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world. Germany and Morocco both possess long standing experience with all aspects of migration and a successful bilateral migration partnership. They aim to offer their respective expertise during the course of their Co-Chairmanship.

Following the high-level meeting of 19 September 2016, and consistent with the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, this year's GFMD activities will be focussed on the process leading to the intergovernmental negotiations on the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018, through the coordination of the SRSG for International Migration. Thus, the Co-Chair intends to add the combined expertise gathered within the GFMD framework.

leverage the positive linkages between migration and development. As the GFMD is not a decision-making body, it offers a framework to discuss even controversial issues without inhibition and more openly than in more formal contexts.

Partnerships. The Working group will then produce an initial draft on the GFMD contribution to the Global Compact.

Meanwhile, preparatory work of the six GFMD roundtables will proceed, and a second Dialogue meeting will be held in Geneva on April 6th, bringing together the GFMD family, the moderators of the Global Compact negotiation process and the SRSG on International Migration. This one-day event is to inform GFMD participants on the way ahead with a focus on substance.

The first round of these dialogue meetings was held just two weeks ago, on 2nd February and attracted considerable attention from the Geneva-based migration experts, representing states, international

workshop with a special focus on the contribution to the compact. This one-day event will take place in Geneva in early September. Based on a draft to be provided by the Working group, it will aim at reuniting input from all GFMD sources.

Towards the end of this year, the Co-Chairs will ensure that GFMD will be represented at the stocktaking conference in Mexico in November.

The GFMD Co-Chairs will be in close contact with the incoming SRSG for International Migration and Development, the Global Compact on Migration co-moderators and the international organizations that will provide support to them in order to ensure the timely and adequate provision of this contribution. Furthermore I would like to emphasize the

migration.

Thank you for your attention.