Migration and Rural Development: 
Sharing Experiences and Fostering Partnerships
26th March 2018, 13:15 – 14:30 
Conference Room 7, UN Headquarters, New York

On the margins of IOM’s 2018 International Dialogue on Migration (IDM), the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) 2017-2018 Co-Chairs, Germany and Morocco, and the Global Migration Group (GMG) Co-Chairs, IOM and FAO, will co-organize a side event to highlight the complex relationship between migration, agriculture and rural development, and discuss best practices in harnessing the development potential of rural migration.

The objectives of the side event are to:

- Facilitate and contribute to a better understanding of the nexus between migration, agriculture and rural development and climate change
- Identify areas for joint programming and international partnerships
- Share successful experiences and practical tools to prevent forced migration through agriculture and rural development in the context of climate change.

Provisional Programme

- Mr. El Habib Nadir, GFMD Moroccan Co-Chair
- Ambassador William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General, GMG Co-Chair

13:25 – 14:00 Panel Discussion
- Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director, FAO Liaison Office with the UN in New York
- Ms. Daniela Morari, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova
- Mr. José Luis Jácome, Vice Minister of Human Mobility, Ecuador
- Mrs. Ndioro Ndiaye, Minister-Counselor to the Presidency of the Republic of Senegal; President of the Alliance for Migration, Leadership and Development, Senegal

14:00 – 14:25 Open Discussion (Interventions from the floor, Q and A)

14:25 – 14:30 Closing Remarks
- Ambassador Jürgen Schulz, for the GFMD German Co-Chair

Languages: English and French. Lunch will be served ahead of the side event. For registration and other information, please write to support.unit@gfmd.org and supportteam@globalmigrationgroup.org.