



11 February 2019

Dear *GFMD Friends of the Forum*,

The Government of the Republic of Ecuador has assumed the 2019 Chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) from 01 January until end December this year. This signals the second time that the GFMD Chairmanship has returned to Latin America since 2010.

Our GFMD Chairmanship coincides with the first year of the implementation of the two Global Compacts -- one on Refugees (GCR) and the other for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration (GCM). Hence, as set out in the GFMD 2019 Concept Paper, the Ecuadorian GFMD Chair proposes an agenda that is both forward-looking and introspective. Ecuador aspires in its Chairmanship to nurture common ground amongst Member States and to strengthen dialogue with traditional GFMD partners – international organizations, civil society and business -- and welcoming new stakeholders, particularly local authorities and researchers.

Based on the proposed work plan and thematic agenda for the year 2019, and in accordance with the GFMD long-term financing framework, the Ecuador GFMD Chair proposes a core budget of **Two Million Four Hundred-Thirty Thousand, and Six Hundred Seventy-Eight United States Dollars (USD 2,430,678)**, comprised of the following cost elements:

	US Dollars
• Preparatory Costs	460,650
• Organizational costs of Twelfth GFMD Summit	845,196
• GFMD Support Unit	1,009,085
• Contingencies	115,747

Total	\$ 2,430,678

A more detailed overview of the projected expenses is provided in Annex A. As described therein, the proposed budget includes the costs of various preparatory activities leading to the Twelfth GFMD Summit in Quito in November 2019, as well as other GFMD initiatives aimed at generating greater awareness about the GFMD process and its outcomes, in Geneva, New York and the regions.

The Final Meeting budget provides a rough estimate of the main cost elements associated with the organization of the Twelfth GFMD Summit in Quito. It will be adjusted as plans are firmed up in the coming months. The third main component of the core budget is the GFMD Support Unit operational budget, which covers the costs of dedicated staff and resources needed to provide admin and logistical support for the proposed activities in the GFMD 2019 work plan, administer and reinforce the GFMD Platform for Partnerships, implement the GFMD communication strategy, and manage the GFMD database. Finally, there is a 5% contingency provision for unforeseen expenses.

In addition to the core budget, an amount of Four Hundred Thousand US Dollars (\$ 400,000) needs to be raised in order to provide the GFMD with a seed funding upon the assumption of the GFMD 2020 Chair. This is in line with the Long-Term Financing Framework of the GFMD which has been adopted since 2014. Thus, the total required resources as of end December 2019 are estimated at USD 2,830,678.

The GFMD Chair will include a voluntary pledging session during the meetings of the Steering Group and the Friends of the Forum, to call upon all participating member states, particularly the members of the Steering Group, to demonstrate their support by offering financial contributions to the GFMD process and to the Ecuadorian GFMD Chair.

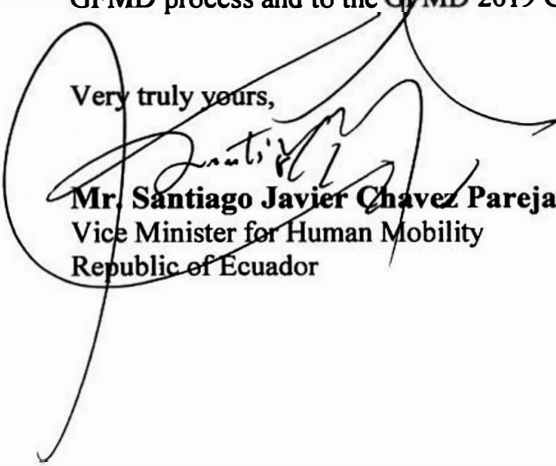
Early contributions, preferably non-earmarked, would be most welcomed. Please refer to the applicable bank accounts below through which international contributions are received and managed by the GFMD Support Unit:

Swiss Francs (CHF)	Euros (€)	US dollars (\$)
Account Name: International Organization for Migration UBS SA, 8 rue du Rhone 1211 Genève 2 SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A IBAN: CH53 0024 0240 C014 5718 0 Reference: MK.0065 (GFMD - 2019 Related Activities)	Account Name: International Organization for Migration Citibank, N.A., Canary Wharf London E14 5LB SWIFT: CITIGB2L IBAN: GB57 CITI 1850 0810 8106 14 Reference: MK.0065 (GFMD - 2019 Related Activities)	Account Name: International Organization for Migration Citibank, N.A., 399 Park Avenue New York, NY 10043 SWIFT: CITIUS33 ABA: 021000089 a/c no: 30557053 Reference: MK.0065 (GFMD - 2019 Related Activities)

For any further information on the budget, please contact Ms Estrella Lajom, Head of the GFMD Support Unit (support.unit@gfmd.org).

The Chair is hoping for your support of the various GFMD activities being proposed for 2019 and would like to thank you in advance for your spirit of generosity and dedicated commitment to the GFMD process and to the GFMD 2019 Chairmanship.

Very truly yours,



Mr. Santiago Javier Chavez Pareja
 Vice Minister for Human Mobility
 Republic of Ecuador

**Proposed Budget
GFMD 2019 Chairmanship
1 January to 31 December 2019**

(as of 11 February 2019)

PARTICULARS	Budget \$	% Share
1. PREPARATORY COSTS		
Launch of the GFMD Chairmanship in New York	12,000	
GFMD Side Event (2 Geneva + 1 NY)	31,500	
GFMD Dialogue on GCM (1 Geneva)	49,500	
Preparatory Meetings in Geneva, 3x	93,900	
Thematic Workshop/Meetings 2019, 3x	153,750	
Research / Consultancy	50,000	
Chair's Activities	20,000	
Communications	50,000	
Subtotal	460,650	19%
2. FINAL MEETING		
Travel of Subsidized Delegates (120 Participants)	461,196	
Venue and Technical Support	75,000	
Translation costs	30,000	
Meals and Catering	109,000	
Simultaneous Interpretation	80,000	
Transportation	40,000	
Other conference costs	50,000	
Subtotal	845,196	35%
3. GFMD SUPPORT UNIT		
Staff costs	857,833	
Office costs	103,200	
Overhead	48,052	
Subtotal	1,009,085	42%
4. CONTINGENCIES 10%	115,747	5%
TOTAL RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THE CORE GFMD 2019 BUDGET (\$)	2,430,678	100%
Plus: Commitment to GFMD 2020	400,000	
TOTAL RESOURCES NEEDED BY END DECEMBER 2019 (\$)	2,830,678	100%