

**8th GFMD Summit Meeting**

“Strengthening Partnerships: Human Mobility for Sustainable Development”

**Special GFMD Lunch Session**

co-hosted by the Turkish GFMD Chair and the Government of Switzerland

**FILLING THE EMPTY SEAT OF BUSINESS AT THE GFMD TABLES**

**The future of GFMD – private sector engagement:  
Enhancing coherence of migration policy by listening to the voice of business**

Date: Thursday, 15 October 2015

Time: 12.45 – 13.45

Venue: Istanbul Lutfi Kırdar International Convention and Exhibition Center (ICEC)

Room: Dolmabahçe Hall

Hospitality: Lunch will be provided

**AGENDA**

12.45 – **Opening**

13.00

Welcome remarks by H.E. Ambassador Mehmet Samsar, Director General for Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), representing Turkey as the Chair-in-Office of the Global Forum on Migration and Development

Address by Sir Peter Sutherland, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for International Migration and Development

13.00 – **Establishing a regular GFMD Business Mechanism**

13.20

Introduction by H.E. Ambassador Eduard Gnesa, Special Ambassador for International Cooperation in Migration, Switzerland

Input by Mr. Frederick Muia, Senior Advisor, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

Input by Mr. Karl Cox, Vice-Chair of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Migration

Appraisal by H.E. Md Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of the Government of Bangladesh, in his capacity as incoming GFMD Chair 2016

13.20 – **Open discussion of the proposal for a GFMD Business Mechanism**

13.40

13.40 – **Closing**

13.45

Closing remarks by H.E. Ambassador Mehmet Samsar, representing Turkey as the Chair-in-Office of the GFMD