

GFMD 2020 UAE Chair

Theme 2: Skilling Migrants for Employment

Proposed Agenda of the RT Session

Thursday, 21 January 2021 12h30 to 15h30 CET

Co-Chairs: Philippines, United Kingdom

RT Session Rapporteur: Botswana

Thematic Lead (and penholder): Michelle Klein-Solomon

RT Team Member States: Bangladesh, Belgium, Ecuador, Germany, Kenya, Peru (Observer), Spain, Sri Lanka, Venezuela

GFMD Mechanisms: Civil Society, Business, Mayors

Observers: FAO, ICMPD, ILO, IOM, OECD, UNCTAD, UNICEF, UNMGCY, KNOMAD/World Bank

12:30 – 12:50 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

12:30 – 12:45 Opening remarks by the co-chairs

*Ms. Victoria Hermon, Policy and Programme Manager,
Department for International Development, United Kingdom*

*Mr. Robert Eric Borje, Presidential Adviser on Foreign Affairs and Chief of Protocol,
Philippines*

12:45 - 12:50 Presentation of the background paper on Skilling Migrants for Employment developed for this roundtable

Mr. Vassiliy Yuzhanin, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

12:50 – 13:20 Panel I: Skilling Migrants for Employment to ‘build back better’ at the time of and post Covid-19

Moderator: *Mr. Jason Gagnon, Coordinator – Perspectives on global development and Economist – Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre*

- Private sector/HR representative
Mr. Menno Bart, Public Affairs Manager, The Adecco Group
- Trade Union representative:
Ms. Moradeke Abiodun-Badru, Project Coordinator, Public Services International (PSI) in Nigeria
- Civil society representative of women migrant workers:
Ms. Stella Opoku-Owusu, Deputy Director of African Foundation for Development

Guiding Questions:

- What are positive and possibly new experiences with multi-stakeholder partnerships for skilling migrants for employment? What are the challenges as experienced by different stakeholders?
- How can multi-stakeholder partnerships help overcome existing challenges in matching labour demand and supply and sustain economic recovery more effectively?
- Are there new actors that should be included and new approaches that should be considered?

13:20 – 13:50 Discussion

Discussion Starters:

- *H.E. Mr. Lieven De la Marche*, Ambassador, Special Envoy Migration and Asylum, Belgium

13:50 – 14:00 Break (video projections)

14:00 – 14:30 Panel II: A Holistic Approach to Skills Based Mobility and Migration

Moderator: *Ms. Michele Klein-Solomon*, Thematic Lead, IOM

- Local government representative
Ms. Manja Kargbo, Team Lead for the Mayor's Delivery Unit, City of Freetown
- Employers
Mr. Stephen Yee, Assistant Executive Director, Corporate Training and Workforce Transformation, Singapore National Employers Federation
- Civil society / Youth representative
Ms. Caroline Caporossi, Founder, Association for the Integration of Women in Modena

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- *H.E. Mr. S. Arumainayaham*, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion & Market Diversification, Sri Lanka
- *Ms. Stefanie Scharf*, Head of Unit for Policy Issues of Flight and Migration, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

15:00 – 15:20 Summary by the RT Session Rapporteur

Mr. Michael Sean Koorapetse, Counsellor, Labour and Migration Issues, Permanent Mission of Botswana to the UNOG

15:20 – 15:30 Wrap up by the co-chairs