





Swiss Confederation

GFMD Thematic Workshop

"Addressing Irregular Migration through Coherent Migration and Development Strategies"

Istanbul, Turkey: 13-14 October 2011

Final Agenda

This workshop falls under Cluster II of the thematic work program of the 2011 Swiss GFMD which aims to address irregular migration through coherent migration and development strategies.

Day I

October 13, 2011		
09:00 - 09:30	Registration of participants	
	Welcome session chaired by Turkey and Switzerland	
	This session presents the objectives and background of the Workshop and situates the meeting within the Global Forum on Migration and Development process.	
	Welcome	
09:30 – 10:00	 Ambassador Şakir Fakılı, Director for Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey 	
5-10 min. per	 Ambassador Eduard Gnesa, Special Ambassador for International Cooperation on Migration Issues, Switzerland 	
intervention	Setting the scene	
	 Lukas Gehrke, Director - Southern Dimension, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) 	
	Wan-Hea Lee, Chief, Groups in Focus Section, Human Rights Treaties Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - Global Migration Group (GMG)	
10:00 – 11:30	Session I - Defining the relationship between development and irregular migration: concept and practical challenges	
	The aim of this session is to have a common understanding of irregular migration and to contextualize the interactions of economic, social and human development with irregular migration.	



	Introduction and Moderation:
	Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu, Migration Research Program, Koç University Istanbul
	Irregular migration as a generic form of migration. Who are irregular migrants? Impact of legal migration channels upon irregular migration.
	Presentations:
10 min. per intervention	 Understanding the phenomenon of irregular migration: Irregular migration as a 'crisis' caused by uneven development, impoverishment of certain groups and gross inequality?
	Bernhard Perchinig , Senior Research Officer, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
	 Factors impacting upon irregular migration: Globalisation, trans-nationalism, global disparities, demand for cheap labour in rich countries, social networks.
60 min.	Maureen Achieng , Head – International Partnerships Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
	Plenary Discussion
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
	Session II Panel discussion – Impacts of irregular migration on countries of origin, transit and destination
	Moderator:
	Rolph K. Jenny, Principal Advisor to the GFMD 2011 Chair-in Office
	A country of origin, a country of transit, a country of destination and a migrants' organization on their experience of irregular migration from their perspective.
	Juan José Garcia, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador
	Hellen Apiyo, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Kenya
12:00 – 13:00	Jiri Celikovsky , Head of Unit on Coordination of the Schengen Cooperation, Czech Republic
	Kadri Soova, Advocacy Officer, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
	 Negative impacts of irregular migration: criminal networks in the countries of origin and transit, deterioration of social cohesion and workers' rights in the countries of destination, exploitation of irregular migrants, victimization of the countries of destination, negative image of migrants, integration policies?
	 Positive impacts of irregular migration: growth in certain sectors of the economy of destination countries, alleviating unemployment pressures in the countries of origin, remittances?

13:00 – 14.30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Session II (continued) – Impacts of irregular migration on countries of origin, transit and destination
	Moderator:
	Dr. Rolph K. Jenny, Principal Advisor to the GFMD 2011 Chair-in Office
60 min	Plenary discussion
15:30– 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	Session III - Development cooperation addressing irregular migration
	Moderator:
	Esteban Conejos, Undersecretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines
	Countries of origin and destination with experience in development cooperation
	Kacim Kellal , Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs and Development Partnership, Ministry of Interior, France
	Ahmed Messaoudi, Director General of Migration and Foreign Labour, Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment, Tunisia
15 min. per intervention	
intervention	Issues for discussion:
	Good practices of identification of the phenomenon of irregular migration and finding viable alternatives to irregular migration.
	Is allowing different channels and forms of migration such as circular migration, temporary migration schemes, seasonal migration, etc the right answer/alternative to irregular migration?
	Addressing conflicts of interest between the various actors as regards irregular migration in the countries of origin, transit and destination.
60 min	Taking into consideration the impact of migration policies of developed countries on the countries of origin of irregular migration.
19:30	Dinner

Day II

October 14, 2011		
09:00 - 09:30	Review of Day I and introduction to Day II	
	Turkish and Swiss Chairs with ICMPD	
09:30 - 11:00	Session IV - Partnership and Knowledge	
	Moderator: Can Ünver, Former Director General for Services for Turkish Workers Abroad, Ministry of Labour and Social Security	
	WG 1 - What conditions and mechanisms are necessary to establish partnerships for jointly addressing various causes of irregular migration?	
	Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Dilek Çınar, Boğaziçi University Istanbul	
1,5 hrs	WG 2 - Establishing a joint knowledge base of irregular migration, its patterns and actors (in specific cases)	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	Session IV (continued) Working Group meetings reporting	
15 min. per WG +	Reporting the outcomes of the working group meetings by the Moderators of WGs	
30 min	Plenary Discussion	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
	Final session	
14:00 - 15:00	Taking the results of the workshop forward in the GFMD context	
	Chair: Turkey and Switzerland	
15:00	End of Seminar	