

GFMD Roundtable 3.2

Migrants' social and financial remittances and their effects on health and education

Thursday 15 May 2014

14h30-17h30

Venue: Fogelströmrummet

Agenda

Co-chairs: **Juan José García Vásquez**, Vice-Minister for Salvadorans Abroad, El Salvador

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Rapporteur: **Hanna Simon**, Director General, Department of Eritreans Abroad- Ministry of Foreign Affairs Eritrea

14h30-15h30 **Introductory session**

Setting the scene by the co-chairs – the evidence of the links between migration and health and education

Reflections by **Monica Peruffo**, Director a.i. Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Observatory on Migration

Discussion 30 min

15h30-16h20 **First working session – managing human resources in the health and education sectors**

Guiding questions:

- *What models for managing human resources in the health and education sectors in developing countries can help retain or attract back skilled professionals?*
- *What are valuable experiences of twinning initiatives between hospitals and education centers in countries of origin and residence, sabbatical leave-systems etc. that can improve positive development outcomes in the area of health and education?*

16h20-17h15 **Second working session – maximizing the positive impact of social and financial remittances in the areas of health and education**

Guiding questions:

- *How can governments, local authorities, international organisations and the private sector in countries of origin and destination assist migrant households so that their voluntary financial and social, remittances, micro-insurances or projects can contribute to positive development outcomes and improve access to education and health?*
- *How can models of government support to migrant households as well as communities who stay behind be developed in order to accommodate for the social remittances and changes in values and norms caused by migration?*

17h15 – 17h30 **Conclusion**

Summary by rapporteur and concluding remarks by the co-chairs