

## SPEAKERS' BIOS

*Thematic Workshop on GFMD's Contribution to  
the Global Compact on Migration*

**- Cluster 2-**

*Addressing Drivers of Migration*

### **Amb. Evan P. Garcia**

*Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the  
United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva*



Ambassador Evan P. Garcia serves as the current Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, a post he first held from 2010 to 2013. A career diplomat who joined the Foreign Service in 1982, he brings over thirty years of professional diplomatic experience to his post, including as Philippine Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Non-resident Ambassador to Ireland (May 2016 to January 2017) and Undersecretary for Policy of the Department of Foreign Affairs from 2013 to 2016.

In his foreign assignments, he served as a Consul and Economic Officer in the Embassy of the Philippines to Japan, and as a Political Officer, Acting Consul General, and Acting Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of the Philippines to the United States of America. He has a License in International Relations and Political Science from the Graduate Institute for International Studies in Geneva and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Foreign Service, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of the Philippines in Diliman.



### **Amb. Eduard Gnesa**

*Former Special Ambassador for International  
Migration, Switzerland*

Ambassador Gnesa chaired the 2011 GFMD hosted by Switzerland while serving as Swiss Special Ambassador for International Migration. As GFMD Chair, he introduced the concept of holding thematic meetings as a preparatory step to the extended Summit Meeting. Under his leadership, the GFMD in 2011 hosted 14 thematic meetings all over the world. He was instrumental in the establishment of the GFMD business mechanism to give business a space to voice out their concerns and to inform policymakers.



In his role as Special Ambassador for International Migration until May 2017, Ambassador Gnesa extensively worked in the field of foreign policy of Switzerland, particularly in the areas of migration and development. He also supported the work of the Swiss interdepartmental working group on migration.

With extensive studies in Law at the University of Fribourg and University of Geneva, he served as Director of the Swiss Federal Office of Immigration, Integration and Emigration from 2001 to 2005. Thereafter, he became Director of the newly created Federal Office for Migration (today the State Secretariat for Migration), which is under the Federal Department of Justice and Police.

## **Mr. Lukas Gehrke**

*Director Policy, Research and Strategy  
International Centre for Migration Policy Development*

Lukas Gehrke is the Director for Policy, Research and Strategy of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). In this capacity, he leads ICMPD's Migration Policy Programme, Research and Strategy Development, Knowledge Management as well as External Relations. Moreover, he holds responsibility for strategy and policy analysis in all areas of migration including migration management, legal migration, asylum and protection, border management, irregular migration, migrant smuggling and trafficking, as well as social cohesion and integration.



From 2010 to 2016, as the Director of Southern Dimension at ICMPD, Lukas had the overall responsibility for ICMPD's operations in Africa, Middle East and Gulf, Central and Latin America. Lukas has a background in law, holding both a Master of Law from the University of Vienna and another one from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Lukas has profound experience in working with national authorities and international organizations, academia and civil society organizations.

