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**General points about the priorities during the Swedish  
Chairmanship in GFMD**

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Introduction

- From 1 January this year Sweden assumed the role as **Chair of the GFMD**. Sweden will be the Chair until June 2014, and will host the 7th meeting of the GFMD in Stockholm in 14-16 May 2014.
- **The coming two years marks an important period for the global debate on development and migration – with both the upcoming, second UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development and the work on identifying new global development goals.** Sweden and Turkey will seize this opportunity to enhance and make the work of GFMD even more relevant.

Overall priorities during the Swedish chairmanship

- The overall theme for the Swedish chairmanship is “**Unlocking the potential of migration for inclusive development**”

Sweden has **three mutually reinforcing key objectives:**

- **A more development-focused Forum** - redouble efforts to **strengthen the development perspective.**
- **A more dynamic Forum** - **reenergize the involvement and ownership by states and seek better outreach to other stakeholders such as the civil society and the private sector.**
- **A more durable Forum** - **hope that the Forum’s sustainable impact** on the global debate can be achieved by more stable and predictable funding, and by ensuring that the

accumulated knowledge and good practice is shared and implemented more broadly.

#### A more development-focused Forum

- Sweden wants to **focus on identifying concrete synergies between development and migration** and to **attract development policymakers and stakeholders to the GFMD.**
- Sweden will use the current momentum - the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development, the work on the post-2015 development agenda and the Chairmanship in the GFMD - to **strive towards a solid recognition of the contribution migration makes to realize the development goals.** Migration has an important place in the formulation of the future development agenda.
- Sweden, through its Minister for International Development Cooperation, Ms. Gunilla Carlsson, is actively engaged in the **UN High Level Panel**, which has been given the task to write a report on the new development goals. As a contribution to the deliberations of the panel, **the minister has taken an initiative to look closer at how migration can be integrated into this agenda.**

#### A more dynamic Forum

- Sweden is also **dedicated to the continuation and the improvement of the Forum as a process** and will proceed from the recommendations in the GFMD assessment report. Sweden will encourage stronger engagement and involvement of states and other stakeholders in the process.
- **The civil society, including the private sector, plays an important role in the work of the GFMD.** Sweden will strive towards vitalizing the dialogue with civil society – both on national and international levels, and also to engage the private sector as a distinct stakeholder group in the GFMD.
- Well-coordinated initiatives among international organisations, notably the GMG, can play a more important role both in improving the evidence base and in the voluntary follow-up on recommendations generated by the Forum.

#### A more durable Forum

- The GFMD can only continue as consolidated and sustainable process, if we can make **progress towards more stable and predictable funding.**
- We need to find forms to further enhance the impact of the GFMD on the global migration and development arena.

### Conclusion

- Sweden has put forward an ambitious agenda for GFMD 2013-2014. We look forward to working together to move the work forward to our common objective of bringing more clear development benefits to migrants and to all countries involved.