

**IOM FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO THE FIRST AND PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR
THE SECOND GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

International Organization for Migration

Last year in addressing the Fifth Coordination Meeting on International Migration, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) had underlined the

dialogue among cultures, communities and individuals, thus echoing many migrant issues that were singled out among the cross-cutting themes in Brussels.

Coming to the specific issues related to the follow-up to Brussels and the preparation for Manila, IOM would like to highlight the following:

- IOM is pleased with the themes that have been proposed by the Government of the Philippines for the agenda of the next meeting of the GFMD. Pending the approval of the GFMD governing bodies concerning the final programme, IOM has offered its full support and cooperation to the host country both as member of and in conjunction with the GMG, and in its individual capacity to facilitate concrete follow-up to the outcomes of the GFMD meetings and help prepare the Manila meeting.

Concerning the substantive areas of work that have been prioritized by IOM in conjunction with the follow-up to the Brussels round tables and with the Manila agenda, IOM would like to underline the following:

- In relation with the theme on the “Policy and institutional coherence and partnerships” (round table 3), IOM has developed a Migration and Development Handbook project, whose principal objective is to assist states, particularly developing countries, in their efforts to develop new policy approaches and solutions for better management of migration for development. Although the question of mainstreaming migration into Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and other development agendas has been raised regularly, it appears that the tools which would assist Governments implementing this approach have not been fully developed. The Handbook is composed of two volumes:

The first volume will provide practical tools for policymakers and practitioners to integrate migration in their national development planning and poverty reduction

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- All of the above require funding, resources and a work plan. IOM recognizes that there is currently a gap in the implementation of the outcomes of the GFMD, although many participants have stressed that the GFMD is not an operational entity.