



# Youth Forum

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## Impact Report



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# Summary: Snapshot of the Youth Forum



The second annual Migration Youth Forum took place on the 19th - 20th of January 2020 as an official event on the margins of the XII Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) in Ecuador. It gathered 68 young people working at the forefront of migration issues in 32 countries to consult on youth priorities and prepare for advocacy at the GFMD Summit and beyond. It was hosted by the UN Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY), in partnership with IOM and UNICEF.

The Youth Forum's objectives were threefold:

1. **Consolidation of youth priorities:** provide a space to consult and consolidate youth priorities and recommendations on migration issues;
2. **Capacity building:** prepare youth for the GFMD Summit and enhance their advocacy and campaigning skills to strengthen their work back home;
3. **Amplify youth voices:** facilitate youth's meaningful participation in the GFMD Summit so to contribute to the discussion with other stakeholders with youth priorities and examples of concrete actions.

For the first goal, we have a compiled list of one-page documents summarizing the youth position and key asks discussed per respective roundtable. They can be found on [our website](#).

Regarding the second objective, youth were prepared to attend the summit and felt more empowered to continue their work once back in their communities.

Third, 30 youth representatives from the Youth Forum attended the GFMD Summit as participants, speakers, and rapporteurs. We advocated for youth priorities and participated actively in all GFMD mechanisms' meetings. We came prepared, sat at the same table with the other stakeholders, and presented practical solutions to shared problems. All GFMD mechanisms were also invited to bring youth as part of their delegations to dismantle the assumption that youth belongs only in civil society.

High-level speakers at the Youth Forum included H.E. Amb. Santiago Chávez, outgoing GFMD Chair; H.E. Abdulla Alnuaimi, representing the United Arab Emirates' incoming GFMD Chairmanship; Mr. Elias Tenorio, Secretary of Youth at the Ecuadorian government; Mr. Joaquín González Alemán, UNICEF Representative in UNICEF Ecuador; Mr. José Iván Dávalos, Chief of Mission of IOM's Ecuador; and Mr. Colin Rajah, Coordinator of the Civil Society Action Committee and co-coordinator of the GFMD Civil Society Mechanism. They all highlighted the key role and increasing visibility of youth in the international conversation on migration and development, including at the GFMD Summit.

The Youth Forum was a success, thanks to our substantive partnership with UNICEF and IOM. Many youth were able to participate thanks to the generous support of Save the Children. The UNMGCY is a volunteer-run body, so this was also made possible through the hard and voluntary work of our members. We were also lucky to count on the incredible technical support of our collaborators, including the UNDP, ILO, ECLAC, UNODC, OHCHR, PICUM, Platform on Disaster Displacement, Norwegian Refugee Council, International Detention Coalition, Overseas Development Institute, Fairwork Belgium, and Centro Estudios Legales y Sociales. It was also made possible by the support of our allies, including the GFMD Chair and Support Unit, the Civil Society Steering Committee, and all the other mechanisms' and roundtables' coordinators and chairs, who welcomed youth's participation and helped us create space for our interventions.

We are extremely grateful for the faith you put in us.

This is just another step in a long journey. We will keep bringing concrete proposals and solutions to the table, including at this year's regional and global GFMD events, as well as the UN Regional Review Forums.

We call on you to take us seriously. Read our outcome documents and take them into account when making decisions and designing policies. Check out the **Next Steps** section of this report to learn more about how to support youth participation in these spaces in 2020. We need your support to ensure that youth can contribute and be part of the solution.

# Why a Youth Forum?

Young people make up 33% of international migrants: specifically, 11% were found to be under the age of 24 in 2017 (UN DESA Statistics, 2018). Young migrants have challenges and priorities specific to their age, and need responsive policies reflective of that. We are also experts and leaders working at the forefront of work in migration issues in our home and host communities, and should be thus included as critical stakeholders and partners in all relevant decision-making processes.

The United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY) is the UNGA mandated, official, formal, and self-organised space for children and youth (up to 30 years old) to contribute to and engage in certain intergovernmental and allied policy processes at the United Nations. It is a volunteer body whose mission is to help realize our collective right to meaningful youth engagement as enshrined in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and other UN compacts. The Migration Working Group of the UNMGCY has been taking the lead, since 2018, on consulting with youth stakeholders around the world and engaging them in the GCM negotiation process, as well as at the 2018 GFMD Summit and the GCM Adoption Conference, as official side event to which we organized our first Youth Forum.

To work towards the meaningful engagement of youth in migration issues, and to promote policies reflecting the priorities and needs of young people, it was necessary to engage at the GFMD. The GFMD is the main space for global discussion that involves all stakeholders including governments, civil society, private sector and local authorities. For this reason, following up on last year's Youth Forum in Marrakech, we conducted a series of global consultations that culminated in a second Youth Forum, which we organized in partnership with UNICEF and IOM, right before the GFMD Summit, on the 19th and 20th January 2020.

The goals of the Forum were as the following:

1. **Consolidation of youth priorities**
2. **Build capacity**
3. **Amplify youth voices**

We evaluate our impact against these goals in the next section.

# Our Impact

The Forum took place over the course of two days. It was an action-packed event filled with roundtables, workshops, networking, and commitments to action. In particular, it had two rounds of thematic roundtables and one of regional roundtables, as well as two capacity building workshops on effective campaigning and advocacy strategy. The full programme is available in the Appendix.

Our impact is evaluated against the effectiveness and visibility of our presence and voices at the GFMD, the feedback of partners, organizers and participants at the GFMD, as well as an evaluation questionnaire which was filled by over 60% of the participants.



## Consolidation of youth priorities

We wanted to have clear, easily digestible documents that would summarize the priorities, positions, contributions and recommendations of young people, and that would lend themselves to being used as the basis for youth advocacy with other stakeholders. In particular, we needed to identify:

1. Clear youth priorities on key themes;
2. Existing youth actions addressing these;
3. Concrete policy requests for governments and other stakeholders.

For this reason we created thematic roundtables of 2 hour and 15 minutes in which youth, selected for their expertise, would discuss a key topic based. The sessions had the aim to jointly draft and agree on a one-page outcome document detailing young people's inputs on the three categories above. They were led by one youth facilitator and one outcome document facilitator, and supported by at least one thematic expert from collaborator UN Agencies or relevant organizations.

Participants were assigned to roundtables according to their expertise and a background paper was prepared by the youth facilitators and the collaborating organisations ahead of the meeting and shared in advance to inform the discussion.

We held a total of 9 thematic roundtables and 5 regional ones. The first set of thematic roundtables focused on aspects of migration that were identified as youth priorities last year:

- Jobs and decent work;
- Education and recognition of skills;
- Climate change migration;
- Push and pull factors for migration;
- Human trafficking and child detention.

The second round of thematic roundtables focused additionally on the four key themes of the GFMD discussion for maximum alignment and synergies with the GFMD Summit

- Providing regular pathways from crisis to safety;
- Shaping narratives on migration and migrants;
- Facilitating social and economic inclusion;
- Supporting arrival places (cities, ports, nations) and sending places (including rural areas).

**From 1 to 5, how did you find the quality fo the discussion in the thematic and regional roundtables?**

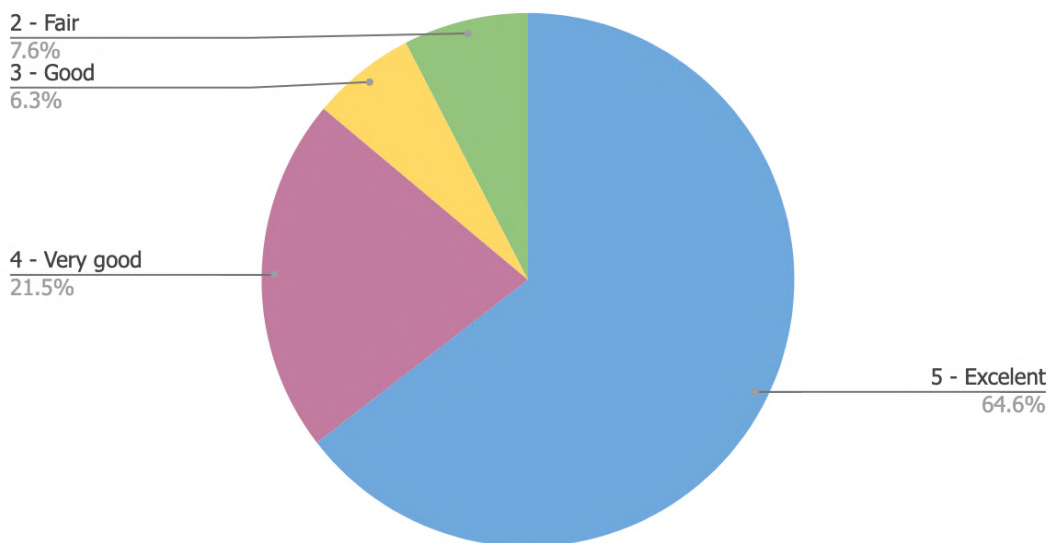


Figure 1



Finally the regional roundtables allowed participants to discuss region-specific concerns for South America, North and Central America, Asia and Pacific, Africa and MENA, and Europe. They also drafted a youth action plan for the coming year by region.

The thematic outcome documents and regional action plans were available to all youth participants at the GFMD Summit, providing them with very practical guidance for advocacy which they had themselves worked on collectively. These documents informed the participation and contributions of youth in all sessions of the Summit (speeches, comments from the floor, informal meetings, etc.).

The compiled documents are all available on the “Outcome Documents” button on [our website](#) in English and Spanish.



### **Capacity-Building**

The Youth Forum strengthened the participants’ capacity to be advocates on the topic of migration. In particular we focused on preparation for the GFMD, and on skills useful for the daily work participants do back home.

The Forum aimed to empower young people working on the ground to grow their already existing skills and become stronger advocates at the national, regional, and global level. For this reason, they took part in a skills blast session where they could choose between learning about “How to build a successful public engagement campaign” or “Impact in public policy: keys to an effective advocacy strategy.” 92% of respondents said that the content they learnt during those sessions was useful, very useful or excellent for their own work.

Many of the young participants also took a leadership role and co-facilitated the roundtables. All respondents evaluated this leadership experience as at least “good”, with more than half finding it excellent.

Moreover, participants indicated that the Youth Forum helped them feel more empowered thanks to the following: concrete outcome documents to use in their advocacy, a network of fellow activists, a method they can use in their own communities to spur action and advocacy, knowledge of solutions to implement in their own communities, and motivation to keep up their work.

**From 1 to 5, how much did the Forum help you feel more empowered to advocate on migration issues?**

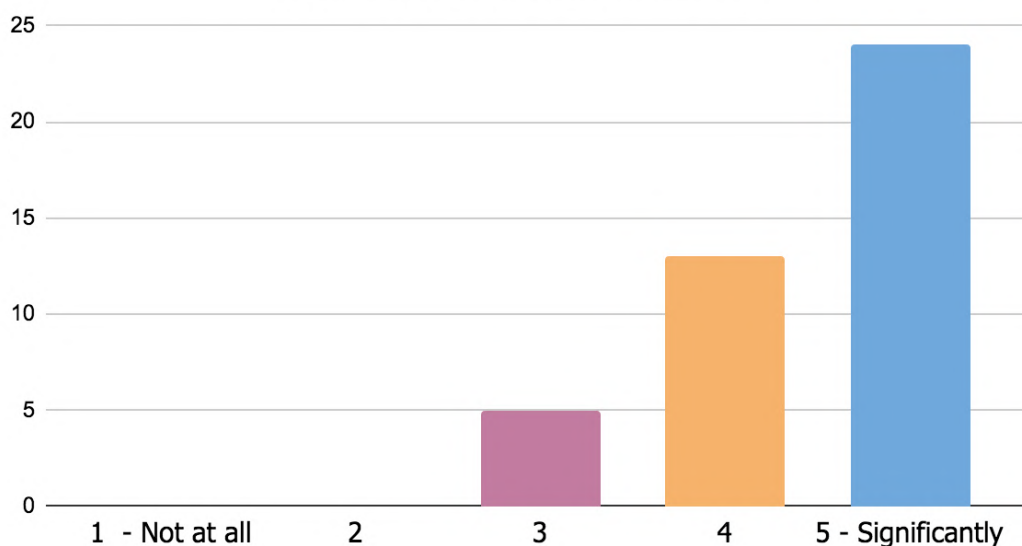


Figure 2

The Youth Forum also prepared 30 selected young people to attend the GFMD. Their preparation consisted mainly in attending the relevant thematic roundtables, allowing them to discuss the issues at hand as well as learn from other youth about their own experiences and perspectives. This was a space to practice articulating the issues in the format relevant to the discussion at the GFMD.

Furthermore, all respondents but one said the outcome documents were a good, very good, or excellent aid in preparing their speeches and intervention at the Summit.

## How was the preparation in the YF useful for the GFMD Summit?

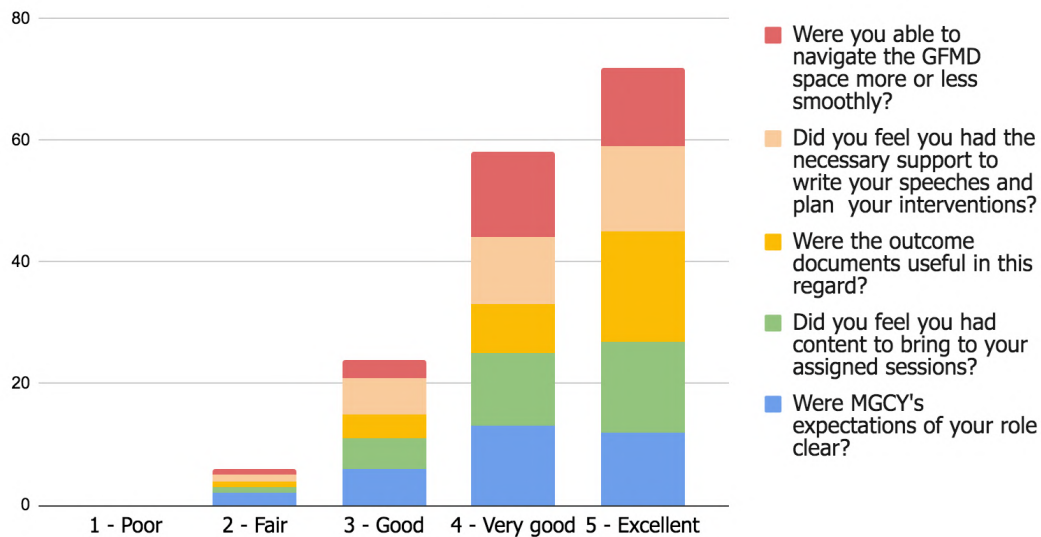


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### Amplifying Youth Voices

For meaningful youth engagement to happen, youth voices need to be heard. The Youth Forum itself would have not been enough to achieve this. For this reason, we created ways to engage youth meaningfully at the GFMD Summit.

First, we held an outcome panel in the afternoon of the Youth Forum, where four young participants from four different regions presented the outcomes of the thematic sessions most relevant to the GFMD discussion, touching on the identified youth priorities, actions, and key asks, as well as their region's action plan. An invitation was transmitted to all GFMD registered stakeholders by the GFMD Chair. We were lucky to count on the presence of a large delegation from civil society. The governments of Ecuador, Germany, and the UAE also attended, among others.

In the Closing Ceremony, the Youth Forum Chair invited all stakeholders to engage youth meaningfully. To invite us to panels, events, and to listen carefully to what youth has to say and remember it when making a decision. This was what our team and partners had worked on in the previous months - to ensure meaningful participation of youth at the GFMD Summit. We reinforced this message throughout the Summit in plenaries, interviews, and bilaterals.

For the first time in the history of the GFMD, youth participated and spoke in the meetings of all mechanisms. We selected young speakers, rapporteurs, and participants for their strong profile, track record of engagement and responsibility in migration issues, and thematic and expertise fit for the sessions.

In the **civil society mechanism**, who have been long-standing supporters of meaningful youth engagement, we had 7 youth thematic rapporteurs, one per session, who ensured youth messages were included in all discussions and outcome documents. The mechanism funded 3 of these youth to come to Quito. Moreover, quite a few civil society organizations, including the Red Cross Federation, Terres des Hommes, and Amel Association International, took to heart our suggestion to bring and fund youth representatives as part of their delegation, who took part in both the Youth Forum and the Civil Society Days.

We were also given a slot in the Civil Society Opening Session for our Chair to report on the Youth Forum, as well as through an official interview. The final civil society report also includes a few paragraphs summarizing the youth perspective as a cross-cutting theme. It is to be noted that, importantly, youth concerns and solutions have also been included and addressed summaries of all thematic discussions thanks to the active participation of the youth rapporteurs.



Four out of the six **government roundtables** (RT) accepted our proposal for a youth speaker. Following the leadership of the governments of Jamaica and Indonesia for RT 3.2, other governments also requested a youth expert for their panel, including RT 1.2, 2.1, and 2.2. We also provided one notetaker for one of the sessions. For speakers we selected young people who are leading innovative solutions or are lead experts in the relevant thematic area, who presented their experience as well as the ones of their peers' reflected in the thematic outcome documents. We received really good feedback from the panel leads and participants.

The **Mayoral mechanism** ensured each of their breakout sessions had a slot for a youth rapporteur to discuss the outcomes of the Youth Forum relevant to the theme of each session. Moreover, a youth rapporteur discussed the role of youth in cities and with local authorities at the Closing Ceremony of the Mayoral Forum.

The **business mechanism** also opened their doors to a delegation of youth engaged in the private sector, who participated in all roundtables and sessions, and contributed with interventions. Many of their start-up competition participants were also under 30 and were invited to the Youth Forum.

In the **Common Space**, during the Opening Ceremony, a youth representative was called to report on the Youth Forum, and she made a call to stakeholders to listen carefully to the solutions youth was bringing to the table in that day's discussions. There were also four selected youth rapporteurs, one per World Café session's theme, and the MGCY team supported the organization and running of the session led by the Mayoral Mechanism.



At the **dialogue on the GCM**, the UN Network invited a youth representative to speak in the Opening alongside the GFMD Chair and the Head of the IOM Policy Hub. Our representative highlighted the commitment youth is showing towards the implementation of the GCM, and the concrete actions we are taking and will be bringing to the GCM Regional Review Forums this year.

We were also present and intervened at almost all of the official **side events** preceding the GFMD, including on climate change, child immigration detention, and public narYouth presence was noted and encouraged. High-level speakers at the Youth Forum and at the GFMD Summit also expressed the importance of having youth voices as an integral part of the conversation. A few examples are the speeches of: H.E. Amb. Santiago Chávez, outgoing GFMD Chair; H.E. Abdulla Alnuaimi, representing UAE' incoming GFMD Chairmanship; IOM's Director General, Antonio Vitorino; Mr. Joaquin González Alemán, UNICEF Representative in

Ecuador; Ms, Estrella Lajom-Roman, Head of GFMD Support Unit; Mr Colin Rajah, Coordinator of the Civil Society Action Committee and co-coordinator of the GFMD civil society mechanism.

Moreover, we had a strong social media presence, thanks to the UNICEF Ecuador, LAC and Global channels and to UN MGCY and IOM social media teams. This includes interviews, posts and stories, a [video essay \(in Spanish\)](#), and a [Medium article](#). Posts by these teams and participants can be found on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter using the hashtag #youth4migration.

This way, youth proposals and contributions were shared in all GFMD platforms. It was a long advocacy journey to get here, and we are extremely grateful for the invaluable support of our partners UNICEF and IOM, and the very positive reception that our allies, including the GFMD civil society and other mechanisms coordinators, GFMD Chair and Support Unit, many governments, and the UN Migration Network showed towards the inclusion of youth, and how proactive they were in creating a space that in many cases did not exist before.



# Our Participants

We selected 68 outstanding profiles from over 700 applicants. The call for applications was open to all youth 30 or below. A selection team in the UN MGCY was nominated and scored all applications based on the evaluation criteria, which selected for track record of commitment, impact of work, and leadership demonstrated. We paid attention to regional and gender balance, and tried to ensure a diversity of socio-economic and mobility backgrounds, to the extent that our limited ability to fund participants allowed.

As a result, we had a very diverse range of youth, all with outstanding knowledge and impact track record in migration issues.



## Technical and professional background

All of the participants were working at the forefront of migration issues, from a large variety of backgrounds. There were activists, professionals, volunteers, and researchers. The highest representation was from civil society initiatives, most youth-led or youth-focused, but also from the private sector, academia, and local authorities.

Some are working as professionals in the migration field, working as directors, lawyers, and policy or programme management roles in grassroots organizations, international bodies, local governments. The projects ranged from supporting migrant populations through capacity building and assistance in their social and economic integration, to protection of their human rights, and to support communication with migrants and building recipients infrastructure.

Others are researchers and students focused on migration topics coming from universities in Europe, Americas, or Asia.

Some are social entrepreneurs, for instance helping young girls in Rwanda learn useful skills for their careers, or training migrants for catering jobs partnering with big private sector firms in Brazil.

Others were volunteers. Some giving their time to established organisations or agencies to lead integration events or mentor young migrants. Others founded their own volunteer organisations of network, in order, for instance, to share information and support to Venezuelan women migrants across the Americas, or to shape narratives in host communities in the USA or Europe.

### Regional breakdown

Participants came from all regions and specifically 32 countries. South America and Central America had a higher representation (63.4% of the participants) as we made it one of our objectives to ensure a high and meaningful representation from these regions and Ecuador in particular to allow for important regional issues to be discussed. The graph below reflects the regional breakdown of participants as self-defined in the application, although it is to be noted that many participants have migrated across regions and find it harder to say they belong just to one.

Regional breakdown of participants

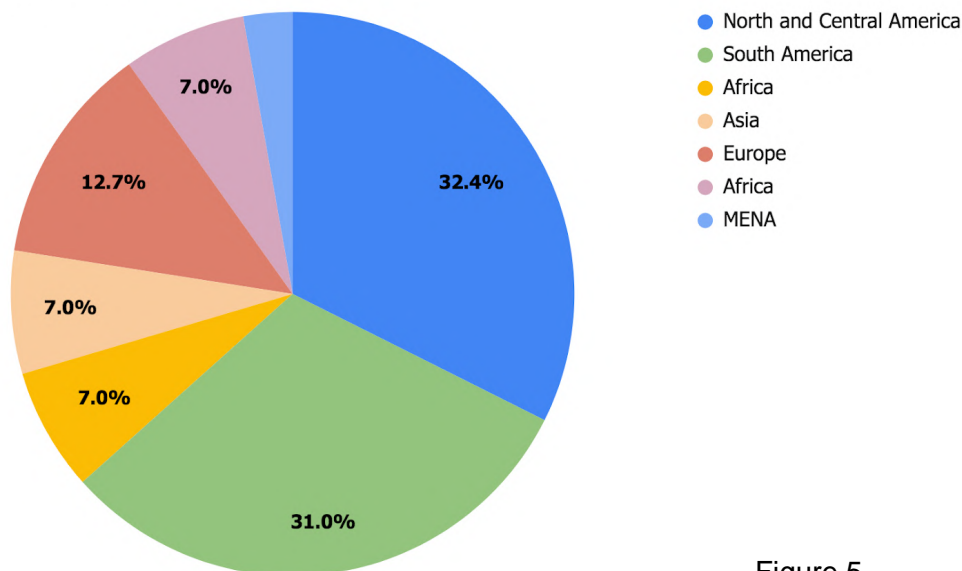


Figure 5

We endeavoured to create an accessible space despite our limited budget, and although we did not have professional interpretation, we arranged for bilingual volunteers to assist during the plenary and all breakout sessions, and our team communicated in both languages during important announcements.



## Socio-economic background

All participants have experience of migration - whether personally, as family history, or through their professional or volunteer involvement with migrants. In particular, over a third of participants identify as migrants, refugees or internally displaced persons.

Of the 68 participants over 10 were sponsored by their workplace, university, or a regional organization. An additional 11 received funding for flights from UNICEF and Save the Children, and 40 were funded with accommodation by UNICEF. This funding went to outstanding participants who did not have the resources to come, and so we brought many more brilliant voices to the Forum and the GFMD. This allowed us to have more balanced regional participation, expertise, and backgrounds.



# Spotlight on Funded Participants UNICEF and Save the Children



UNICEF's and Save the Children's support was key to bringing highly qualified participants. UNICEF fully funded 5 young people with flights and accommodation, and Save the Children 7. UNICEF also supported an additional 25 with accommodation for the Youth Forum and supported accommodation for those staying for the GFMD Summit.

Participants to be funded were selected for their outstanding profiles (between the already outstanding pool of applicants and selected participants) and for not having the resources to come to Quito without funding. Spots were also allocated to ensure representation of migrants, regional balance, and experts on specific topics.

A high number of funded participants also took a leadership and facilitating role at the Forum, and all the funded participants who responded to the evaluation questionnaire also said that the Youth Forum was an excellent experience and very empowering for their work as advocates (responded 4 or 5 out of 5 in the relevant questions).

# Spotlight on Partnership and Collaborators

All of our thematic and regional roundtables counted with the invaluable support from partners and collaborators who supported us in the preparation of the background notes for the sessions, and/or sent one of their experts as external facilitators to co-lead roundtables with the youth facilitator. Their support varied and included inputs to the background document, sharing of resources, facilitation during the session, expert advice to the discussion, and availability to answer questions from participants to clarify concepts and provide concrete relevant examples.

The table below outlines the collaborators to UNMGCY's preparation and leadership of the sessions. All their logos are also included in the cover page of this report, are on our website, and were included in the Programme.

<b>Title of Roundtable</b>	<b>Collaborators</b>
RT 1.1 Labour and Decent Jobs	International Labour Organization (ILO)
RT 1.2 Education and Recognition of Skills	UNICEF
RT 1.3 Push and Pull Factors of Migration	International Organization of Migration (IOM)
RT 1.4 Climate Change Migration	Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
RT 1.5 Human Trafficking and Child Detention	PICUM, Fair Work Belgium, International Detention Coalition (IDC), UNODC
RT 2.1 Providing Regular Pathways from Crisis to Safety	Office of High Commission for Human rights (OHCHR), Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS), UNICEF
RT 2.2 Shaping public narratives from crisis to safety	Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

RT 2.3 Facilitating Social and Economic Inclusion	UNDP, UNICEF
RT 2.4 Supporting Arrival Locations and Sending Places	IOM
RT 3.1 South America	UNICEF
RT 3.2 Central and North America	UN Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC), Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
RT 3.3 Asia and Pacific	
RT 3.4 Europe	PICUM, Fairwork Belgium, IOM
RT 3.5 MENA and Africa	UNDP

We also held two side events and two skills blast workshops, which were mainly organized by external partners and collaborators.

<b>Title of side event</b>	<b>Organizer</b>
Promoting the protection of unaccompanied children and adolescents	Consejo Nacional de Igualdad (Ecuador)
UN's work on youth and opportunities for engagement	IOM, UNMGCY

Figure 6

# Next Steps

The Youth Forum at the GFMD in Quito 2020 was part of a year-long advocacy strategy to get youth voices heard on migration issues, including at the GFMD and the GCM processes. We feel the urgency of addressing the opportunities and challenges created by the large movements of people across the globe, and believe in the power of partnerships to achieve our goals more effectively.

We have shown that youth is an important part of the conversation. We came numerous and prepared for the GFMD Summit discussions. We were present at all mechanisms and presented youth perspectives and examples of concrete actions that can be taken forward and scaled.

**in 2020, we will be focusing on bringing even more practical solutions to the table.** This can be a pivotal year in turning words into action. We want to make it easy for actions to be taken and partnerships to be created, and so we will bring young people to present innovative initiatives based on strong and successful track records. We will present evidence-based recommendations on how to scale them and concrete proposals for partnerships.

We will lead webinars and in-person consultations to gather youth perspectives and successful examples of concrete actions, and will select representatives to bring these to the GFMD regional event as well as Summit in the UAE, and at the GCM regional review process.

As young people, we call on you to:

## 1. Engage us. Invite us to be part of your event or delegation.

Whether you are organizing an event that's part of the GFMD or GCM Review Calendar, or something else related to migration at the global, regional, or local level, invite young people to be part of it both as speakers and participants. If you are going to such an event, advocate for youth participation. by talking with the organisers and by bringing youth delegate with you.

If you need help identifying youth, reach out to us and we will tap into our network and circulate open calls for participation. We can also support with youth consultations in your region or state.

## 2. Invest in us. Help us fund youth to get to these places.

Youth often don't have the funds to travel, as many are leading voluntary or low paid activities out of vocation, and of course many are coming from areas with poverty or disadvantageous currency exchange rates. This way the most marginalized youth

are left out of these events. We can't listen only to the youth who can afford to fund themselves. We need your support in this. Being inclusive is essential but costly. Help us fund a young expert or activist to participate in your event, or coming from your country, region, or from a lower economic background / LDI.

We will be organizing youth skills blasts and events, including a Youth Forum linked to the GFMD next year. Help us find the necessary funds to make these a reality. A preparation space is crucial for youth to organize, and this comes with costs for the space, logistics team, organizers' travel costs, professional interpretation, and investment in skill development.

### 3. Count us in. Consider youth perspectives and take us seriously.

When making a decision or designing a policy, consult us. Our outcome documents are [online](#). You can reach out to us and we can help identify local youth to be engaged in all processes and national, regional and local level. When publishing a report or collecting data, include data disaggregated by age, gender and that reflect the specific concerns of youth.

This year, we will be again working closely with the GFMD Chair, IOM, UNICEF, the UN Network on Migration, and the civil society steering committee to ensure meaningful youth participation. We invite you all, including national and local governments, regional actors, the UN System, civil society, academia, to work with us and help us further demonstrate youth's contributions and proposed solutions to these spaces.

We are moving fast. Don't fall behind.

*For any queries or proposals, please contact the UN MGCY Migration Global Focal Points at [mqfp@unmgcy.org](mailto:mqfp@unmgcy.org), or the Chair of the Quito Youth Forum, Ms. Marta Verani, at [marta.verani@unmgcy.org](mailto:marta.verani@unmgcy.org).*





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## Appendix

### GFMD Youth Forum Programme

January 2020, Quito

*This is the programme of the Youth Forum, which was held in the margins of the XII GFMD Summit in Quito. The Forum gathered youth perspectives in key thematic areas from different regions, focusing on priorities for youth and children and paying particular attention to cross-cutting issues including gender, ethnicity, LGBTQ+ and disabilities. The Forum identified action-oriented solutions and existing successful youth-led initiatives addressing these issues that can be scaled through partnerships with governments, civil society and other stakeholders. The outcomes of the Forum fed directly into the GFMD through youth participation in most sessions of the Quito Summit, including the Civil Society Mechanism to which we are officially linked.*

#### DAY 1

Time	Event	Title / Details
9:00 - 9:30 am	Registration	
9:30 - 10:30 am	Opening Ceremony	Moderated by Ms. Marta Verani, Youth Forum Chair Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of the XII GFMD, H.E. Ambassador Santiago Chávez</li> <li>• UN MGCY Global Focal Point for Migration, Ms. Roxanne Tajbakhsh</li> <li>• UNICEF Representative in Ecuador, Mr. Joaquín González Alemán</li> <li>• IOM Chief of Mission, Mr. José Iván Dávalos</li> </ul>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
<p><b>Thematic Roundtables Cycle 1:</b> These roundtables will focus on the main priority themes identified in last year's Youth Forum in Marrakesh. Participants will discuss youth priorities and policy recommendations, as well as actions on the ground delivering on these priorities, including best practices, challenges and support needed to scale up and replicate identified actions and practices.</p>		
10:45 - 13:00	Thematic Roundtable 1	Labour and Decent Jobs





	with ILO	
	Thematic Roundtable 2 with UNICEF	Education and recognition of skills
	Thematic Roundtable 3 with IOM	Push and Pull Factors for Global Migration
	Thematic Roundtable 4 with PDD and NRC	Climate Change and Migration
	Thematic Roundtable 5 with PICUM, IDC and UNODC	Human Trafficking and Child Detention
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 15:00	Side Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consejo Nacional de Igualdad: Promoting the protection of unaccompanied children and adolescents (Spanish)</li> <li>• IOM: UN's work on youth and opportunities for engagement (English)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Skills Blast Workshops:</b> These workshops will develop participants' capacities on key components needed for effective action in the field of migration and development, the GCM and youth advocacy. They will be delivered by experts on the topics and develop participants' skills to continue effective youth-led action at the local, national, regional and global level after the Youth Forum and the GFMD Summit.</p>		
15:15 - 17:15	Skill Blast Workshop 1 by UNICEF	Advocating for policy change: keys to an effective advocacy strategy (English)
	Skill Blast Workshop 2 by UNICEF	How to organize and implement a successful public engagement campaign (Spanish)
17:15 - 17:30	Coffee Break	
17:30 - 18:00	Reporting Back and Debriefing: Key Takeaways from Day 1	
20:00 - 22:00	Informal Networking	In central location TBD



## DAY 2

Time	Event	Title / Details
9:00 - 9:15	Registration for second day	All participants must register for the second day of activities
<p><b>Thematic Roundtables Cycle 2:</b> These roundtables will focus on the main themes featured in the GFMD programme (including the Common Space and the Civil Society Days). Participants will build upon conversations during day 1 and discuss youth priorities and policy recommendations, as well as actions on the ground delivering on these priorities, including best practices, challenges and support needed to scale up and replicate identified actions and practices.</p>		
9:15 - 12:00	Thematic Roundtable 1 with OHCHR, CELS, and UNICEF	Providing regular pathways from crisis to safety with attention to mixed migration flows
	Thematic Roundtable 2 with ODI	Shaping public narratives on migrations and migrants
	Thematic Roundtable 3 with IOM and GIZ	Supporting arrival locations (cities, ports, nations) and sending places (including rural areas)
	Thematic Roundtable 4 with UNDP and UNICEF	Facilitating social and economic inclusion of migrants
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
12:00 - 13:00	Networking Fair	Marketplace for participants to present their work and respective organizations and to connect with each other
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
<p><b>Regional Roundtables:</b> Participants will discuss key issues and needs in their respective regions. They will present youth-led solutions and propose ways to replicate these actions and overcome existing challenges, including through partnerships with all stakeholders. After discussing by region for an hour there will be a time slot where participants will mix to discuss cross-regional issues relevant to key migration corridors. They will then go back to their groups and draft a concrete plan to accelerate youth-led action in each region.</p>		
14:00 - 16:30	Regional Roundtable 1 with UNICEF	South America
	Regional Roundtable 2 with ECLAC	North, Central America and the Caribbean
	Regional Roundtable 3	Asia and Pacific

	Regional Roundtable 4 with PICUM	Europe
	Regional Roundtable 5	MENA and Africa
16:30 - 16:45	Coffee Break	
<p><b>“Youth for Migration: Key Outcomes from the Youth Forum”</b>: Four youth rapporteurs will present the key outcomes of the thematic and regional roundtables. Representatives of all GFMD delegations and mechanisms will be invited to attend this session, which will provide an opportunity for an open interactive exchange with other GFMD stakeholders.</p>		
16:45 - 17:30	Panel Discussion	<p>Moderated by Ms Roxanne Tajbakhsh, UN MGCY Global Focal Point on Migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 youth speakers TBD</li> </ul>
17:30 - 18:00	Closing Ceremony	<p>Moderated by Ms. Marta Verani, Youth Forum Chair</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of the XII GFMD, H.E. Ambassador Santiago Chávez;</li> <li>• Representative of incoming GFMD Chair, H.E. Abdulla Alnuaimi;</li> <li>• Secretary of Youth at the Ecuadorian government, Mr. Elias Tenorio;</li> <li>• UNICEF Representative in Ecuador, Mr. Joaquín González Alemán;</li> <li>• IOM Chief of Mission, Mr. José Iván Dávalos;</li> <li>• Action Committee Coordinator, Mr. Colin Rajah.</li> <li>• Youth Forum Chair, Ms. Marta Verani</li> </ul>

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