

## Civil Society and Intergovernmental Stocktaking Meeting 2-6 December 2017, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco-Mexico



***“States should go beyond attracting the best and the brightest and focus on attracting the hardworking migrants”.***

The Global Compact stocktaking meetings took place in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in December 2017, following the adoption in September 2016, of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants at the UN General Assembly. UN Member States set in motion a process of intergovernmental consultations and negotiations which will lead to the drafting of a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), to be adopted at an intergovernmental conference on international migration to be held in 2018.

The civil society stocktaking and strategy meeting was held on 2-3rd December 2017 and intergovernmental stocktaking meeting was from 4-6th December 2017. Member-states, civil society organisations, academia, the private sector and multinational development organisations came together to take stock of inputs from the national, regional and global consultations on the compact and to strategies and develop actionable commitments to be included in the ‘zero-draft document’. This document will be released by the co-facilitators; Ambassador Juan José Gómez-Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations and; Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in February 2018 as the basis for the Intergovernmental negotiations phase.

There were 100 participants at the civil society stocktaking from 31 civil society organisations, from 42 countries operating in 7 regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and North Africa, North America, Pacific) and 60 representatives from governments. The meeting focused on priority messages and strategies for the negotiations phase of the global compact in February 2018. The intergovernmental stocktaking meeting had representation from approximately 160-member states. MSDG Project members were high-level participants in the UN Stocking Meeting on the Global Compact for Migration. Professor Gibril Faal, MSDG Project Director and Dr. Sainabou Taal, MSDG Technical Adviser participated in two-day the Civil Society Stocktaking.



- Professor Faal was a panellist on the concluding session on the second day of the civil society stocktaking with the GCM co-facilitator Ambassador Juan José Gómez-Camacho, and Ambassador Jürg Lauber. Dr. Taal served as a rapporteur for the working group on Transnational and Sustainable Development.

- Mr Lamin Faati Deputy Permanent Representative of the Gambia mission to the UN in New York and Dr. Sainabou Taal attended the UN intergovernmental GCM stocktaking meeting on behalf of The Gambia, together with Professor Faal.



- Professor Faal served as the overarching expert of the UN GCM Stocktaking meeting, presenting the concluding remarks together with Dr Kathleen Newland, Senior Fellow of the Migration Policy Institute, Ms Louise Arbour, Special Representative of the Secretary General and the co-facilitators Ambassador Juan José Gómez-Camacho, and Ambassador Jürg Lauber.






## Facts and Figures

247 million people live outside of their country of birth and migrants make up 3.3% of the world population. Migrants contribute 9% to the Global GDP. 40% of global fortune 500 companies, employing close to ten million people worldwide, were founded by first – or second-generation immigrants. In the United States, 17% of their workforce is migrant driven and 37% of their growth in the workforce is also migrant driven. Migrants add \$2.5 trillion to the US economy (yet the US withdrew from the GCM process one day before the stocktaking event (**Mckinsey Global Institute 2016**)).

## Bi-lateral Meetings

1. Professor Faal had private group meetings with the UN co-facilitators and civil society leaders and a private group meeting with global and regional civil society activist and the IOM leadership.
2. Professor Faal had private meetings with the Director General of IOM Ambassador William Lacey Swing.
3. Professor Faal had a private meeting with the President of the 72<sup>nd</sup> UN General Assembly Miroslav Lajčák
4. They had bi-laterals discussions with delegated from Canada, Germany, Holy See (Vatican), IOM, Republic of Ireland, World Bank, Switzerland and United Kingdom

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