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18th January 2021, 12:30 to 15:30 pm CET

The youth-led session at the GFMD will be a space for all stakeholders and young participants of the GFMD to interact and discuss ways of creating partnerships around the key themes of this year’s program. The session will be focused on presenting innovative and effective projects and initiatives led by youth, which have a high potential for replication, scaling, and partnership with governments and all stakeholders.

Alongside discussions on the concrete proposals stemming from the Youth Forum, held over the previous month, this event will also have a significant component on the pitches of the 9 finalists of the Youth and Leadership Innovation Contest, who will be competing to win the cash prize for the top 3 initiatives, in front of a panel of judges from the UAE, Switzerland, IOM, UNICEF, Microsoft, Mayoral Mechanism and UN MGCY.

Organizers: UNMGCY
Languages: English, Arabic, Spanish, French

This document contains the Agenda, the list of the 9 finalist youth initiatives and their descriptions, and the list of the jury.

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<td>Head of the Section Forced Displacement and Migration,</td>
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<td>At the Youth Forum earlier this month, young participants discussed innovative and effective youth-led initiatives that are addressing the shared problems and opportunities of the 6 themes of the GFMD. This panel will discuss some of these initiatives, as well as key challenges and opportunities for partnerships with governments, local authorities, civil society, and businesses.</td>
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Nhial Gatriek, Programme Coordinator, Refugee Youth Peace Ambassadors, Ethiopia/Kenya
Sindiya Ibrahim, Senior Project Manager at the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation, UAE.
Alankrita Dayal, Founder and Executive Director, Program yoUr Future (PUF), India/USA. (TBC)
Irfan Ullah, Deputy Director, Roshna Social Organization and civil society representative, Pakistan/Germany.

13:10 - 14:40 CET
Youth Leadership and Innovation Contest Pitches

The 9 finalists of the Youth Leadership and Innovation Award will be competing for the cash prizes for the 3 top winners in front of a panel of judges from the UAE, Switzerland, IOM, UNICEF, a mayoral representative, and UN MGCY. Each young finalist will have 4 minutes to pitch their initiative to the audience and jury. The categories are Skilling Migrants for Employment, Shaping Narratives on Migration and Leveraging Technologies for Migrants. The full list of finalists and organizations are at the end of the Agenda.

Moderator: Camila Batista, Youth Forum Chair, UN Major Group for Children

14:40 - 15:20 CET
Moving forward in 2021 together

Moving to the GFMD and beyond, there are great opportunities to achieve our shared goals by partnering with youth and leveraging young people’s ability to innovate and lead effective initiatives in their communities and beyond. This interactive discussion will focus on what can youth bring to the table to help address our shared challenges, and how can national and local governments, civil society, and business leaders involve youth and leverage these opportunities.
**Discussants:**

- Salwa Mansuri, Founder and CEO Re(foryou)gees, India/United Kingdom (TBC)
- Verena Knaus, Global Chief, Migration & Displacement, UNICEF
- Government of Canada TBC
- Civil Society TBC

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For any questions, please contact Ms Marta Verani, marta.verani@ungmcy.org or Ms Camila Batista at camila.batista@unmgcy.org.
Meet the Youth finalists

Category 1: Skilling Migrants for Employment

**Association for the Integration of Women**
Caroline Caporossi (Italy)

The Association for the Integration of Women (AIW) is a non-profit based in Modena, Italy with the mission of providing resources for women to establish roots and flourish. Our programs are designed to give migrant women the platform they need to show their potential; including paid technical and nontechnical training programs designed by industry professionals, employment opportunities, and community-building activities. In 2021, the AIW aims to launch a unique food-based integration model called Roots, a replicable model and means of harnessing cultural capital to generate wealth, drive entrepreneurship, and build the inclusive societies of tomorrow.

**ENprender**
Fundación Qubo Soluciones Sociales Innovadoras
David Medina Andrade (Columbia)

ENprender is the program that gives seed capital in products while is educating how to create and to improve a business and transform it into a social innovative business. ENprender started on October 14, 2015 and has the mission to prevent and decrease youth unemployment in migrants and victims of armed conflict. Our activities: call to young migrants and victims of armed conflict to participate, train them in project management and canvas, multiply their knowledge to other migrants who do not have any job. ENprender is innovative, because it gives seed capital of high risk to young Venezuelan migrants and transforms their ideas or businesses into innovative social businesses.

**moveurope!**
Karla Kästner (Italy/Germany)

moveurope! is the first and only grassroots youth-lead initiative in Europe that bridges the gap between EU states/companies undergoing an increasing lack of unskilled labour and young migrants that often find themselves in a situation of passiveness, unemployment or labour exploitation without being stimulated to unfold their skills and talent. As a pilot, moveurope! connects organisations and companies in Germany with young migrants for internship, voluntary service, and apprenticeship opportunities using the visa procedure (German Residence Act §§16a,18,19e) and accompanies them in all organizational steps before and during the mobility as well as in the process of permanent labour migration. moveurope! therefore supports young migrants to build up a self-determined life in dignity in Europe and encourages companies and EU states to foster regular intra-European migration pathways for educational and vocational purposes whilst benefitting their welfare system and enhancing a Europe based on solidarity, offering all young people equal chances.
Meet the Youth finalists

Category 2: Shaping Narratives on Migration

Xenophobia Barometer
El Derecho a No Obedecer (The Right to Not Obey)
Alejandro Daly (Columbia)

Alejandro Daly is the Director El Derecho a No Obedecer, a platform of Corporación Otraparte that proposes, develops and accompanies citizen advocacy processes to achieve greater impacts in Colombia. Currently, he is working to promote the integration of Venezuelan migrants and refugees in Latin America, impacting more than 115,000 people through artistic and cultural manifestations, public conversations and social media. In addition, he is Co-Director of the Xenophobia Barometer, the first platform to analyze the narratives around Venezuelans migrants and refugees in social media with the objective of positively transforming them. Their objective is to shape the negative language that causes the massive spread of hate speech towards migrants and refugees and create an alert system to inform key stakeholders that can provide support and mitigate risks. Thus, they seek to have a measure of the perception of host communities around migration in real-time, something that is currently non-existent.

REFUPOET
Faith Otieno (Kenya)

Refupoet is a Non-Governmental Organization that creates a safe space for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to tell their stories of trials and triumph through art (music, poetry, dance, visual arts, e.t.c). This is because art is a means of providing emotional support to the victims of various atrocities. Further, it encourages free self-expression which is crucial in improving one’s self-esteem, developing self-awareness, relieving anxiety, developing social skills and even managing addictions. Lastly, art as a means of advocacy raises awareness on refugee and migrant issues while shaping public narratives about them. Refupoet came into being in 2018. This was after its founder, Faith Atieno, was requested by Amnesty International Kenya to create a concept that would through art, celebrate Refugees on the World Refugee Day that year. Faith Atieno, was at the time volunteering with Amnesty International. Faith, is a 22-year old lawyer, poet, singer and songwriter.

GMA Talk
Gerard Mutabazi Amani (Canada)

Global Mission Advocacy (GMA) Talk is a media and advocacy platform on everything Refugees and the Motto is ‘More than a Refugee’. Whether it is in Canada or around the world, there’s this misconception among some people on who are refugees and that refugees are a burden to nations. GMA Talk highlights the real stories and facts on refugees, how they can be supported and how they are of benefit to nations. Guests include refugees themselves, advocates, volunteers and humanitarians around the world assisting refugees in camps and urban settings. These conversations often focus on the resettlement and integration of refugees and their socio-economic implications. Being informed is the first step to helping refugees and that is what we do here at GMA Talk. On the community level in Edmonton, Canada, GMA Talk helps Refugees with integration services such as volunteering, mentorship, education, and career opportunities.
Meet the Youth finalists

Category 3: Leveraging Technologies for Migrants

A Global Voice for Autism Inc.
Melissa Diamond (United States)

A Global Voice for Autism equips conflict-affected communities with the tools to support children on the autism spectrum and children with developmental disabilities in their classrooms, homes and communities. The organization works closely with local community partners to customize evidence-based programming to the cultural and linguistic needs of each community. Through virtual and in-person training, support, awareness-raising and advocacy, A Global Voice for Autism has directly supported 15,217 individuals (and indirectly supported many more) to foster inclusive communities for all children in conflict and displacement situations.

Make it German e.V.
Mahmoud Almaghrabi (Germany)

Make it German is an NGO that supports new migrants in Germany as well as people who intend to travel to it. Its goal is to bridge the gap between people with migration background and German society, promote integration, and enhance the digital skills of the newcomers. Many migrants have the potential to develop their capabilities, but they don’t know what suits them best or from where they should start. At this very point Make it German’s mission begins. Their motto is “A good start is half the success”. Consequently, they support their target group by guiding them to take a step in the right direction. Furthermore, they strive to provide them with information to help them overcome different hardships that are related to study, the labor market, and everyday life in Germany. Trust and transparency are their core values, therefore, all information provided is based on official and reliable resources.

Venezolanas Globales
Maria Corina Muskus Toro (Mexico)

Venezolanas Globales (VG) was created in 2018 after realizing the need to connect Venezuelan migrant women who have had to migrate in search of better opportunities, with the common goal of succeeding abroad. The platform is unique, the first and largest network dedicated to making Venezuelan migrant women visible while supporting and promoting them. It is a community whose members specialize in multiple areas of expertise and who seek to grow, connect, boost, and inspire other Venezuelan women during their migratory process. It is a space for participation and interaction where in-person and virtual activities are carried out with the goal of supporting the objectives and pillars of the network. VG operates both as an online platform and on the ground through ambassadors who organize workshops, conduct group meetings and grow the network of Venezuelan women in each city. In just two years VG has expanded to 14 cities around the world and reached more than 2,500 Venezuelan migrant women. VG is truly a one of a kind organization that will continue making a positive impact on Venezuelan migrant women.
Meet the Judges

Leadership and Innovation Award on Migration

Judge TBC
UAE

Nina Hälg
Forced Displacement and Migration
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs - Switzerland

Imen Ouardani
Deputy Mayor of Sousse
Tunisia

Marta Verani
Global Focal Point on Migration
United Nations Major Group on Children and Youth

Verena Knaus
Global Chief, Migration & Displacement
UNICEF

Eva Akerman Börje
Director a.i., Policy Hub, Office of the Director General
IOM

Judge TBC
Microsoft
Thank you for your participation! Be sure to post about the event with the hashtag #youthformigration

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