

## GFMD Summit 2021

Dialogue on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) / the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)

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### BIOGRAPHIES

#### OPENING

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- **H.E. Nasser bin Thani Juma Al-Hamli, Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation, 2020 GFMD Chair**



His Excellency Nasser bin Thani Juma Al Hamli is Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation. His responsibilities include creating an attractive working environment for UAE national cadres in the public and private sectors. His Excellency served as Undersecretary of the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation. Al Hamli oversaw the progress of the Emiratisation portfolio in a number of positions, including Assistant Under-Secretary for Government Coordination at the Ministry of Presidential Affairs and Director of Human Resources Projects in the Executive Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Al Hamli holds Master's degree in Human Resources from University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor's degree in Manpower Development and Training from the University of Pennsylvania, United States.

- **António Vitorino, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration**



Mr. Vitorino is a former European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs (1999-2004) and former Minister of the Presidency and National Defense (1995-1997). He has also enjoyed a distinguished career in Portugal as a lawyer as well as in electoral politics.

He was elected to Portugal's Parliament in 1980. In 1983 he became Secretary of State for Parliamentary Affairs. He later served as Deputy Secretary for the Governor of Macau until 1989, when he returned to Lisbon to become a judge of the Constitutional Court, a term that ended in 1994.

He subsequently served as Minister for National Defense and Deputy Prime Minister within the government of António Guterres, now the United Nations' Secretary General.

## SESSION I: GCM IMPLEMENTATION, REVIEW, AND FOLLOW-UP IN 2020

**Moderator** | Colin Rajah, Coordinator of the Civil Society Action Committee



Colin Rajah is the Coordinator of the Civil Society Action Committee (AC), the largest global platform of civil society organizations and networks engaging in global migration governance and policy advocacy, housed by the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC). He also serves as the Co-Coordinator of the Global Forum on Migration and Development's (GFMD's) Civil Society Coordinating Office, which coordinates civil society's engagement in the GFMD Summit and annual process.

Colin was previously the International Organization for Migration's (IOM's) Civil Society Liaison (2017-2018) for the consultation, stock-taking and negotiation of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). Prior to that, he was a co-founder and the International Coordinator of the Global Coalition on Migration (2011-2016), the International Program Director at the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR) (2003-2011), and Secretary of Migrants Rights International (MRI) (2006-2016). He served as the 2016 GFMD Civil Society Chair, was a co-founder and co-chair of the People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights (PGA) (2006-2016), and a longtime member of the International Steering Committee of the GFMD's Civil Society Days (2009-2016). He also co-chaired the Civil Society Forum during the 2013 United Nations High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development (UNHLD).

Beyond the field of migration, Colin is a co-founder and the former President (2015-2017) of Global Bersih, the largest Malaysian diaspora network globally. He was Executive Director of JustAct: Youth Action for Global Justice (formerly the Overseas Development Network) and served as President for Youth for Development and Cooperation (YDC), a global youth network advocating for sustainable development. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (GGJ), and on the Steering Committee of the US Social Forum (USSF).

### Discussants

- **Jonathan Prentice, Head, UN Network on Migration Secretariat**



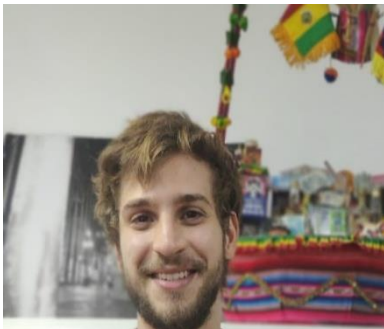
Jonathan Prentice has worked in varied positions at the United Nations, which he joined in 1994. These include postings in Baghdad, Dili, Geneva, Jakarta, New York, and Phnom Penh. In 2010-2016, he worked for International Crisis Group as director of policy and overseeing the London office. Particular areas of focus include conflict prevention, political analysis, human rights and protection. In 2017-2018, he was chief of office for the Secretary-General's special representative for international migration. Since January 2019, he has been responsible for setting up and heading the secretariat for the new United Nations Network on Migration.

- **Stefanie Scharf, Head of Unit Policy Issues of Flight and Migration, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**



Stefanie Scharf is head of the division for policy issues of displacement and migration at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Since 2007 she worked at various positions within the Ministry, recently as deputy head of the Middle East division. Her positions abroad include Lebanon and Yemen. As head of development cooperation at the German embassies in Beirut and Sanaa she gained extensive experience with fragility, conflict and protracted refugee situations. In addition, she worked at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York. Stefanie Scharf studied political science (Diplom) at Freie Universität in Berlin and at Wroclaw University in Poland.

- **Vinicius Duque, Coordinator of Policies for Immigrants and Promotion of Decent Work, at the Human Rights and Citizenship Secretariat of the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil**



Vinicius Duque is Coordinator of Policies for Immigrants and Promotion of Decent Work at the Municipal Secretariat for Human Rights and Citizenship, of the Municipality of São Paulo, where he works since 2015. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo (USP). He is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Policy Management at the University of São Paulo, researching public policy instruments.

- **David Joy, Head of the UN Resident Coordination Office, Saudi Arabia**



David Joy is the Head of the RC Office for Saudi Arabia. His service with the UN spans more than 20 countries and covers development, recovery and humanitarian work primarily in conflict and post-conflict countries. His work in Saudi Arabia entails supporting the UN Resident Coordinator and the UN Country Team on strategic planning and processes and the re-positioning of the UN in Saudi Arabia. David completed a joint Masters of Social Sciences in development management and organizational development at the University of Birmingham, UK.

- **Seung Jin Baek, Head of the UN Resident Coordination Office, Kuwait**



Dr. Baek’s career spans across various UN economic and social commissions where he primarily focused on knowledge production for the provision of evidence based advisory services to Member States on development plans, strategies and frameworks, including Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Prior to his UN tenure, he served as Senior Analyst with a CPA qualification in KPMG by leading in various knowledge-intensive development cooperation projects. His policy research area of specialization lies at the nexus of sustainable development and structural transformation. He studied Global Political Economy at the University of

Bath (2015-20), M.B.A. with a specialization of Strategy at KDI School of Public Policy and Management (2008-09), and B.S. in Mathematics at Korea University (2000-2008). Mr. Baek is the author of numerous scholarly journal articles in these fields, as well as three books, one of which is entitled “The Political Economy of Neo-modernization: Rethinking the Dynamics of Technology, Development and Inequality” where he provided policy advice on how to design sustainable development strategies through which structural transformation minimizing potential trade-off can best be achieved. He is married with three children.

## **SESSION II: CONTRIBUTION OF THE GFMD TO GCM IMPLEMENTATION**

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**Moderator | Gary Slaiman, Partner at Morgan Lewis and Member of the Executive Committee of the Business Network on Migration**



Gary Slaiman is the principal member of Slaiman LLC and consultant to the international law firm of Morgan Lewis & Bockius where he previously was head of the firm’s Government Relations practice group. Gary previously served as chief counsel and staff director for the US Senate Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee on Labor. Prior to taking over the Labor Subcommittee, Gary was counsel to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust where he managed domestic and international antitrust matters. Additionally, he handled the subcommittee’s investigations and legislative initiatives in the areas of insurance and reinsurance regulation, tort reform, immigration policy, corporate governance and criminal law, and various intellectual property matters.

Gary chairs a committee of the GFMD Business Mechanism and is a member of executive committee of the Business Advisory Group.

Gary also serves as Corporate Outreach advisor to Talent Beyond Boundaries, a global startup that connects the private sector to a new talent pool: those displaced by crisis. This new model transforms

immigration systems, creating a market driven solution for the displaced by facilitating their access to economic visas.

#### Discussants:

- **Ambassador Hernán Yanez, Undersecretary of International Protection and Immigration Services of Ecuador, Co-Chair GFMD Ad Hoc Working Group on Public Narratives on Migration**



Ambassador Yanez is an official of the Ecuadorian Foreign Service, with 32 years of career. He has performed diplomatic functions in Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela and Paraguay.

He was the Director of Bi-Multilateral and Regional Cooperation, October 2018-July 2019 (Quito); Minister at the Embassy of Ecuador in Paraguay, 2016-2018 (Asunción); Minister at the Embassy of Ecuador in Venezuela, 2014-2015 (Caracas); Director of Trade Defense, 2011-2013 (Quito); Minister / Consul of Ecuador, 2006-2010 (Brasilia); Deputy Director of World Trade, 2003-2005 (Quito); 2nd Secretary / Director of Commercial Office, 1998-2002 (Mexico); Other functions in the Ecuadorian Foreign Ministry 1988-1997 (Quito). Ambassador Yanez holds a master's degree in International

Relations, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Quito, September 1996 / August 1997.

Diploma (s): Specialization Course in the Economic and Political Dimensions of the Economic Negotiations, FLACSO, Quito, June / December 1995; Specialization Course in International Relations, Fondazione di Recherche e Studi Internazionali, Florence, February / July 1994; Graduated from the IV Diplomatic Training Course, Antonio J. Quevedo, Quito, April 1992 / May 1993; Development, Planning and Public Policies, Latin American Institute and of the Caribbean of Public Policies (ILPES), Santiago de Chile, July / December 1989. "Universidad Católica del Ecuador" - Economist. Quito, August 1990.

- **Cécile Riallant, Head of Unit, IOM, Co-Chair of the UN Network on Migration Core Working Group 2.1. Stronger UN System for GCM Implementation**



Cécile Riallant is a senior migration, displacement and development expert with 23 years of experience. Currently based in Geneva, she is leading the work of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on migration and sustainable development as Head of Unit and Team Leader for IOM's dedicated institutional strategy. Previously, she was seconded to UNDP to manage the UN Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI), the largest global UN programme on migration and development involving seven agencies. She is also leading IOM's work to support governments and UN Country Teams with the Global Compact on Migration implementation in the context of the UN Network on Migration.

She joined the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2000, after three years working as a researcher. She has managed for IOM numerous programmes and projects in the field of migration and displacement with geographical scope in the Great Lakes (Africa),

Afghanistan, the Balkans and Europe. She was also Deputy Chief of Mission of the IOM Mission in Indonesia, working to support populations internally displaced by the 2004 tsunami and the conflict in North Sumatra.

Ms. Riallant is a founding member of the Mayoral Forum now integrated in the GFMD. She also led the development of IOM's flagship publication, Migration and the 2030 Agenda, and was a contributor to the 2015 World Migration Report on Migrants and Cities and the OECD report Perspectives on Global development 2017. She is a member of the Editorial Board of Migration Policy Practice. She holds a Bachelor degree in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Science Po), a Master of Science in European Studies from the University of Strasbourg and a Master of Science in Social Policies from the London School of Economics.

- **Jessica Hagen-Zanker, Senior Research Fellow Migration, Overseas Development Institute**



Jessica Hagen-Zanker is a Senior Research Fellow at ODI in London, leading ODI's migration research. She holds a PhD in Public Policy from Maastricht University. Jessica's research focused on understanding how migration, economic and social policies affect migrant decision-making, impacts of migration on migrants and their families and the interlinkages between migration and social protection, drawing on mixed methods and covering a diverse range of countries, including Albania, Ethiopia and Nepal. Jessica also has extensive experience in the links between migration and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the design and analysis of household surveys, conducting systematic literature reviews and the analysis of social protection programmes and policies. She holds a PhD in Public Policy from Maastricht University. Jessica also is a Global Fellow at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).

### SESSION III: EMERGING ISSUES IN 2021 AND TOWARDS THE IMRF IN 2022

**Moderator | Salim Korkmaz, General Coordinator of United Cities and Local Governments - Middle East and West Asia (UCLG - MEWA)**



Salim Korkmaz was born in Adana, Turkey on 4th of December 1984. After completion of his primary and secondary education in his hometown, he moved to Ankara, Turkey for his undergraduate degree on American Culture and Literature at Hacettepe University. He took up postgraduate courses in Translation Studies at Hacettepe University. He is currently studying for his MA Degree at the Local Government, Urban and Environmental Studies program at Istanbul University. He started his professional career at Turkish Handball Federation, in the international relations department. He served as the coordinator of International Relations at Turkish Handball Federation until 2010. Between 2010 and 2012, he served as a lecturer at Cappadocia Vocational College, and taught courses on Translation of EU Texts, International Relations Texts, Press and Media Translation, and Translation of Legal Texts. He has translated several books from English into Turkish, Islam and Democracy (2010), Democratic Values in the Muslim World (2012), Roman Myths (2012), Kamikaze Diaries (2016) and Islamic Perspectives on Management and Organization (2019).

Since 2013, he has been working at UCLG-MEWA, following up international development agendas and coordinating relations of the Organization with other international organizations. He is currently the General Coordinator of UCLG-MEWA. Salim Korkmaz has represented his organization before various fora and platforms, including but not limited to UCLG Congresses in Rabat, Morocco (2013) and Bogota, Columbia (2016), World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments in Quito, Ecuador, Habitat III PrepCom meetings in Nairobi, Kenya and Surabaya, Indonesia, Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador, and several Policy Forum on Development (PFD) meetings of the European Commission in Brussels, & Ghent, Belgium and Amman, Jordan, Gaborone, Botswana and Kathmandu, Nepal. Having extensive experience in organizing meetings and moderating sessions, he was in charge of the Intermediary Cities MEWA Regional Forum in 2017 in Nevşehir, Turkey.

### Discussants:

- **William Gois, Regional Coordinator of the Migrant Forum in Asia**



William Gois is the current regional coordinator of Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA), a regional *network of grassroots organizations, trade unions, faith-based groups, migrants and their families and individual advocates in Asia working together for social justice for migrant workers and members of their families represented in 26 countries in Asia and the Middle East.*

*Mr. Gois is the former chairperson of the Global Coalition for Migration (GCM), a coalition of regional and international networks of migrant associations, migrants rights organizations and advocates, trade unions, faith groups and academia, covering every region around the world.*

Over the last twenty years, he has been at the forefront of international advocacy efforts engaging and influencing international and multilateral processes to promote rights based migration and development policies. He was the co-chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Civil Society Days (CSD) in 2011. He represents MFA in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) International Recruitment Integrity System (IRIS) Advisory Committee.

He is also a member of the World Bank led Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), a global hub of knowledge and policy expertise on migration and development issues.

He is also a member of the steering committee of the Metropolis Asia, a group of migration and development experts that aims to establish a framework for dialogue and cooperation among relevant stakeholders vis-à-vis international migration and development.

*Mr. Gois is also a member of the steering committee of the Asia Democracy Network (ADN) and the regional executive committee of the Asia Pacific Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD).*

- **Don Cochrane**, Minister Counsellor (Migration and Refugee Affairs), Permanent Mission of Canada, Geneva



Don Cochrane has worked for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) since 1992 and has been the Minister Counsellor (Migration and Refugee Affairs) at the Canadian Permanent Mission in Geneva since 2017. He has had previous overseas operational assignments with IRCC in Budapest, Vienna, Ankara, London and Beijing. He has also had various assignments in Ottawa as a program and policy advisor to senior management and, most recently, as the Senior Director in his Department's International Region. Mr. Cochrane is a lawyer by training and worked in private practice prior to commencing work with the Canadian Government.

- **Emmanuel Clifford Gyetuah**, Africa Focal Point with the UNMGCY



Emmanuel is the Africa Focal Point with UN MGCY, he led the team that conducted the Africa regional consultations for youth perspectives on the GFMD. He leads the Programmes Department of a social enterprise called the "Inclusive Tech Group."

Emmanuel Clifford Gyetuah is a young, enthusiastic professional with interest and five years' experience in youth civic participation and capacity building, migration, organizational development, and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. As the Africa Focal Point for the Migration Working Group at UN MGCY, he led the African team to conduct an open Africa regional consultation on youth perspectives and priorities on the 2020 African Union-GFMD (Global Forum for Migration and Development) thematic topics Skilling Migrants for Employment, Governance of Labour Migration and Addressing gaps in Migrant Protection. The consultation included 25 locally based youth-led and youth-focused organizations in 21 countries representing over 700 young leaders in migration issues.

Additionally, Emmanuel leads the Programmes Department of a tech-based social enterprise called "Inclusive Tech Group," which builds assistive technologies for persons with disabilities. Moreover, he works as a Soft Skills Trainer at Youth Opportunity and Transformation in Africa (YOTA), where he coordinates and delivers training for young people from low-income communities on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, work readiness, and life skills.



- **Michelle Leighton, Chief Labour Migration, ILO, Co-Chair UN Network on Migration Thematic Working Group 4 Bilateral Labor Migration Agreements**



Ms Leighton is Chief of the Labour Migration Branch for the International Labour Organization where she directs the Office's work on labour migration and mobility, and supports policies and programs related to migrants and refugees. She has expertise in the fields of international law, labour migration, human rights, and economic development, and received her LL.M degree from the London school of Economics and Political Science, London, England in 1987.

She serves as an expert appointed to the UNFCCC Task Force on displacement related to climate change, and formerly a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Migration. Ms. Leighton has led global and field research teams, including on linkages between human migration and development, environmental and climate change. She has taught on law faculties in Asia, Europe and the United States and authored numerous publications. Following her service as a Fulbright Scholar in Central Asia, she co-founded the American University of Central Asia's Tian Shan Policy Center at the American University in Bishkek. She has been an adviser and consultant to international institutions, government, and non-profit organizations, leading technical cooperation projects in the Americas, Africa, Europe and Central Asia. She served as the Munich Re Foundation Chair on Social Vulnerability for the UNU-Environment and Human Security institute, Bonn, Germany, as an expert on the German Marshall Fund's Trans-Atlantic Study Team on Climate and Migration, and Director of the Center for Law and Global Justice Human Rights Program at the University of San Francisco Law School.

Early in her career, she co-founded the NGO Natural Heritage Institute based in San Francisco, leading policy programs related to environment, migration, corporate social responsibility, and human rights.

- **Patricia Veringa Gieskes, CEO of the JobFactory in the DRC.**



Patricia Veringa-Gieskes is the founder and CEO of The Job Factory. Of Congolese-Dutch origin, Patricia spent 15 years in various professional roles in the Netherlands, Belgium and South Africa before joining the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in the DRC in 2004. Wishing to contribute to the development of the country through the labour market, she left her post as acting Head of Mission at IOM, and created her own recruitment, placement and training business, which she has led for ten years. She was appointed Director, then President of the Committee of Private Placement Enterprises and President of the National Social Committee, of the Employers' Federation of the DRC. Patricia is a Director of the

National Institute for Professional Training.

## WRAP-UP AND CLOSING

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### **Wen Li | Director Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM as Network Coordinator**

Wen Li is the Director of the Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships in IOM. Previously she has worked as Senior Regional Advisor for Asia and the Pacific, IOM (2017); Senior Advisor to the President of the UN General Assembly (2014-2016); Permanent Mission of China to the UN Office in Vienna (2011-2014); Department of African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (2007-2011); Permanent Mission of China to the UN Office in Geneva (2005-2007); Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (1997-2005).

She holds a Master of International Law, Sydney University, Australia (2003) and M.A. Foreign Affairs University, China (1997).