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12th GFMD Global Forum on Migration and Development

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The Government of the Republic of Ecuador, in its capacity as 2019 Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), will be hosting the Twelfth GFMD Summit Meeting on 20-24 January 2020 in Quito, Ecuador, open to Member States and Observers of the United Nations, and other GFMD Observers. The Twelfth GFMD Summit will be the climax of the Ecuador GFMD Chairmanship.

The Twelfth GFMD Summit will be opened by High Level officials of the Government of the Republic of Ecuador. It is expected to be attended by Ministers and Vice Ministers from all regions of the world, and a broad range of policy-makers and practitioners in migration and development fields.

From the outset, a central focus of the GFMD 2019 Chairmanship has been continuing the global dialogue on migration in the changed policy landscape following the affirmation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and Global Compact for Migration (GCM), the review of the implementation of migration-related commitments in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda through the High-level Political Forum, and the enhancement of the GFMD process through the follow up of the recommendations of the GFMD Ten-Year Review Report.

The Ecuadorian Chairmanship is focused on the central theme: “Sustainable approaches to human mobility: Upholding rights, strengthening state agency, and advancing development through partnerships and collective action.”

The substantive agenda of the Quito GFMD Summit focuses on three Roundtable (RT) themes, to be discussed in six RT sessions:

(1) Coordinated responses to mixed movements: Partnerships and collective action to protect rights

Roundtable 1.1: Providing regular pathways from crisis to safety

Roundtable 1.2: Facilitating social and economic inclusion

(2) Migration narratives and communication: What role, responsibility and resources do governments have?

Roundtable 2.1: Shaping public narratives on migration and migrants

Roundtable 2.2: Communicating effectively with migrants

(3) Addressing human mobility as part of urban and rural development strategies

Roundtable 3.1: Supporting arrival cities through policy coherence and multi-stakeholder partnerships

Roundtable 3.2: Harnessing migration for rural transformation and development

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