

Provisional programme

GFMD 2011 Thematic Meeting

Lowering Migration Costs in Collaboration with, and Developing a Model Bilateral Framework with Receiving Countries

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*Dhaka, Bangladesh
03-04 October 2011*

03 October 2011 (Day 1)

Time	Programme
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
INAUGURAL SESSION	
09:30 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Welcome Statement by Dr. Zafar Ahmed Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh▪ Statement by the Ms. Rabab Fatima, Regional Coordinator and Advisor for South Asia and Chief of Mission for Dhaka, IOM (<i>TBC</i>)▪ Statement by Dr. Derek Muller, Counselor, Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh▪ Statement by H.E. Engineer Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh▪ Photo Session
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 13:15	SESSION I: Understanding the Cost of Labour Migration: A Multi-Stakeholder Panel Discussion <i>Co-chaired by: Mr. Khurshed Alam Chowdhury, Director General, Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training, Government of Bangladesh and Dr. Derek Muller, Counselor, Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh</i>

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Presentation of Background Document I: Adding it Up: The Financial Costs of Labour Migration to Migrants and their Families, A Conceptual Framework

By Ms. Doreen Rannveig Agunias, IOM (15 minutes)

Expert Discussants (40 minutes):

- Mr. K C Bhadhok, Director - Emigration Services, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India and representative from country of origin *(TBC)*
- Mr. Ali Haider Chowdhury, Secretary General, Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA) *(TBC)*
- Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui, Director, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) *(TBC)*

Open Discussion (60 minutes)

Wrap-up (10 minutes)

13:15 – 14:45

Lunch

SESSION 2: Lowering Migration Costs: Challenges and Opportunities for Developing A Collaborative Framework

Co-chaired by: Mr. Ashadul Islam, Joint Secretary – Employment, Policy and Research, Government of Bangladesh and Mrs. Barbara Affolter, Policy Advisor Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, Bern

14:45 – 17:00

Presentation of Background Document II: Minimizing Costs, Maximizing Gains: Towards a Collaborative Framework Among Origin and Destination Countries

by Ms. Doreen Rannveig Agunias, IOM (15 minutes)

Expert Discussants (40 minutes):

- Ms. Sri Indah Wijayanti, Senior Labour Officer, Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, Government of Indonesia representative from country of origin *(TBC)*
- Mr. Azfar Khan, Senior Migration Specialist, ILO Regional Office for Arab States in Beirut
- Mr. Harun Or Rashid, Regional Coordinator, CARAM Asia – Malaysia

Open Discussion (60 minutes)

Wrap-up (10 minutes)

19:30

Welcome dinner hosted by Dr. Zafar Ahmed Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
[Winter Garden, Hotel Ruposhi Bangla]

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04 October 2011 (Day 2)

Time	Programme
	<p>SESSION 3: PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS ON MIGRATION COSTS</p> <p><i>Chaired by: Mr. Nissanka Naomal Wijeratne, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Employment and Promotion, Government of Sri Lanka and Mr. Lê Văn Thanh, Deputy Director General, Department for Overseas Labour, Government of Vietnam</i></p> <hr/> <p>Working Group 1: Pre-departure Stage <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Rapporteur:</i></p> <hr/> <p>Working Group 2: While abroad <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Rapporteur:</i></p> <hr/> <p>Working Group 3: Upon return <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Rapporteur:</i></p> <hr/> <p>Each of the groups will explore the following questions, based on the theme of the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are the rules and programmes in place to control costs at the selected stage of migration?2. What are the key challenges faced in implementing these rules and programmes?3. What is the role of bilateral and multilateral cooperation among governments and other stakeholders in addressing these challenges?
12:00 – 13:30	Presentations of the Working Groups and Plenary Discussion
13:30 - 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>

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SESSION 4: CONCLUDING SESSION	
15:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Statement by Dr. Derek Muller, Counselor, Head of Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh, Head of Swiss Delegation▪ Statement by H.E. Ambassador M. Mijarul Quayes, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh <i>(TBC)</i>▪ Statement by Dr. Zafar Ahmed Khan, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates’ Welfare and Overseas Employment, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh▪ Vote of Thanks
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 16:30	JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE

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