newly Emerging Trends (UNDESA, World Bank, UNFPA);
- Enhancing Development through International Cooperation on Migration (IOM and Regional Commissions);
- Cooperation – the Key to an Effective Policy Response to Global Environmental Change, Migration and Youth (UNESCO, IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNITAR);
- Enhancing the Contributions of Young Migrants to Development (UN Women, IOM, UNDP);
- Enhancing the Well-being and Human Rights of Migrants in Support of Development (ILO, OHCHR, UNCTAD, WHO);
- Enhancing Cooperation on the Protection of Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Youth (UNICEF, UNHCR, IOM).

The briefing papers were part of the materials distributed to participants at the GMG Symposium. They are available on the GMG Symposium's website.¹⁸ In addition, the presentations given by panelists at the GMG Symposium are publicly accessible on the Symposium's website.

A final report of the GMG Symposium, including a set of concrete recommendations and policy messages, is currently being drafted by UNICEF and will be circulated to the GMG in late summer 2011. Video recording of the proceedings are also available on request.

Another critical important outcome of the Symposium was the active youth participation. These youth participants attended a one-day preparatory workshop, designed to enable them to reflect and share experiences, and approaches in bringing youth perspective to the Symposium. The substantive inputs the youth representatives made in Session 2 as well as throughout the Symposium provided an opportunity for young people to share their experiences, good practices and recommendations, allowing them to influence policy dialogue on migration of adolescents and youth. In addition, their participation demonstrated the importance to incorporate youth voices and support their meaningful participation in the debate as this exemplifies adolescents and youth as social agents in their communities. Youth

¹⁸ http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org/gmg_symposium2011.htm .

participation was identified as a key strategy and a cross cutting approach in working on youth migration issues.

c. Key Messages and Policy Recommendations from the GMG Symposium

- The **social and economic inclusion** of young migrants in host societies in addition to improving their **access to basic social services** is of the outmost importance to break the link between migration, discrimination and xenophobia especially in countries of transit and destination.
- The **protection of human rights** should be the cornerstone for the design and implementation of migration-related policies as well as the principal guide of an evolving international cooperation agenda. The international community should **promote a safer migration-related policy framework**, bearing in mind that all children and young migrants are entitled to their fundamental rights; that each and every migrant is a special case – especially children– and that they must be given a chance to voice their rights.
- Remittances are not the panacea to solve the worlds’ developmental challenges; however, **remittances have a positive impact** in the formation of human capital and on the eradication of poverty. To maximize the impact of remittances on families and countries of origin, remittances should be linked to **recipients’ broader inclusion into the financial system** including loans and saving products.
- International cooperation is vital in **making migration a choice** rather than a necessity. To transform migration into a choice, however, it is necessary to address push factors such as poverty, conflict, demographic factors and environmental hazards, as well as pull factors such as demand for labor and higher income potential.
- **Institutional capacities need to be strengthened** at all levels to foster inclusive dialogue, policies and practices. The dialogue should **involve stakeholders at all levels**, including migrants’ associations, young migrants, private sector and civil society.
- Need for **more data and research** to better understand the challenges and opportunities that migration presents to young people especially those related to climate change and urbanization.

d. Civil Society Participation

As mentioned above, the GMG Chair coordinated efforts with the PGA, UN-DESA and other GMG Member Agencies to guarantee effective and active participation of civil society at both the GMG Symposium and the GA Informal Debate. To this end, the UNICEF Chair collected suggestions for civil society participants from all GMG Member Agencies and reached out to several civil society partners worldwide – including in West Africa, Germany, Kosovo, Switzerland, Sweden, Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico, U.S. – to invite them to take part of the discussion around migration and development.

A total of 76 participants represented civil society and an additional 11 experts came from academic institutions. Suggestions for civil society participation were obtained directly from civil society partners and global networks. The GMG Chair sought to engage early on with Mr. John Bingham – Head of Policy at the International Catholic Migration Commission and Civil Society Coordinator and Representative at the 2011 GFMD – to further an effective cooperation between the GMG and civil society. There was an explicit line of work with the GMG to reach out to civil society contributions and suggestions with the understanding that partners would substantially improve the discussions significantly. Mr. Bingham¹⁹ was invited to speak on behalf of the civil society GFMD 2011 at the opening panel.

¹⁹ ICMC and Mr. Bingham have been involved with the GFMD since its establishment in 2006. For several years, ICMC has taken an active role in organizing civil society, i.e., on the International Advisory Committee, and in 2010, they served as chair of the Steering Committee, principally to help direct the two days of civil society meetings in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

In addition, the NGO Committee on Migration and Ms. Eva Sandis, its Vice-Chair, has provided assistance since January to the UNICEF GMG Chair. They have helped in identifying a knowledgeable and engaging set of speakers before the event and provided extensive support during the Symposium. This also included sharing relevant notes and conclusions from the sessions.²⁰ The Scalabrini International Migration Network and the Center for Migration Studies were also involved in the preparation leading up to the Symposium and the GA Informal Debate. Civil society networks were also in continual contact with the Geneva-based Agencies. Participants included well-known NGO experts and stakeholders actively involved in civil society GFMD events since 2007.

The GMG facilitated the participation of Terre des Hommes (TDH) at the Symposium and the GA Informal Debate. Olivier Feneyrol, TDH, made a very timely presentation on the situation of children mobility in West Africa and highlighted the challenges and opportunities of migrant children in that region. The UNICEF Chair and the GMG reached out to the International Federation of the Red Cross and other civil society organizations.²¹

The Chair and GMG Agencies invited academics and experts from the City University of New York, Columbia University in New York, the Latin American School of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Argentina, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, the National University of Lanus in Argentina, the University of Houston in Texas, The Graduate Institute in Geneva, and Utrecht University in the Netherlands;²² these scholars and policy experts were panel presenters.

In the months leading up to the Symposium and GA Informal Debate, civil society groups, Member States and GMG Agencies emphasized the importance of continuing the trend of progressive improvement and synergies of civil society and government dialogue building on the momentum of the Puerto Vallarta GFMD in 2010. Civil society contributions have brought the GMG a diverse array of perspectives and expertise, energy, ideas, resources, and solutions.

In future, the GMG could invest in developing a strategic plan towards 2013 and beyond to ensure civil society commitment for GMG initiatives,²³ including a more structured and continuing approach by reinforcing partnership with human rights and advocacy groups as well as diaspora associations that are interested in migration and development issues.

e. GMG Symposium and GA Informal Debate

The GMG Symposium took place immediately before the UN General Assembly informal thematic debate on international migration and development (GA Informal Debate), held on 19 May 2011. The PGA was consulted on the viability of hosting a GMG Symposium immediately before the GA Informal Debate.

Thematic Relevance of the GMG Symposium for GA Informal Debate

At the Symposium, the themes of the GA Informal Debate – regarding the contributions of migrants to development and the role of international cooperation in the area of migration – were examined through

²⁰ This included Ms. Mary Jo Toll's intervention at the Panel on *Leveraging the Beneficial Impact of Migration on Youth in Countries of Origin* underlined the views from the field on how children deal with a missing parent, or a broken family due to migration.

²¹ Mr. Magueye Thiam, Vice-President, Forum pour l'intégration des Migrants et des Migrants (FIMM Suisse) provided several insights and inputs prior to the Symposium and demonstrated interest in collaboration with the GMG for the GFMD event in the second half of 2011.

²² For instance, Mr. Pablo Ceriani, at the University of Lanus shared "The Human Right's Path: Key for Social Integration of Young Migrants"; Dr. David Ingleby, at the University of Utrecht, did a presentation on "Young migrants and their right to health"; Dr. Jeronimo Cortina, at the University of Houston, presented "The Impact of Migration on Children and Adolescents Left-Behind"; and Dr. Susana Adamo, at Columbia University, shared her "Notes on Environmental Change and Youth Migration", Dr. Rosalía Cortés, from the Latin American School of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Argentina, made a presentation titled "Impact of migration on adolescents left behind." (Presentations available at <http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org/es/home/37-gmg-symposium-qmigration-and-youth-harnessing-opportunities-for-developmentq-17-18-may-2011-new-york>)

²³ The GMG has had a practice of reaching out to civil society. Nonetheless during 2010-11, a more systematic effort is being made to reach out to civil society as crucial partners in the implementation of migration strategies with governments. The GFMD process has also facilitated joint monitoring and exchanges amongst stakeholders. During the Symposium, the diverse experiences of civil society groups were relevant in terms of the important lessons learned and best practices with stakeholders. Specifically civil society experience provided relevant information on different contexts in which migration impacts people across different regions. With their strong community level presence, civil society and grassroots groups are well placed to advocate for the interests of migrants.

the youth lens. The GMG Symposium aimed at providing substantive inputs for the discussions at the GA Informal Debate and highlighted the youth, human rights and gender perspectives, as well as practical insights and concrete areas of intervention. Some perspectives were reflected in statements and the discussion at the GA Informal Debate on 19 May 2011.

GMG Symposium preparation and GMG Inputs for the GA Informal Debate

Two substantial GMG inputs were produced for the GA Informal Debate, namely the joint GMG statement and the Priorities for Action. The preparation and engagement of the GMG Agencies leading up to the GMG Symposium were useful for the production of these inputs. This also facilitated consensus-building on key policy messages in addition to the preparation of briefing papers, the GMG Symposium concept note and agenda.

Participation of delegates at both events

A number of experts and Member State delegates already planning to attend the GA Informal Debate participated in the GMG Symposium. There was a significant overlap of participants at both events, including high-level panelists and delegates coming various regions of the world.

f. GMG Events leading up to the GMG Symposium

Several events by the GMG and GMG Member Agencies were held leading up to the GMG Symposium and the GA Informal Thematic Debate. These included the UNCTAD Expert Meeting on maximizing the development impact of remittances, held on 14-15 February 2011 in Geneva, in which the GMG Chair participated. Of particular importance was also the workshop on “Migration and Youth: Overcoming Health Challenges,” held on 28 April 2011 in New York) that was jointly organized by UNITAR, IOM, UNFPA, and the MacArthur Foundation in collaboration with UNICEF and WHO. The GMG Chair also supported and contributed to this workshop. Finally, the panel debate on “Vulnerability of Migrants to Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination”, on 4 May 2011, in New York, was organized by OHCHR and included opening remarks by the GMG Chair-in-office.

3. Work on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Planning (*Item II. of the Work Plan*)

The GMG Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration in National Development Strategies, co-chaired by UNDP and IOM, brings together a self-selected subset of member agencies of the GMG. Two meetings took already place in February and March 2011. The Working Group’s aim is to facilitate enhanced inter-agency cooperation on migration and development at the country level. The following activities have been concluded from **February to early July 2011**; *Annex IV.1–2* include the TORs and the work plan of the Working Group.

a. Review of PRSPs, UNDAFs and links to UN Development Group

In the process of identifying suitable pilot countries in which the mainstreaming exercises could be held, the Working Group reviewed a total of 126 countries that will be undertaking a review of their Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) and/or for whom the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) will be reviewed and updated in the next few years. With regard to the UNDAF process, the Working Group has begun to explore how migration mainstreaming efforts can be linked up with the existing UN Development Group (UNDG) coordination mechanisms. In this regard, the Working Group is in the process of engaging with UNDGs thematic groups, such as the MDG Task Force or the Human Rights mechanism. This has been stressed also by the GMG Chair-in-office, Mr. Richard Morgan, who is also chairing the UNDG MDG Task Force.

b. Support for pilot mainstreaming exercises in four countries

As part of the project on Mainstreaming Migration in National Development Strategies – funded by the Swiss Government – the Working Group identified two outputs with respect to the pilot project. Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mali and Moldova were selected by the Working Group as the four countries to be

supported within the framework of this pilot project. These country offices have been informed that they were selected for this initiative; focal points have been identified within the UN country teams (UNCTs). Jamaica and Moldova have established initial communication and partnerships with select country institutions.

Jamaica has launched the project in coordination with the Planning Institute of Jamaica and Moldova was waiting to receive confirmation from the government on specific aspects of their participation in this initiative. Bangladesh has contacted the identified country institutions and colleagues in Dhaka are waiting for a meeting between the Resident Coordinator, the focal points and the government counterparts. The Resident Coordinator and UNCT in Mali, have made informal contacts with the government; a letter was sent subsequently by the Resident Coordinator in Bamako to the Mali government soliciting support for the project.

Second output: The Co-chairs of the Working Group - UNDP and IOM - are facilitating the development of country-specific work plans and other related documents for the implementation of the pilot project with UNCTs.

Jamaica: A work plan for Jamaica has been finalized, agreed and signed by all the stakeholders. A Letter of Agreement between the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) was being finalized and expected to be signed by end June 2011. In accordance with the Work Plan, the pilot project was launched on 6 May 2011 and a local program assistant was hired to coordinate the implementation of the project. The Planning Institute of Jamaica is the main implementing partner. The finalized work plan of Jamaica may be useful for drafting the work plans for Bangladesh, Mali and Moldova.

Moldova: A work plan for Moldova is being drafted by the UNCT. A Letter of Agreement has also being drafted between UNDP and the Government of Moldova. A focal point for Moldova has been identified. Terms of reference (ToR) for a Senior Expert Facilitator who would assist in the assessment of government and UNCT capacities were agreed and advertised.²⁴ In addition, the ToR for an in-country Project Manager to support the UNCT in implementing the project with relevant partners were finalized.

Bangladesh: The Working Group is waiting for the Government to identify a country focal point and start the elaboration of a work plan in July 2011.

Mali: The Working Group is waiting for the Government to identify a country focal point and start the production of a work plan during the course of July 2011

c. Guidance and practical tools on migration and development for UN country teams

The Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning led by UNDP and IOM, as co-chairs, has been charged with developing a package of practical tools and guidance for UNCTs on migration and development. As a first step towards compiling the guidance materials, the working group undertook a survey of UNCTs to request information from the field about existing needs and demands for migration-related support and to be able to tailor a package accordingly. The survey was conducted from 16 May to 1 July and was disseminated via email to all Resident Coordinators by UN-DOCO. The survey could also be accessed online.

The survey had a total participation from 48 countries with 62 responses.²⁵ In beginning August 2011, a draft of the report has been circulated to the GMG for comments. Addressing the capacities and demands of UNCTs related to emigration and immigration in the countries, the draft report summarizes several recommendations, which include the need for more appropriate data, information and research on migration patterns around the world and within each country. Another common suggestion was to

²⁴ The ToRs were circulated within the GMG Working Group on 17 June 2011.

²⁵ Due to a misunderstanding by some country offices for the need to send a consolidated response, some questionnaires were completed by only one agency, whereas in other cases there was a duplication of forms submitted.

appoint a person that would be the focal point for migration-related issues in each UNCT. It was also suggested that a clearer point of connection between the GMG and the country offices was required to be able to exchange information and knowledge. In addition, several UNCTs mentioned that it would be useful to receive GMG support in terms of advocacy and tools for advocacy, especially related to the ratification and implementation of international legal instruments. The Working Group aims at circulating a consolidated version of the report prior to 6 September 2011.

d. *Mainstreaming Gender and Migration into Development Planning*

UN Women together with the GMG Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration in National Development Strategies is developing two products on mainstreaming gender and migration into development planning.

1. A *training module* on mainstreaming gender concerns into international migration and development strategies (including plans, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), Common Country Assessment (CCA) and UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) processes; and
2. *Gender-sensitive guidelines* and a checklist to mainstream gender concerns into migration and international development strategies (including plans PRSPs, CCA and UNDAF processes).

These two products will supplement the joint GMG publication *Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning: A handbook for policy-makers and practitioners*; both will include gender-sensitive development indicators to measure international migration's impact on development.

UN Women has developed the Terms of Reference and a concept note and is currently in contact with the co-chairs of the Working Group UNDP and IOM to circulate the TOR and concept note shortly. This will feature in the next meeting of the GMG Working Group on Mainstreaming in September 2011.

e. *GMFD Thematic Workshop in Moldova*

The Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration, spearheaded by IOM and UNDP have been collaborating with the GFMD in organizing the thematic workshop on Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning, to be held in Chisinau, Moldova, on 12-13 October 2011 with approximately sixty government officials, ten experts from GMG Member Agencies, civil society and academia. The workshop aims at acquainting policy makers with best practices on systematic mainstreaming of migration into development policies. It will also provide a platform to discuss the experience of pilot testing the GMG Handbook on Mainstreaming Migration with Governments and to share the experience of implementation of the Extended Migration Profiles as a tool of mainstreaming policies for evidence-based policy making at national and regional level.

4. Work on Data and Research

a. *Establishment of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research*

The GMG Working Group on Data and Research was established in February 2011 in order to strengthen the evidence base for the formulation, implementation and evaluation of policies and programmes on international migration and development. The aim of the Working Group is to encourage the collection, use, dissemination and analysis of accurate, timely and relevant migration data, to promote policy-relevant research, and to enhance coherence within the GMG in the area of data and research.

The Working Group represents the GMG in its interaction with the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) on issues related to data and research, in particular through the GFMD Ad-hoc Working Group on Policy Coherence, Data and Research. The Working Group is co-chaired by UNDESA and IOM. Participation is open to all GMG entities. Members include UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNITAR and the World Bank.

At its first meeting, held on 2 May 2011, the working group adopted a work plan. In it, the group agreed to work on three activities, namely (a) assessing the impact of international migration and development projects, (b) developing a common set of indicators for Migration Profiles, and (c) following up the recommendations contained in the report “Migrants Count” (See *Annex IV.3–4*).

b. GMG inventory of monitoring and evaluation activities and impact assessments of international migration projects and programmes

The Working Group is undertaking an inventory of impact assessments of international migration projects and programmes carried out by the 16 GMG Member Agencies at the country, regional and global level. The purpose of this exercise is to raise awareness of the importance of assessing the impact of migration projects, thereby enabling GMG agencies to work more strategically in the area of migration and development at country and regional levels. The Working Group prepared a questionnaire, which was distributed among all GMG entities. Preliminary results were presented by UNFPA at the GFMD workshop “Managing Migration for Development: Policymaking, Assessment and Evaluation”, held in Marseille, France, 13–15 June 2011.²⁶ Once all responses are received, a final document will be prepared and shared as a GMG input to the Global Forum on Migration and Development process. The plan is to present the final analysis in a guide describing available processes, outcomes, and impact indicators, and providing recommendations for good practices in assessing the impact of migration projects and programmes on development.

Responses received so far indicate that GMG projects addressed a wide range of migration issues, including labour migration, temporary and circular migration, return and reintegration, highly skilled migration/brain drain, costs of migration, diaspora engagement, refugees, reintegration and resettlement, remittance transfers, combating human trafficking, migrant integration, and migration statistics. Most projects relied on joint collaboration between GMG agencies, governmental institutions, NGOs and national statistical offices as well as other UN agencies such as UNAIDS.

Most agencies conducted evaluations of their projects. Often monitoring and evaluation was part of the logical framework or donor reporting. Agencies provided information on the objective of the project with its respective M&E indicators, data sources and information regarding the frequency for data collection. Where migration projects were evaluated less often than other projects, the reasons given included difficulty in evaluating, political sensitivity, and a lack of resources. Only the IOM reported a specialized internal unit for M&E; most agencies relied on external expertise for this.

Responses received so far indicate that very few projects underwent an impact assessment. It is important to note that of those agencies conducting impact assessments, most reported taking the recommendations of the assessment into account in future planning.

As an interim conclusion, it can be stated that there is a need to cultivate a culture of evaluation and assessment. It is also necessary to plan and budget for assessments early in the process, preferably when formulating the project proposal.

c. Migration Profiles

The Co-Chairs of the Working Group, UNDESA and IOM, engaged the GMG Chair and all Member Agencies in drafting a joint GMG statement on Migration Profiles. The GMG Chair-in-office, UNICEF director for policy and practice, Mr. Richard Morgan delivered this statement on behalf of the GMG at the GFMD workshop “*Migration Profiles: Developing evidence-based migration and development policies*”, held in New York on 30 June 2011. This workshop, carried out within the framework of the GFMD 2011, chaired by the Swiss Government and co-chaired by the Governments of Argentina, Ghana and the Republic of Moldova, in collaboration with UNITAR, UNFPA and the MacArthur Foundation. It

²⁶ For UNFPA’s presentation, see: <http://www.gfmd.org/en/component/simpledownload/?task=download&fileid=ZG9jdW1lbnRzL3N3aXR6ZXJsYW5kL21hcnNlaWxsZS9nZm1kX3N3aXNzMTFfbWYyc2VpbGxIX3Nlc3Npb240X0EtUGF3bGljcmVtLnBkZg%3D%3D>.

examined the capacity development contribution of migration profiles to institutional and policy coherence, assessed its relevance and provided an informal space to further develop its framework.²⁷ The joint GMG statement stressed four ways in which the GMG can contribute to Migration Profiles. These are (1) by promoting a better common understanding of Migration Profiles as a Government-led process which can contribute to greater policy coherence; (2) by developing a common set of indicators; (3) by strengthening dialogue between users and producers of migration data; and (4) by building national capacities for the analysis of migration and its implications for development (See *Annex VIII.7*).²⁸

The GMG Working Group on Data and Research is developing a proposal for a common set of indicators for Migration Profiles with key data and indicators on population, development and international migration. The data and indicators are based on information that is already collected and updated by GMG agencies, based on internationally agreed concepts and definitions.

At the request of the Swiss GFDM Chair, UN-DESA made a presentation at a workshop on Migration Profiles, held in Batumi, Georgia, from 12 to 13 July 2011. The presentation focused on how the Global Migration Group could support Migration Profiles by, inter alia, providing a common set of indicators and by assisting countries in collecting and analyzing migration data.

d. Work on Data collection

In addition, the GMG Working Group on Data and Research is conducting a follow-up of the recommendations contained in the report 'Migrants Count: Five Steps towards Better Migration Data'. In March 2010, the more than 10,000 hard copies of the report had been distributed, in five different languages, to offices of the Global Migration Group. Preliminary results of the follow-up indicate that GMG agencies have used the report to advocate for better migration data and to build national capacities to collect migration data.

e. Knowledge Platform on Migration and Global Development

With the collaboration of the GMG, other UN agencies, regional institutions, academic and development partners, the World Bank is organizing to launch the Knowledge Platform on Migration and Global Development. Emphasizing evidenced-based and results-focused solutions, the Knowledge Platform will act as a knowledge broker at the global, regional and national levels. As such, it will provide an open framework to share knowledge, fill critical knowledge gaps among collaborators, and ultimately seek to reach consensus on various migration issues through regular consultations with various stakeholders.

As a complement of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research, the agenda of the Knowledge Platform will be based on the following themes related to internal and international migration: data on migration and remittance flows; management of migration; demographic changes and migration; labor migration, remittances and development including access to finance and capital markets; high-skilled migration; assimilation and integration issues in host communities; mobilizing diaspora resources; climate change and international migration; migrant rights including those of forced migrants; urbanization; and policy coherence.²⁹

²⁷ For more information on the workshop, see: <http://www.unitar.org/ny/http%3A/%252Fwww.unitar.org/ny/international-law-and-policy/migration-and-development-series/developingmigrationprofiles>.

²⁸ The statement can be assessed online at: http://www.unitar.org/ny/sites/unitar.org.ny/files/GMGStatement_Morgan.pdf.

²⁹ See *Annex IV.4* for further details.

5. GMG contributions to the Global Forum on Migration and Development (*Item IV.4 of the Work Plan*)

Between January and June 2011, the GMG and Member Agencies have carried out a large number of activities to strengthen linkages with the GFMD. The Swiss GFMD Chair requested the GMG to comment on the concept note of the GFMD 2011 and proposed modalities for interaction with the GMG for 2011.

The Swiss Chair of the GFMD 2011 made an explicit reference to the GMG in its concept paper and put onus on involving international organizations during the various events carried out in 2011. All GMG Agencies worked with the GMG Chair in a short time span to produce a small report including the consolidated GMG comments on the 2011 GFMD thematic work program on *Taking Action on Migration and Development: Coherence, Capacity and Cooperation* (see *Annex IX.1*). The Chair drafted the joint reply that was vetted by the GMG; this was very well received by the Swiss GFMD Chair. The GMG highlighted where key GMG Agencies would strategically participate and collaborate in key events in different regions and locations in 2011. The Swiss GFMD Chair has asked the GMG to (a) address the need for joint long-term vision and a plan of activities by the GMG for the next five years, (b) enhance collaboration on joint GMG activities, including GMG joint positions on migration policy issues in the field and at the global level. The Swiss GFMD expressed they view to (c) include a first standing agenda on GFMD matters in regular GMG working level meetings.³⁰

Both the Mexican and Swiss Chair of the GMFD welcomed and stressed the need for follow-up actions by GMG on the recommendations of the 2010 Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), as well as to support the 2011 GFMD thematic work program on *Taking Action on Migration and Development: Coherence, Capacity and Cooperation*.

The GMG has contributed valuable inputs and outcomes to the thematic foci of the GFMD 2010 and 2011 throughout the planning and implementation of GMG activities. The GMG is monitoring follow-up actions on all GFMD recommendations since 2007. The thematic priorities highlighted by the Mexican³¹ and Swiss³² GFMD Chairs and voiced by Member States during the GFMD discussions have been considered in GMG initiatives. The GMG is making more progress in working together with field and regional partners to advance tangible outcomes that are relevant to Member States. The GMG is pleased to note that the Swiss, Mexican and Philippines Chair of the GFMD have participated at the GMG Symposium on 17-18 May 2011.

The GMG Chair made a substantial input at the First Information Session on the Swiss Plans for the 2011 Global Forum on Migration and Development, which was held on 18 March 2011 in Geneva. The GMG Chair supported the GFMD Chair's efforts to foster increased dialogue between governments, civil society, the private sector and the GMG. This also provided an opportunity to showcase relevant work of the GMG on human rights, migration and development.

The GMG and its Member Agencies have also contributed to the GFMD's Ad hoc Working Groups. The GFMD Ad hoc Working Group on Policy Coherence, Data and Research includes and is supported by GMG agencies such as ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNDP, UNDESA, UNFPA, UNITAR, UNICEF, and the World Bank. The newly created GMG Working Group on Data and Research provides further valuable inputs and complements the work of the GFMD Ad hoc working group.

³⁰ On 17-18 February 2011, the Ninth Coordination Meeting on International Migration provided the opportunity of the GMG working level focal points to meet on the 16 February 2011 for a specific working session, including looking into priorities and preparation for the GA Informal Debate. The Ninth Coordination Meeting also facilitated interactions on the follow-up of the 2010 GFMD Chair and provided an opportunity for the GFMD Chair 2011 to address key priorities. The GFMD Chair met with the GMG Chair and requested that further coordination take place during 2011 among GMG Agencies, particularly for the representation at the Concluding Debate in December 2011. They also requested that the GMG provide an updated calendar of all ongoing events for 2011 and mentioned the need for greater focus on gender issues. Mention was made of looking into migration and MDG-related goals. Ambassador Gnesa specifically requested that agencies should channel their requests through the GMG Chair and reiterated the need for further coordination and coherence with the GFMD.

³¹ The Mexican GFMD 2010 Chair focused the discussion on irregular migration.

³² The Swiss GFMD 2011 Chair put an emphasis on Labour mobility and development, irregular migration and coherent migration and development strategies, and planning tools for evidence-based migration and development policies.

While the World Bank and IOM directly co-convened the GFMD workshop on “Managing International Migration for Development: Policy Making and Monitoring & Evaluation” (13–15 June 2011, Marseille, France), many other GMG Member Agencies provided inputs and presentations.

At the workshop on “Migration Profiles: Developing Evidence-based Migration and Development Policies” (30 June 2011, New York), the GMG Chair delivered a joint GMG statement on Migration Profiles, as described above. UNICEF, UNFPA and IOM are co-organizers together with the Swiss GFMD Chair and other partners. Further, a host of GMG Member Agencies and the GMG Working Group on Data and Research have contributed significantly by making presentations and sharing their expertise and experiences.

The GMG and its Member Agencies have also been supporting activities of the GFMD Ad Hoc Working Group on Protecting and Empowering Migrants. Inter alia, the Workshop on Recruitment of Workers for Overseas Employment (Dubai, 18–19 January 2011) was held in collaboration with ILO, IOM and OHCHR. The GMG has also supported preparations for the workshop on “Care workers at the interface of migration and development: action to expand good practices (7–8 September 2011, Kingston, Jamaica), co-convened by UN Women and IOM, the GFMD Chair and other partners.

In the area of capacity building for Member States, UNICEF continued to coordinate the Migration and Development Seminar Series, with its partners, IOM, UNFPA and the MacArthur Foundation.³³ In the first half of 2011, the Series included: a briefing “Migration and Youth: Overcoming Health Challenges” organized with the collaboration of UNICEF and WHO and in preparation for the GMG Symposium hosted by UNICEF; the fifth edition of the annual Course on International Migration Law, as well as the workshop on Migration Profiles on 30 June 2011, mentioned above.³⁴

6. Joint GMG thematic report on youth, adolescents and migration (*Item IV.3 of the Work Plan*)

The UNICEF Chair produced an outline for a Joint GMG thematic report on youth, adolescents and migration. The report will focus on the opportunities and challenges posed by international migration for youth and adolescents in countries of origin, transit and destination. It will take a multidimensional approach and will incorporate inputs from all GMG agencies as well as external experts on key issues affecting youth and adolescents in the context of migration. Topics include education, health, employment, remittances, and urbanization. Human rights and gender will be addressed comprehensively throughout the report as cross-cutting themes.

In the next step, GMG Agencies and experts will produce various chapters of this report which is expected to be finalized for publication by fall 2011, and will be made available for the 2011 GFMD in Switzerland.

7. Proactive and focused public advocacy and communication strategies (*Item IV.5 of the Work Plan*)

As agreed in the GMG Work plan 2011, a key priority for the UNICEF Chair was to increase the visibility of the GMG. To this end, the following actions have been taken:

- The GMG Chair in coordination with IOM approached the Member Agencies to update the *GMG brochure*, reflecting new information and the addition of two new members (WHO and UN Women) (See *Annex IX.2*).
- The *GMG website* has been updated by posting new documentation, links and information on GMG activities and Member Agencies.³⁵ The UNICEF Chair in collaboration with IOM has migrated the GMG

³³ Stimulating reflection, sharing of experiences and identification of good practices, the Migration and Development Seminar Series influences hundreds of policy makers annually, assisting in their preparations for key negotiations at the UN and elsewhere.

³⁴ For more information on the briefing on Migration, Youth and Health Challenges, as well as on the annual Course on International Migration Law, see Section II.9.

³⁵ See <http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org>.

website from a server in the Philippines to a server that is more accessible for GMG Member Agencies. Further, the website has been updated from HTML to the Content Management System (CMS) format, which is more user-friendly, and facilitates the use of the website by future Chairs and GMG Member Agencies.

- A *CD-ROM with major GMG documents* and publications has been produced, and was distributed at the GMG Symposium on 17-18 May 2011. This may require further additions by the next Chair.
- *Six GMG Briefing Papers* were produced for and distributed at the GMG Symposium on May 2011. At the GA Informal Debate on 19 May 2011, the GMG provided and distributed a Joint Statement on international cooperation as well as a two-page hand-out on *Priorities for Action*.
- The Chair coordinated inputs from the various Member Agencies and produced a joint GMG calendar of events, including GFMD events. This may have facilitated GMG Member Agency participation in events, conferences and workshops. This practice may need to be followed-up by next Chairs.

8. Mapping of training activities by GMG agencies (*Item IV.7 of the Work Plan*)

In collaboration with IOM, UNICEF is mapping the migration training activities implemented in 2010-2011 by GMG agencies. An online survey is being completed by GMG members; the data gathered will be analyzed and presented in form of a Final Report at the Seminar on "Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning", which will take place on 8 November 2011 at UN Headquarters.

9. GMG Statements and participation

- GMG Chair Mr. Anthony Lake delivered a *joint GMG statement* on international cooperation and the role of the GMG at the GA Informal Debate on 19 May 2011 in New York. The joint GMG statement made several suggestions ahead of the Member State debate, underscored how international organizations and the GMG can further support international cooperation. In addition, the statement positioned the GMG as a knowledgeable and critical partner for Member States' international cooperation on migration.
- GMG Chair-in-office, UNICEF director for policy and practice, Mr. Richard Morgan delivered a *joint GMG statement* on Migration Profiles at the GFMD workshop "Migration Profiles: Developing evidence-based migration and development policies", held in New York on 30 June 2011, highlighting in what ways the GMG can assist Member States in their endeavors creating Migration Profiles.
- Many relevant GMG Agencies participated in the UNCTAD Expert Meeting on maximizing the development impact of remittances (14-15 February 2011, Geneva).³⁶ The meeting stressed that while remittances played an important role in the economy, investment and development of developing countries – and particularly in attaining the Millennium Development Goals – their transfer, circulation and distribution were hampered by systemic flaws, including in legislation and financial procedures. It was noted that the international community should, therefore, work together to solve those problems through cooperation and coordination, so as to make sure that remittance flows worked for development. This required greater policy and institutional coherence and coordination, at national, bilateral, regional and multilateral levels. The GMG Chair was represented by Ms. Kirsi Madi, UNICEF Deputy Regional Director, CIS-CEE, and made an intervention in Geneva from the floor after the Principal panel. Dr. Jeronimo Cortina was a discussant on behalf of the Chair for the session titled 'The Development Impact of Remittance Flows.'
- The GMG Chair-in-office delivered opening remarks at OHCHR's panel debate on "Vulnerability of Migrants to Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination" (4 May 2011, New York). In his presentation, Mr. Morgan made mention of the vulnerabilities of migrants in regular and irregular situations. His

³⁶ For more information, see <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/meeting.asp?intItemID=2068&lang=1&m=20292>.

remarks called attention to the problems of xenophobia and violence directed at migrants, noting that these issues severely exacerbate the vulnerability of migrant women and children. He also called on all stakeholders to join efforts to design and promote migration policies with a view to facilitating the positive contributions that migration can bring to host societies and economies. On behalf of OHCHR, Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights highlighted that collaboration was needed to combat xenophobia, racism and discrimination in national politics, public discourse and the media as well as to develop practical and forward looking migration policies. He also stressed that more effort were needed to protect all migrants, as well as to actively promote tolerant societies in which every person can enjoy his or her human rights.

- The GMG Chair supported and contributed to the workshop on “Migration and Youth: Overcoming Health Challenges” (28 April 2011, New York) that was jointly organized by UNITAR, IOM, UNFPA, and the MacArthur Foundation in collaboration with UNICEF and WHO.³⁷ The workshop focused on the data gaps concerning migrant youth and facilitated discussions relevant to health risks of migrants in specific category. During the two panel sessions (*Migrant Youth: Assessing Health Risks and Migration Trends*, and *Institutional Framework and Multilateral Cooperation: Identifying Achievements and Protection Gaps*), speakers flagged the psychological anxiety and its risks that many youth migrants in different categories experience due to their conditions and status. The absence of universal immigration policies among countries of origin, transit, and destination, and lack of data and monitoring systems for migrants often preclude migrants from receiving healthcare and services. The conclusions called upon states to adopt comprehensive immigration policies that promote and protect the human rights of migrants. Developing migrant sensitive health systems along with better data and monitoring system was stressed, along with the right to health for youth migrants. The workshop highlighted the need to include young migrants in the development and evaluation of health programmes.
- The GMG Chair supported and contributed to the Course on International Migration Law, jointly organized by UNITAR, IOM, UNFPA and the MacArthur Foundation (14-16 June 2011, New York).
- The GMG Chair and other Member Agencies supported and contributed to the preparation of the ILO Summer “Labour Migration Academy: Enhancing Protection, Promoting Development and Facilitating Governance” (Turin, 4–15 July 2011). It was agreed that GMG agencies would send resource persons to the academy. In addition, the GMG agreed to the use of its logo on the cover page of the course flyer and other promotional materials.

10. Regional Focus

In the recent past, the GMG, as well as GFMD have increased efforts to decentralize policy dialogue and strategic cooperation. Thus, regional and country level collaborations have increased which is useful to Member States, as it creates greater synergies at the field level. In this regard it is noteworthy that the UN Regional Commissions have undertaken a range of important activities in the area of migration, in particular with regard to youth aspects of migration.³⁸ Apart from three recent reports,³⁹ the Commissions are organizing the Interregional Workshop on Strengthening Capacities to deal with International Migration: Examining development, institutional and policy aspects of migration between Africa, Europe and Latin America is, to be held on 22-23 September 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland.

³⁷ For further details, see http://www.unitar.org/ny/sites/unitar.org.ny/files/migration_and_youthFinalREPORT_0.pdf

³⁸ While ECLAC has been in charge of the coordination of the activities of the five Regional Commissions since August 2010, since 1 August 2011, UN-ESCWA has assumed this task and will be the regional commissions' focal point in the GMG.

³⁹ These are: Migración internacional de jóvenes latinoamericanos y caribeños: protagonismo y vulnerabilidad (http://www.eclac.org/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/publicaciones/xml/6/4916/P4916.xml&xsl=/celade/tpl/p9f.xsl&base=/celade/tpl/top-bottom_mig.xslt), Juventudes migrantes en América Latina (http://www.eclac.org/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/celade/noticias/documentosdetrabajo/4/39194/P39194.xml&xsl=/celade/tpl/p38f.xsl&base=/celade/tpl/top-bottom_mig.xslt) and Particularidades y políticas de la migración infantil en América Latina y el Caribe (<http://www.eclac.org/dds/noticias/desafios/7/42147/desafios-11-cepal-unicef.pdf>).

11. Contributions by new GMG Members – UN Women and WHO

The GMG has benefited from various inputs from the newer GMG Member Agencies, namely UN Women and WHO. Their contributions in Geneva and New York were extremely helpful to the GMG clusters of agencies that were preparing specific inputs and sessions for the GMG Symposium.

WHO made efforts to analyze the substantial health angles of the migration and development domain, in particular as they relate to youth. The GMG Symposium and various thematic events provided the opportunity to widen the scope of the health related debate and in particular highlighted health rights, needs and vulnerabilities of young migrants, the challenges for countries and communities to address the health of migrants and related public health concerns. WHO contributions also recommended directions for health systems and policy planners. In that respect, WHO contributions have focused the debate beyond the migration of health workers to address the broader and complex issue of health of migrants and extending social protection in health to migrants in support of development.⁴⁰

Some of UN Women's contributions are listed in the following section on Gender and Migration.

12. Events on Gender and Migration

In the joint GMG Work Plan for 2011, the GMG agreed to continue highlighting the gender dimensions of international migration, particularly as they relate to youth and adolescents. In addition to the achievements in this regard by the GMG Working Group on mainstreaming migration, and to adopting gender and human rights as cross-cutting issues, several events by GMG Member Agencies have highlighted gender aspects of migration. While more remains to be done at the GMG level and with the involvement of more GMG Agencies, the following events have been organized:

- As a side event at the fifty-fifth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women 2011 UN Women and civil society organizations co-sponsored a side event on dignity for domestic workers on 24 February 2011 in New York.
- On 3 March 2011, UN Women organized a very well attended event, with over 100 attendees including many government and civil society representatives, focusing on promising practices of protections for domestic workers including the ILO Convention and Recommendation on Decent Work for Domestic Workers, the Philippines Magna Carta for Domestic Workers (Batas Kasambahay Bill) and the United States Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights. Key messages were that CSW Member States must monitor labour and migration laws, strengthen the capacity of domestic workers' and migrant women's organizations, improve information service provision for prospective migrant domestic workers, and ratify and implement the ILO Convention.
- UN Women and the ILO co-sponsored a very well-attended Special Event at the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC IV), on 11 May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of UN Women and Mr. Juan Somavia, Director General of the ILO. It focused on enhancing the understanding of the links between domestic care work, migration and development in LDCs and globally. In addition, it raised awareness of the importance of protecting the labour, economic and social rights of domestic care workers. The event also provided an opportunity for sharing good practices and strategies and measures to expand these to protect care workers and improve their working conditions.

⁴⁰ In addition, WHO has been promoting migrant health and the importance to integrate health in the context of migration and development in its own work with member states and partners as is reflected in numerous ongoing initiatives across the WHO regions, covering areas ranging from the management of infectious diseases, to social health determinants, human rights and health, health financing, social protection, the code of practice for international recruitment of health personnel, and many more.

A key outcome of this event was the formalization of UN Women and the ILO's partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding, signed just over a month later on 16 June 2011 at the 100th Session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva. The MOU outlines the two agencies' commitment to policy and programming work on issues including migration and the rights of women migrant workers, including domestic workers.

- UN Women and the IOM co-sponsored another well-attended event at LDC IV, which was held on 12 May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey. The event was co-chaired by Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of UN Women and Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General of IOM. The meeting focused on exchanging best practices on gender-sensitive migration and remittances policies and programmes, generating concrete recommendations to mainstream migration, gender and remittances into LDC national and regional development planning, and identifying next steps for disseminating good practices and policy measures.
- As a side event during the High-level Informal Thematic Debate on International Migration and Development of the General Assembly, UN Women, OHCHR, and civil society organizations co-organized a meeting on "Migration, Development and Human Rights: A Civil Society Perspective and View to 2013" on 19 May 2011 in New York. This event sought to bring migrant women's human rights, labour rights and migration enforcement policies into focus.
- The Swiss Chair of the GFMD 2011, UN Women and IOM are preparing high-level regional consultations, entitled "Migrant Domestic Care Workers at the Interface of Migration and Development: Action to Expand Good Practice" that will bring together policy makers, expert international organizations, and civil society from countries of origin and destination in key regions. The consultations will have three main objectives: to *share good practices* on legal and social protections for domestic workers; to *develop a gender sensitive checklist for labour laws* recognizing domestic work and for employment contracts for domestic workers; and to *develop strategies that expand implementation of good practices* on social protection for domestic workers.

The first event will be held in Kingston, Jamaica, from 7-8 September 2011 and will focus on the Latin America and Caribbean region. The consultation is being co-organized by the Government of Jamaica, the Swiss Chair of the GFMD, UN Women and the IOM. The second will be held in Accra, Ghana from 21-22 September 2011, and will focus on African migration in a South-South context and to Northern regions including Europe, North America and the Arab States. It is being co-organized by the Government of Ghana, the Swiss Chair of the GFMD, UN Women and the IOM. The third high-level event will be in Asia with details to be confirmed.

III. GMG Meetings and Conferences in the first half of 2011

GMG Working Level Meetings

- 3 February 2011
- 21 April 2011
- 27 June 2011

GMG Working Sessions

- 16 February 2011 (afternoon): Working session to coordinate GMG inputs for the UN General Assembly informal thematic debate, including a preliminary meeting of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research
- 5 May 2011: Working session to coordinate GMG inputs for the UN General Assembly informal thematic debate and the preparations for the GMG Symposium on Migration and Youth

Meetings of the GMG Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Strategies

- 16 February 2011 (morning)
- 24 March 2011

Meetings of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research

- 16 February 2011 (afternoon): preliminary meeting of the GMG Working Group as part of the Working Session to coordinate GMG inputs for the UN General Assembly informal thematic debate
- 2 May 2011

GMG Symposium in New York, 17-18 May 2011

IV. Pending Issues

The following two issues might warrant special attention by the incoming UNESCO Chair for potential action.

1. GMG Participation in GFMD Concluding Debate

As requested by the Swiss GFMD chair in the GMG Working Level Meeting on 27 June 2011, the GMG Chair might want to inquire as to the participation and representation of GMG Member Agencies during the GFMD Concluding Debate on 1–2 December 2011 and send a respective communication to the Swiss GFMD Chair.

2. GMG response to SRSG proposal on GMG support for GFMD

The 2011 GMG Chairs and the Troika might want to coordinate a GMG response to the SRSG on the proposal regarding GMG support for the GFMD.

V. Work products the UNICEF Chair will finish beyond 30 June 2011

The following initiatives and work products will be completed under the leadership of the UNICEF Chair beyond the end of the Chairmanship on 30 June 2011.

1. GMG Symposium report

The report of the GMG Symposium on Migration and Youth, held in New York on 17-18 May, will be finalized and circulated to the GMG by end-summer 2011.

2. Joint GMG thematic report on youth, adolescents and migration

The Joint GMG thematic report on youth, adolescents and migration should be finalized for publication by fall 2011, and will be made available for the Concluding Debate of the GFMD in December 2011 in Switzerland.

Annexes

- I. GMG Annual Work Plan 2011.
- II. Comparative Chart - GMG Annual Work Plan 2011 and GMG Achievements January-June 2011.
- III. Contact list of GMG Principals and focal points.
- IV. GMG Working Groups:
 1. TORs of the GMG Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Planning;
 2. Work Plan of the GMG Working Group on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Planning;
 3. TORs of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research;
 4. Work Plan of the GMG Working Group on Data and Research.
- V. UNICEF Internal GMG Discussion Paper, August 2011.
- VI. Proposal by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on international migration and development on support for the Global Forum on Migration and Development.
- VII. Files with GMG Logos.
- VIII. Notes for the record:
 1. Minutes of the GMG Working Level Meeting on 3 February 2011;
 2. Draft minutes of the GMG Working Session on 16 February 2011;
 3. Draft minutes of the GMG Working Level Meeting on 21 April 2011;
 4. Draft minutes of the GMG Working Session on 5 May 2011;
 5. Draft minutes of the GMG Working Level Meeting on 27 June 2011;
 6. Joint GMG Statement on International Cooperation (19 May 2011);
 7. Joint GMG Statement on Migration Profiles (30 June 2011);
 8. Migration, Development and International Cooperation: Priorities for Action (19 May 2011).
- IX. Other documents:
 1. Consolidated GMG Comments on the 2011 GFMD thematic work program on *Taking Action on Migration and Development: Coherence, Capacity and Cooperation*;
 2. GMG brochure;
 3. GMG Event Calendar;
 4. World Bank presentation on Knowledge Platform on Migration and Global Development.