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# Youth Forum

Virtual Event at the XIII GFMD Summit of the UAE

## Impact Report

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# Summary

## Snapshot of the 3rd Youth Forum

The third annual Migration Youth Forum took place virtually on the 4th - 6th of January 2021 as the official youth preparatory space for the XIII Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) chaired by the United Arab Emirates. This year, in addition to the three-day event in January, the Forum's Agenda included preparatory workshops during the month of December, and the Inaugural Youth Leadership and Innovation Award.

The Youth Forum gathered 96 young people leading work on migration and development issues in 51 countries to consolidate youth priorities and compile youth-led solutions to deliver concrete solutions to stakeholders at the GFMD Summit and beyond. The virtual event was organized by the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY), in partnership with IOM and UNICEF and supported by the Governments of the Swiss Confederation and the United Arab Emirates.



Figure 1: The participants of the 3rd Migration Youth Forum

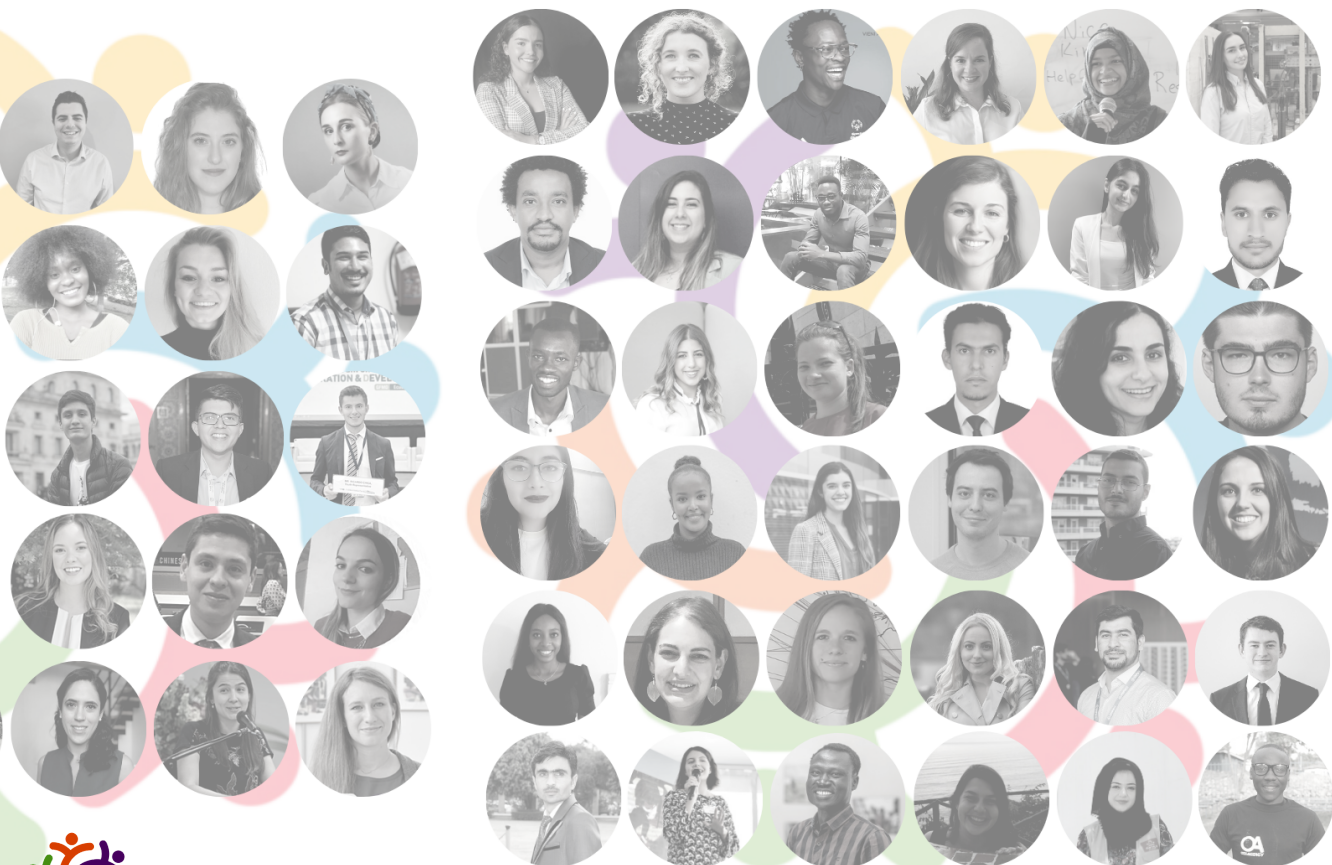


Our objectives were threefold:

**Capacity Building:** enhance participants' skills in consultations, policy and speech writing, public speaking, and facilitation to prepare youth for the GFMD Summit, as well as strengthen their work in their communities;

**Consolidation of youth priorities:** provide a space to consult and consolidate youth priorities and create concrete recommendations on migration issues;

**Amplifying youth-led proposals:** facilitate meaningful youth participation in the GFMD Summit to influence the discussion with other stakeholders with youth priorities, examples of good practices, and proposals of concrete collaborations.



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For our first goal, we delivered capacity-building webinars that made Youth Forum participants more empowered to advocate for migration issues at the GFMD Summit and in their home communities.

For our second goal, we led extensive regional consultations (with 145 youth-led organizations operating in 79 countries, representing 88.000 youth) and roundtables at the Youth Forum, where young people developed policy briefs summarizing the youth position and proposals in relation to the GFMD themes.

For our third goal, 100 young people participated in all of the GFMD Summit and activities, including as speakers, facilitators, and presenters. We came prepared, sat at the same table with the other stakeholders, and presented good practices and concrete proposals for partnerships to shared problems. All GFMD mechanisms and governments were also invited to bring youth as part of their delegations reflecting the cross-cutting nature of the youth population.

We also amplified youth voices and actions through the first edition of the Youth Leadership and Innovation Award held during the GFMD Summit, demonstrating young people's leadership and partnership potential. The top 3 initiatives won a combined \$33,000.

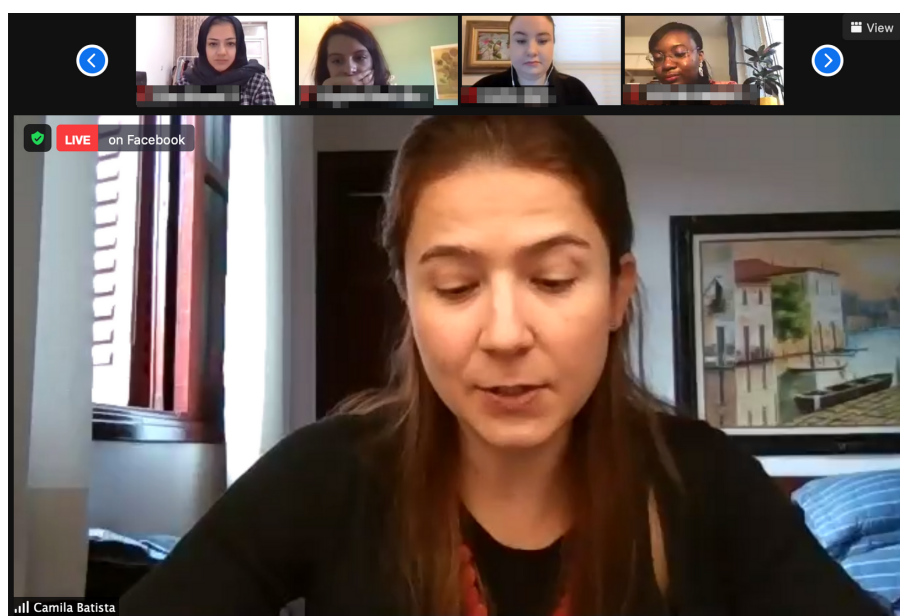


Figure 2: Youth Forum Chair Camila Batista moderating the Closing Ceremony of the 3rd Migration Youth Forum







High-level speakers at the Youth Forum and the Youth Leadership and Innovation Award included H.E. Abdulla Ali Alnuaimi, Assistant Undersecretary, International Relations and Communications in the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization, United Arab Emirates' GFMD Chair, Ms. Alia Ibrahim Mohammed, Acting Director, International Organizations, Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization; Mr. Conradin Rasi, Head of the Forced Displacement and Migration Unit in the Peace and Human Rights Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs; Ms. Nina Hälgi, Program Officer on Migration at the Peace and Human Rights Division of the State Secretariat of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Switzerland; Ms. Wen Li, Director at the Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships of the IOM; Ms. Eva Åkerman Börje, Director a.i. of the IOM Policy Hub in the Office of the Director-General of IOM; Ms. Verena Knaus, Global Chief for Migration and Displacement, UNICEF; Ms. Imen Ouadani, Deputy Mayor of Sousse, Tunisia and representative of the Mayoral Mechanism; Ms. Clara Keller-Skupień, Co-coordinator of the Civil Society Action Committee (AC) and the Civil Society Coordinating Office of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD); and Jorge Cella, Philanthropy Lead and National Technology Office, Microsoft Argentina.

During the GFMD we have demonstrated that young people bring substantive contributions to the conversation, including policy priorities and concrete solutions. We have been able to effectively self-organize through UN MGCY and have also been able to reach a diverse and representative young population, identifying representatives from all regions and different backgrounds, and all with strong expertise and leadership track records in migration issues, leading initiatives in areas such as skilling migrants for employment, leveraging new technologies to empower migrants, addressing gaps in migrant protection, etc.



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We were extremely humbled by the official recognition for our contribution by the UAE as GFMD-Chair-in-Office with the delivery of the honour "Key contributors to the GFMD process."

We were able to achieve this thanks to the substantive partnership of UNICEF and IOM, who have been essential to the Youth Forum's success over the past three years, as well as the Government of the Swiss Confederation and the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization.

All the work done 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 were lucky to count on the incredible technical guidance of all of our partners, including the UNDP, ILO, OHCHR, UNAOC, the EU Joint Research Council, European Commission, Storius Limited, GIZ, ICMC, the Mayoral Mechanism, ICMPD, IDC, Oxfam, Global Changemakers, PUF, and Microsoft. Finally, MGCY Migration is run by many volunteers, so we would like to highlight the hard work of our members.

We are very grateful for the precious support you have provided young people this year.



# Why create spaces for youth engagement?

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Young people under the age of 30 make up 31% of international migrants: more specifically, 15% are under the age of 20 in 2020 (UN DESA Statistics, 2020).

Young migrants have challenges and priorities specific to their age and need responsive policies reflective of that. Furthermore, many young people are also experts and leaders working at the forefront of work in migration issues in their home and host communities, and thus should be included as critical stakeholders and partners in all relevant decision-making processes.



If we empower effective and inclusive youth participation in policy-making spaces – interacting with governments, civil society, and other stakeholders – young people will be able to influence policy, create alliances, and overall shape the future youth and children want.

As the migration constituency of the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY), we have taken this mission to heart.

We are a self-organized space for children and youth (up to 31 years old) to contribute to and engage in certain intergovernmental and allied policy processes at the United Nations and realize our collective right to meaningful youth engagement as enshrined in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and other UN compacts. Our work so far with our key allies - IOM and UNICEF - has shown the potential of young people's participation in decision-making. Since 2018 we have taken the lead on consulting with youth stakeholders around the world and engaged them in the key areas where migration issues are discussed - the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) and the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).



## Why create spaces for youth engagement?

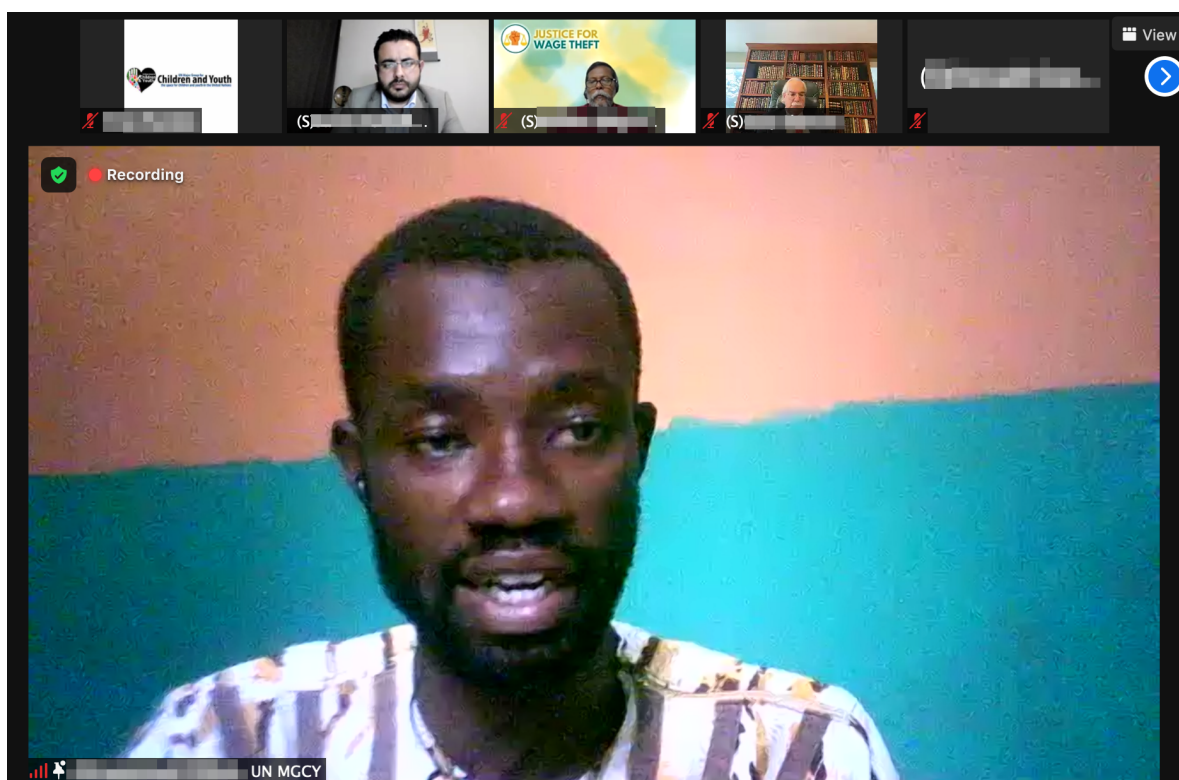


Figure 3: Youth Forum participant presents as a discussant in the session titled, "Emerging Issues in 2021 and towards the IMRF in 2022" during the GCM / IMRF Reporting Dialogue at the GFMD Summit

We started with the GCM negotiation process, as well as at the GFMD and the GCM Adoption Conference, as an official side event to which we organized our first Migration Youth Forum. The following year we organized the second edition of the Migration Youth Forum at the XII GFMD Summit in January 2020 in Quito, after which youth participants represented the youth constituency in all events and meetings of all four mechanisms at the GFMD Summit - shaping the discussion at the government roundtables, civil society, mayors, and business mechanism, as well as the common space.

Coming into our third year of operations, we wanted to push the boundaries of what we have been able to achieve in our previous years, namely increase the reach and inclusivity of our activities, and further support youth leadership and potential as partners.

# Our Impact

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Figure 4: Virtual youth interventions at the XIII GFMD Summit

Our third Youth Forum brought together 96 young leaders - social entrepreneurs, activists, academics, non-profit leaders, including 5 young delegates nominated by their government - from 51 countries, over three action-packed days of virtual roundtables. These included thematic roundtables around the six official themes in preparations for the GFMD discussion, and regional roundtables focused on action to shape public narratives on migration. The full programme is in the appendix. The Forum served as preparation as all the young participants then participated in the GFMD Summit as participants and speakers, including some through the civil society mechanism.

The Youth Forum was also preceded by a series of capacity-building webinars to prepare the young delegates, and we also held our inaugural Youth Leadership and Innovation Award in the official programme of the first day of the GFMD Summit.

In this section, we evaluate our impact against the effectiveness and visibility



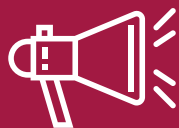
of our presence and voices at the GFMD, the feedback of partners, organizers and participants at the GFMD, as well as an evaluation questionnaire which was filled by over 60% of the participants.

This reports evaluates our impact against our three goals:



Build capacity

Consolidate youth priorities



Amplify youth voices



# Capacity Building



Figure 5: Participants at the Latin America Regional Roundtable at the Youth Forum

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 the soft skills useful for the daily advocacy work participants do back home.

All participants were selected based on their demonstrated impact and leadership concerning issues around migration and development, so we focused on building capacity on their existing skills and offered four advanced workshops led by partners on key skills for the Youth Forum and GFMD ahead: "Leading consultations with young people", "Policy and Speech Writing", "Public Speaking and Communication", and "Facilitation and Leadership Skills". 95% of respondents reported that their skills had improved as a result of participating in these workshops.



# Our Impact

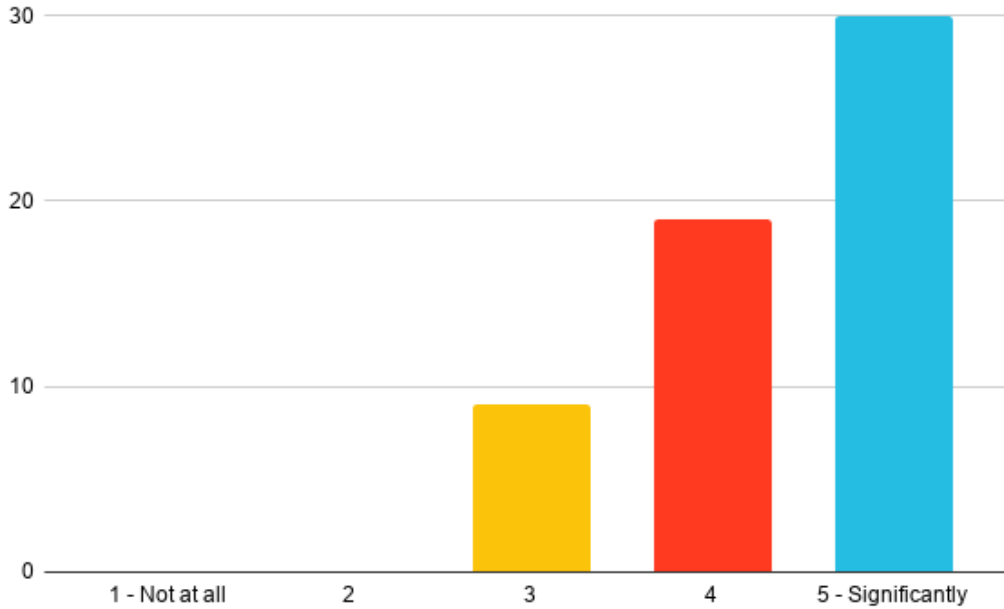


Figure 6: How much did the Forum help you feel more empowered to advocate on migration issues?

Besides the workshops, a key component of the skills development process came from practical learning, including through participating in the Youth Forum roundtable discussions, including with 24 young facilitators working with external experts to lead each conversation. 100% of facilitators reported having a good to an excellent experience in this role.



Figure 7: Participants at the Europe Regional Roundtable at the Youth Forum





100%

Of roundtable facilitators reported having a good to an excellent experience

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 change, knowledge of solutions and best practices to implement in their communities, and motivation to keep up their work

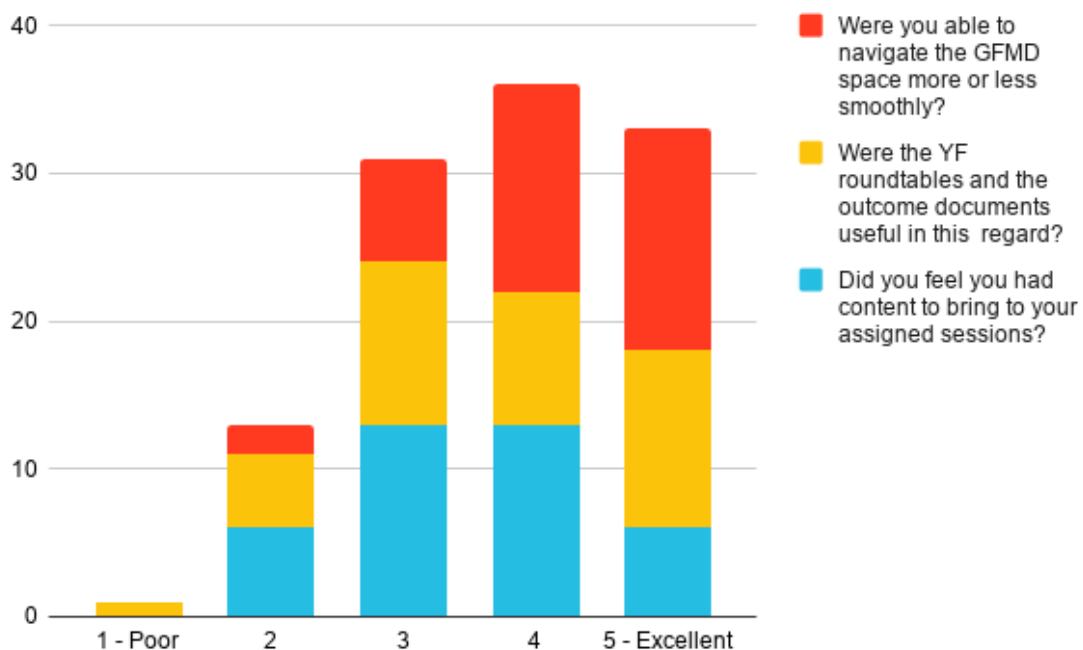


Figure 8: Responses to "How was the preparation in the Youth Forum useful for the GFMD Summit?"

The Youth Forum served as a preparation space as all young participants then went to attend the GDMD Summit. Their preparation consisted mainly in leading or participating in the relevant thematic roundtables, allowing them to discuss the issues at hand as well as learn from other youth about their own experiences



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and perspectives. This was a space to practice articulating the issues in the format relevant to the discussion at the GFMD. Furthermore, the participants could rely on the agreed outcome documents, the network of participants, and the MGCY Support Team for drafting their intervention for the Summit. All but one of the respondents who made an intervention noted that they received good to excellent support for their interventions.

## Consolidate youth priorities

### Regional Consultations

In preparation for the Youth Forum and GFMD process, our Regional Focal Points conducted extensive consultations to understand young people's priorities, consulting with:

**145** youth-led organizations, operating in **79** countries, and representing **88,000** youth around the world.

The results of these consultations were summarized in policy briefs and presented at the Regional preparatory meetings of the GFMD, as well as formed the basis for the background documents and priority selection for the Thematic Roundtables.

### Thematic Roundtables

We needed clear documents compiling the priorities, positions, contributions and recommendations of young people, which would lend themselves to being used as the basis for youth advocacy with other stakeholders. We also needed to collect and highlight good practices and youth-led actions and solutions around the world, to facilitate action-and partnership-oriented recommendations at the Summit.

For this reason, we created six 2-hour thematic roundtables, to jointly draft and agree on a one-page outcome document detailing young people's inputs. 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 partners.

The topics were the same as this year's GFMD for maximum alignment and synergy with the Summit:

- The Governance of Labour Migration in the Context of Changing Employment Landscapes;
- Skilling Migrants for Employment;
- Leveraging New Technologies to Empower Migrants;
- Addressing Gaps in Migrant Protection;
- Discussing Approaches to Address Irregular Migration - What Works? What Doesn't?;
- Fostering Partnerships to Realise Migration-Related Goals in the Sustainable Development Agenda and Managing the Future of Human Mobility.

Each roundtable resulted in an outcome document, which was 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 summit sessions (speeches, comments from the floor, informal meetings, etc.).

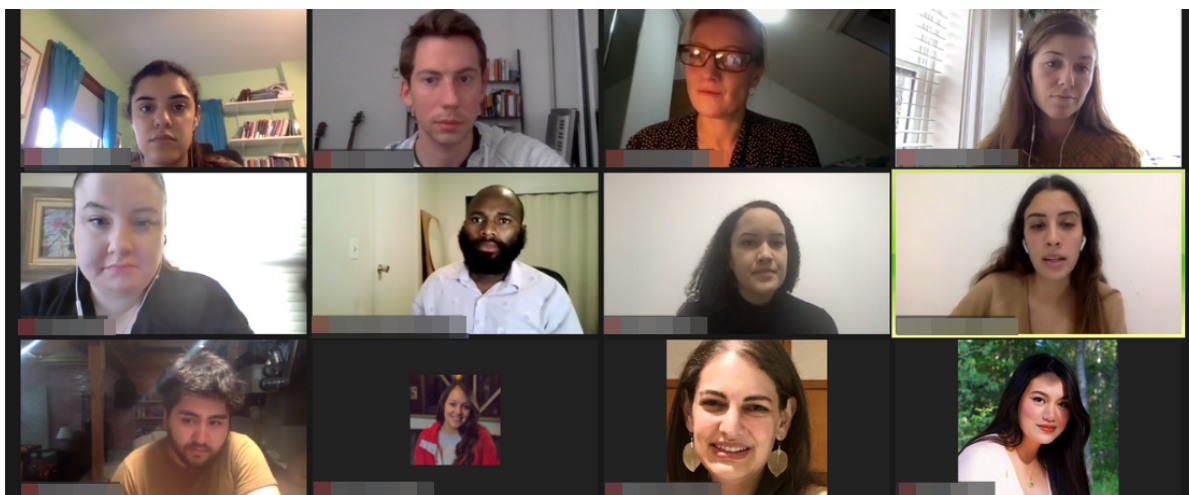


Figure 9: Youth Forum participants at the North America Roundtable



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## Regional Roundtables

The regional roundtables were designed to discuss the state of public narratives on migration and migrants in each region – Africa, Asia and Pacific, Europe, Latin America, MENA, and North America – in order to brainstorm on how the participants could work together to promote integration and evidence-based narratives regionally. The participants created personal and collective action plans for 2021 outlining their planned goals, concrete activities, timelines, and collaboration networks.

All outcome documents are available on our website:

<https://www.unmncy.org/youth4migration/our-work>



Figure 10: Map of the 6 regions represented during the regional roundtables at the Youth Forum



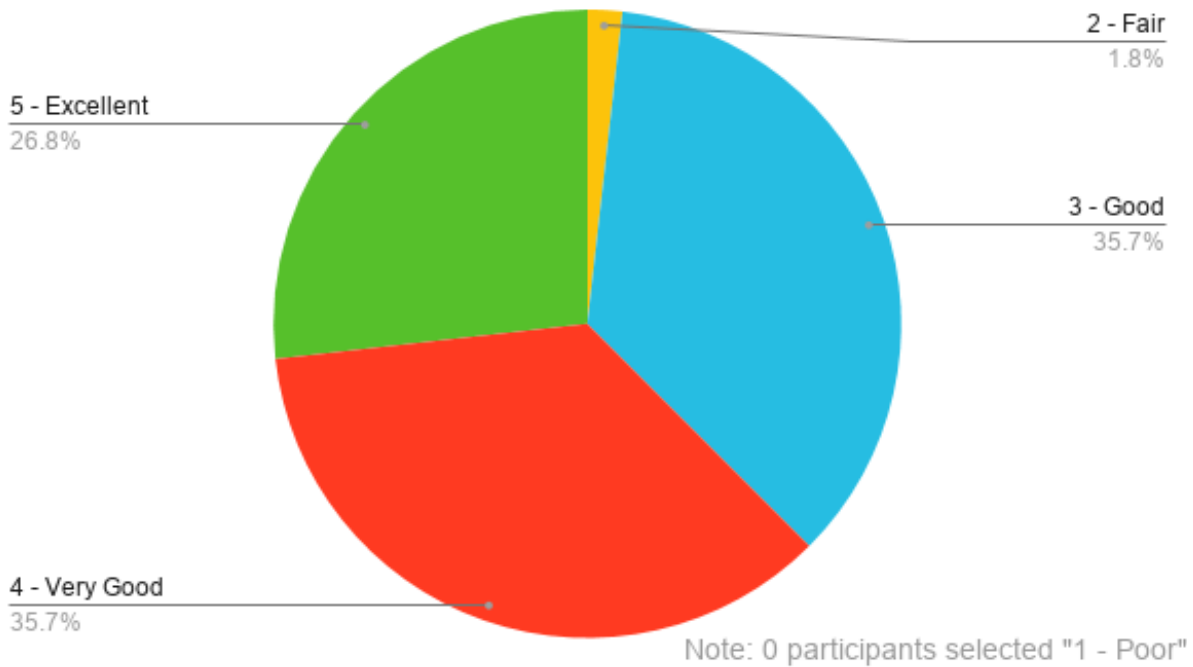


Figure 11: Evaluation of the Quality of Roundtable Discussions

## Amplifying youth-led proposals

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 worked to establish ways to engage youth meaningfully at the GFMD Summit.

All Youth Forum participants were able to participate in the main programme of the GFMD Summit, including as participants, speakers, mechanism's representatives, and Youth Leadership and Innovation Award finalists. In particular, 10 young people represented their organization and the youth constituency at the GFMD through the Civil Society Mechanism, including as participants and facilitators at the preparatory meeting, Summit, and Networking sessions. One young participant also observed at the Mayoral Mechanism's Networking sessions



# Our Impact

16 young speakers in the official programme of 5 out of 6 roundtables, as well as 10 side events on key youth priorities including Shaping Public Narratives, entrepreneurship, and, COVID-19.

Young people proactively intervened throughout the Summit. We also presented youth partnerships at the Open Space, following our active engagement in the Migration Lab. Throughout, young people shared their leadership and impact experience, as well as the good practices and challenges they had encountered. They also highlighted the collective priorities defined during the Youth Forum and the aforementioned consultations, and presented proposals and ideas from the pool of solutions collected by themselves and their peers.

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government roundtables at the GFMD Summit had youth speakers

95+%



respondents felt they had good to excellent support in making interventions at the GFMD Summit



Figure 12: Participant makes an intervention during the "It Takes a Community: Building a Global Movement to Balance the Narrative on Migration" session during the GFMD Summit





Figure 13: Panel of the Youth Leadership and Innovation Award session within the GFMD Summit

We also organized the event in the main slot of Day 1 of the Summit: “Partnering with youth innovators to address shared challenges”, where we launched the inaugural **Youth Leadership and Innovation Award for Migration** to give visibility and support to young innovators. The nine finalists pitched their initiatives in front of a high-level jury to win one of the three cash prizes totaling \$35,000.

The opening speakers were H.E. Abdulla Ali Alnuaimi, representing the United Arab Emirates' GFMD Chairmanship and Mr. Conradin Rasi, Head of the Forced Displacement and Migration Unit in the Peace and Human Rights Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

The event also saw young people report on the key outcomes from the Youth Forum and had an open multi-stakeholder discussion including with governments, youth, civil society organizations, local authorities, private sectors, and UN agencies on the role that young people can play in partnerships on the migration and development nexus. More information can be found on the Award in the Spotlight section.

Moreover, we used social media to amplify key experiences and messages, using #youth4migration. We launched a social media platform on Instagram titled @letstalkmigration, where participants and the greater community can share their migration and impact stories through virtual media rooms. This is linked to the It Takes a Community campaign by the GFMD Working Group on Shaping Public Narratives, of which we are active part.



# Our Impact

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To cement this precedent in the long-term vision of the GFMD, we also put forward our proposals at the Future of the Forum session for streamlining youth participation at the GFMD as a crosscutting population. Initial feedback during the Summit was very encouraging and the full proposal has been sent to the GFMD Steering group. We look forward to formalizing youth seats at the table.



Figure 14: MGCY Migration receives special recognition during the Closing Ceremony of the XIII GFMD Summit

Finally, during the Closing Ceremony of the GFDM Summit, the UAE as GFMD-Chair-in-Office honoured MGCY's contribution to the GFMD Summit with the prize "Key contributors to the GFMD process," delivered during the Closing Ceremony of the Summit.







## Spotlight: Youth Leadership & Innovation Award

The inaugural Youth Leadership and Innovation Award was a key step in growing the support for youth-led action on migration issues through capacity building, financing, and networking opportunities.

We selected 9 initiatives out of 350 applicants, three per category: Skilling Migrants for Employment, Shaping Narratives on Migration, and Leveraging Technologies for Migrants. All selected initiatives were already being implemented, and able to demonstrate a promising track record of the impact of their initiative and great potential for scaling and/or replicating.

After the selection, for capacity building, the finalists were paired with mentors to help them build their pitch presentations to present within the GFMD. They also received capacity-building webinars in “Project Management” and “Effective Campaigning”, with the last three upcoming on “Measuring Impact for Social Innovators,” “Getting the Most of Your Data/Building a Data Culture,” and “Fundraising.” The list of partners for these is in the section partner of this report.



Figure 15: The Youth Leadership and Innovation Award finalists

They will also receive further 1:1 Mentorship to support their fundraising journey.

At the GFMD event, the finalists pitched in front of a judges panel formed by representatives of the UAE, Switzerland, Microsoft, the Deputy Mayor of Sousse, Tunisia, and MGCY. The top three winners (one per category) were awarded seed funding for their initiatives of **\$15,000, \$10,000, and \$8,000 USD respectively.**



Figures 16-18: Online images from the three winning organizations (AIW, Xenophobia Barometer, and A Global Voice for Autism, respectively)

\*More information about the Award coming out soon. This Impact Report will be updated.

# Our Participants

We selected 96 exceptional participants from almost 1,000 applicants. The call for applications was open to all youth aged 31 and below, with significant efforts made to reach a high number of young people, including migrants. The Selection Committee was made up of MGCY members, who scored all applications based on evaluation criteria which scored track record of commitment, impact of work, and leadership demonstrated.

The selection process paid great attention to ensuring regional and gender balance. We made efforts to ensure a broad diversity of socio-economic and mobility backgrounds as much as access to technology and knowledge of English would allow. As a result, we had a very diverse range of youth, all with outstanding knowledge and an impactful track record in migration issues.



Figure 19: Discussion during the 3rd Migration Youth Forum Opening Ceremony

## Professional and Technical Background

The participants were selected based on their work at the forefront of migration issues as they related to the six thematic areas as laid out by the GFMD Chair. These youth were working in areas on labour, skilling, technologies, protection,



addressing irregular migration, and fostering partnerships. Ages ranged from 17 to 31.

The group was made up of migrants and host community members from a wide variety of backgrounds: professionals, leaders of organizations, entrepreneurs, volunteers, researchers, and academics across all sectors. Furthermore, we had representatives from local, regional, and national governments (including formal nominations from government delegations) and the nominees from civil society initiatives (organizations including the Quaker United Nations Office, Mercy International Association, Alianza Americas, AFFORD UK).

The finalists for the Youth Leadership and Innovation Award also participated in the Youth Forum, bringing their practical experience to the conversations, as founders or directors of their own initiatives. Their projects ranged from supporting migrant populations through skill-building and assistance in their social and economic integration, to the protection of their human rights, to support communication between migrants and the host community, to shaping narratives on migration and migrants.

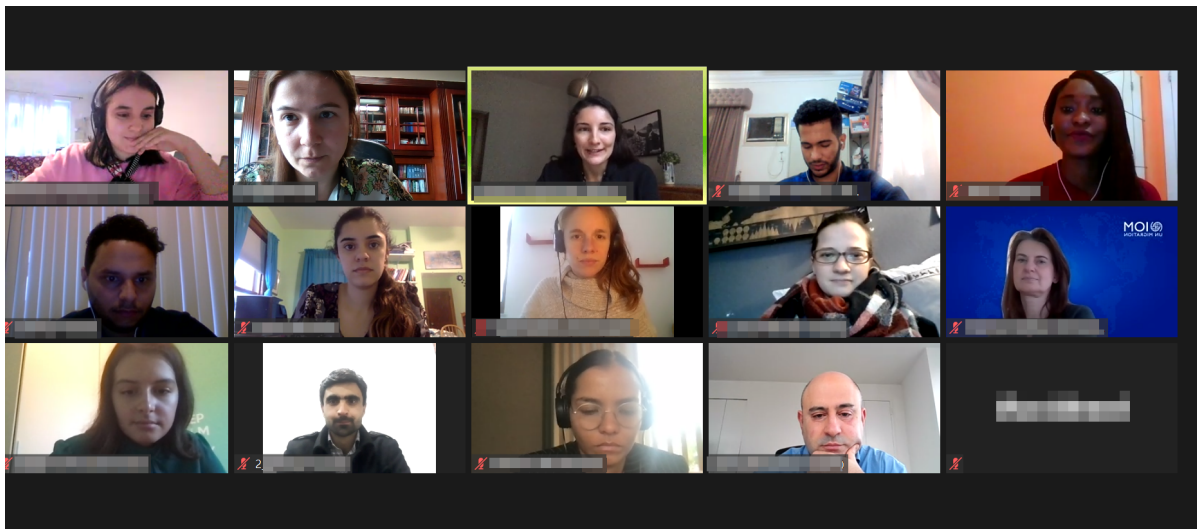


Figure 20: Participants at the "Skilling Migrants for Employment" roundtable at the Youth Forum

# Our Participants

## Regional Breakdown

The participants came from 51 countries of all regions of the world, bringing a rich diversity of perspectives during the thematic discussions, and fostering regional collaboration at the regional roundtables. 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.

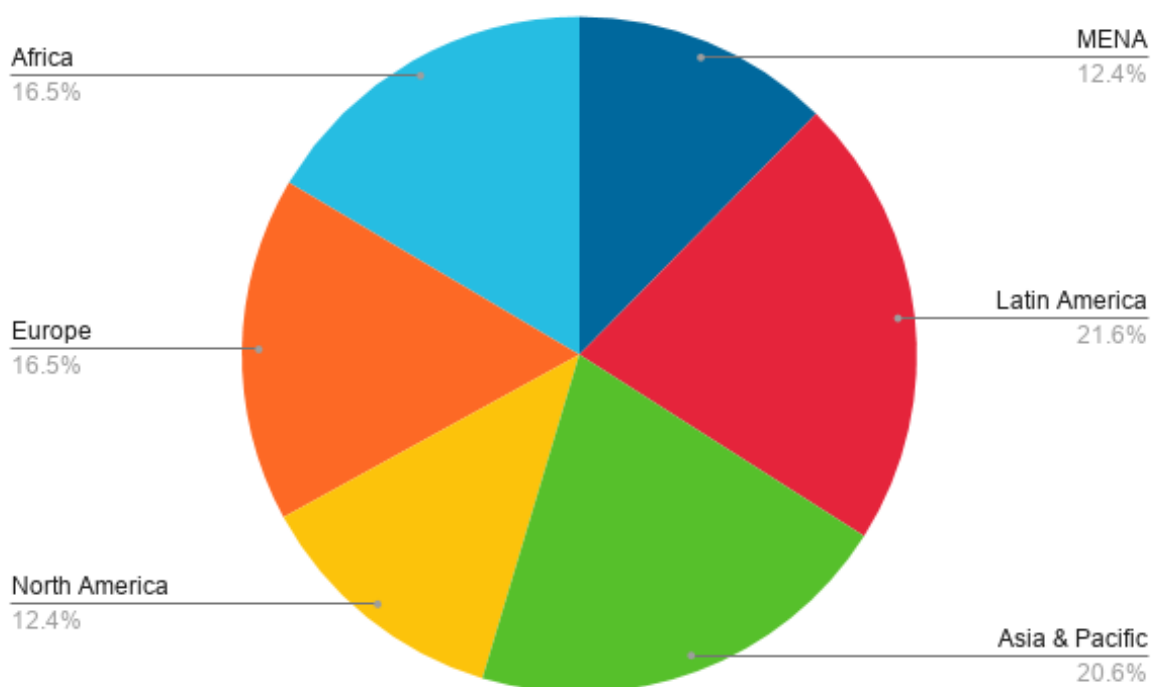


Figure 20: Regional Breakdown of Participants

## Diversity and reach

All selected participants had experience in migration - whether personally, as family history, or through their professional or volunteer involvement with migrants. In particular, 44.5% of participants identify as migrants, refugees or internally displaced persons.



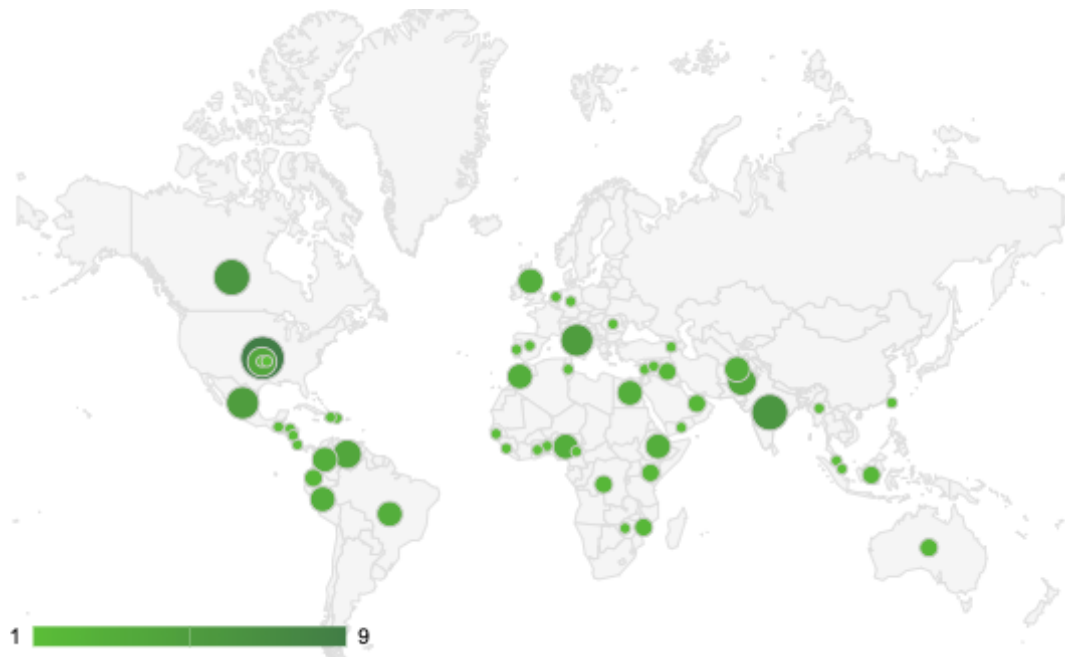


Figure 21: World map of the nationalities of Youth Forum participants

60% of participants self-declared to be part of minorities. We had many participants who were representing the BIPOC community, including 5.6% Indigenous youth. 10.2% self-identified as being part of the LGBTI+ community.

This year opened up a lot of potential to increase access to the Youth Forum space through technology. Participants were not required to apply for a scholarship or to fund their participation through travelling to the physical location, although some obstacles still exist that hinder access to technology, as well as accessibility of language and medium. As a result of the digital platform we used for the Forum, we were able to open up more spaces and find tech-related solutions to ensure that the best-qualified participants could attend no matter their economic circumstance. In any case, we will continue to look for ways to increase our reach each year, always paying attention to groups in vulnerability and considering intersectionality criteria.

# Partners

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The successes of the Youth Forum and the Youth Leadership and Innovation Award were made possible by the many partners who offered their talent, support, and resources to elevating youth voices in this global conversation. Please see the tables below of all our partners and collaborators that contributed to the success of the Youth Forum.

## Our Co-Hosts

IOM's and UNICEF's support have been key to the success of the Migration Youth Forum since its inception. Their precious involvement, time, and partnership helped us build capacity, increase our reach, and open doors in strategic spaces. They also offered many of the capacity-building workshops, mentorships, and expert facilitation.

## Our Funders

Our funders, the Swiss Confederation and the United Arab Emirates through IOM, made the Youth Forum and Innovation Award possible, including the workshops, seed funding for winners, and ensuring our substantive outreach and regional inclusion resulting in a record of nearly 100 youth to participate in both the Migration Youth Forum and GFMD Summit.

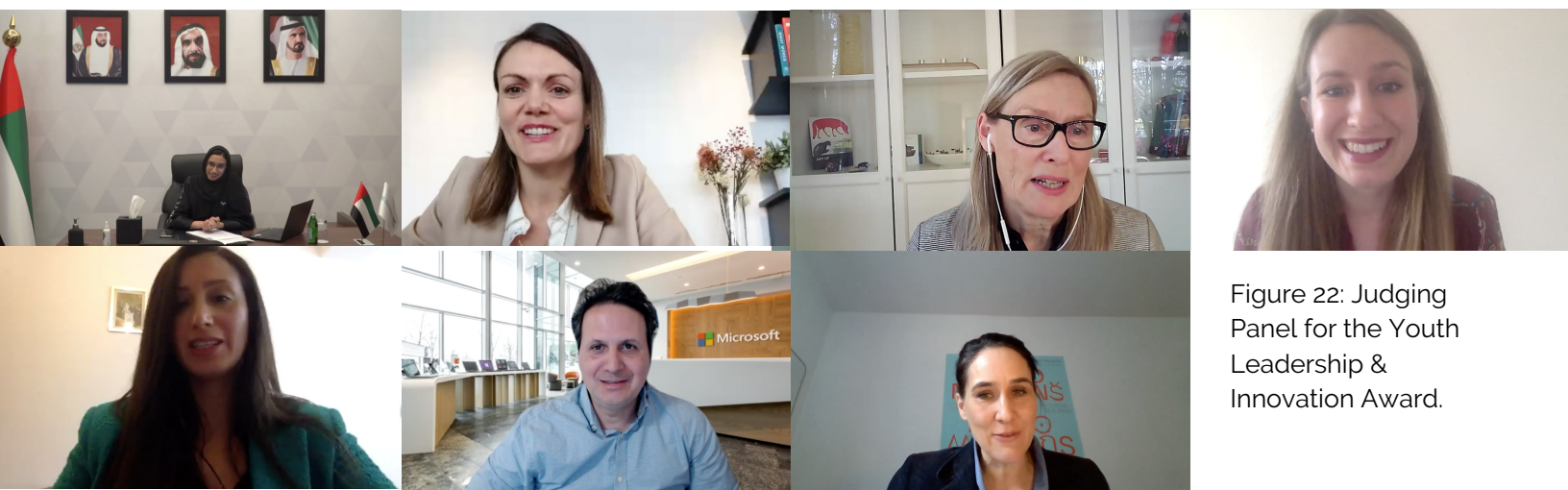


Figure 22: Judging Panel for the Youth Leadership & Innovation Award.



## Partners - 3rd Migration Youth Forum

Expert facilitators from our partner organizations offered youth participants support before and during the roundtable discussions, providing expertise in the thematic and regional discussions, as well as helping us prepare the background documents for each roundtable session.

Roundtable Title	Activity/Project
Thematic RT 1: The Governance of Labour Migration in the Context of Changing Employment Landscapes	International Labour Organization, EU Commission's Joint Research Center on Migration and Demography
Thematic RT 2: Skilling Migrants for Employment	UNDP, IOM
Thematic RT 3: Leveraging New Technologies to Empower Migrants	UNDP
Thematic RT 4: Addressing Gaps in Migrant Protection	OHCHR, International Detention Coalition
Thematic RT 5: Discussing Approaches to Addressing Irregular Migration - What Works? What Doesn't?	ICMC
Thematic RT 6: Fostering Partnerships to Realise Migration-Related Goals in the Sustainable Development Agenda and Managing that Future of Human Mobility	International Centre for Migration Policy Development





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Roundtable Title	Activity/Project
Regional RT 1: Latin America	ILO
Regional RT 2: Asia & Pacific	UNICEF
Regional RT 3: Europe	ICMPD
Regional RT 4: North America	IOM
Regional RT 5: MENA	UNICEF - MENA Office, Amel Association International
Regional RT 6: Africa	IOM Ghana



## Youth Leadership and Innovation Award

Judges
Ms. Nina Hälg, Program Officer, Peace and Human Rights Division of the State Secretariat of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs The Swiss Confederation
Ms. Alia Ibrahim Mohammed, Acting Director, International Organizations, Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation The United Arab Emirates
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Program yoUr Future (PUF)

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Session Title	Delivering Partner
Capacity Building on Youth Consultation	UN MGCY, Civil Society Action Committee
Policy and Speech Writing	UNICEF
Public Speaking and Communication	UNAOC
Facilitation and Leadership Skills	External Experts
Project Management	Global Changemakers
Campaigning	Oxfam
Impact Measurement	MIT D-Labs
Fundraising	Global Changemakers



## Next Steps

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With all we have accomplished, we are ready to keep building from here to encourage increased youth engagement in the GFMD and provide increased opportunities to youth to partner with leading organizations.

### Formalizing youth participation at the GFMD

We are moving forward to formalize youth engagement in the GFMD. As we announced during the Future of the Forum session, we are moving forward with the next steps to formalize youth participation at the GFMD. This will take the form not of a mechanism but as a crosscutting participation in all GFMD stakeholder spaces. It will also include a standing commitment by the GFMD Steering Group to facilitate a Youth Forum officially linked to the GFMD as a space for all youth to self-organize and prepare for the Summit.

We will continue to mobilize, engage, and empower young people around the GFMD process.

### Continuing to support youth-led action

The Youth Leadership and Innovation Award finalists will be able to count with our team's support as they get to use their newly acquired skills, visibility, and funding to scale and grow their initiatives. We look forward to seeing the results in the upcoming months.

This Inaugural Innovation Award will be form the basis for future events and initiatives giving support for young innovators.

### Shaping Narratives on Migration

This year's engagement highlighted once again how shaping narratives on migration and migrants remains a key priority for young people. This is something we will continue to lead work on, especially through our efforts in



the GFMD Working Group on Public Narratives, co-chaired by the government of Canada, Ecuador, and the Mayoral Mechanism.

We are launching a campaign to empower young people to change narratives on migrants and migration in their communities.

### ...and beyond

As we move towards the next year of activities, we are asking ourselves the question of how we can reach even more young people and give them the opportunity to have their voices heard.

For this reason, building on our experience and network, we are launching the **Migration Youth Platform**, which will follow MGCY's format of an open constituency for collective engagement, but allow even more self-organization, participation and reach.

We will keep working with our partners, including IOM and UNICEF. We will focus on strengthening regional and national networks, with an eye to supporting local youth-led impact and networks.

This year, we will reach and empower even more young people in the migration field, at an unprecedented scale.

Let's do it together. Join us.





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