Opening Plenary of the XII GFMD
Tuesday, 21 January 2020
15h00 – 17h30
Room: Panecillo 2,3

Promotional video on behalf of Ecuador, Chair of the 2019 GFMD

Opening Statement
- Amb. Santiago Chávez, Chair of the 2019 GFMD

Welcoming Remarks
- Amb. Cristian Espinosa, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of the Republic of Ecuador

Keynote
- Mr. Otto Sonnenholzner, Vice-President of the Republic of Ecuador

High Level Statements
- Mrs. Nezha el Ouafi, Minister Delegate Ministry Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, GFMD Co-Chairmanship 2017-2018
- Amb. Philipp Schauer, Ambassador of Germany in Ecuador, GFMD Co-Chairmanship 2017-2018
- Mr. António Vitorino, Director General, IOM
- Ms. Asako Okai, Assistant Administrator, UNDP
- Mr. Christian di Candia, Mayor of Montevideo, Uruguay
- Ms. Stella Opoku-Owusu, Co-Chair of the 2019 Civil Society Day
- Mr. José Dolores Suazo Mejía, Co-Chair of the 2019 Civil Society Day
- Mr. Roberto Suarez-Santos, Secretary-General, International Organization for Employers
Launch of the 2019 GFMD Publication (moderated discussion)
- Amb. Santiago Chávez, Chair of the 2019 GFMD
- Amb. Eduard Gnesa, Chair of the 2011 Swiss GFMD
- Mrs. Nezha el Ouafi, Minister Delegate Ministry Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, GFMD Co-Chairmanship 2017/18
- Ambassador Marianne Van Steen, Ambassador of the European Union to Ecuador
- Mr. Oleg Chirita, Head of Programme, Global Initiatives, ICMPD
- Moderator: Mr. John Bingham

Launch of specific initiatives by the 2019 GFMD Chair
1) GFMD Knowledge Hub on Migration and Sustainable Development
   - Mr. Alexander Mejia, Director, UNITAR
2) Tech Garden Business Initiative
   - Mr. Roberto Suarez-Santos, Secretary-General, International Organization for Employers
3) GFMD Marketplace
   - Ms. Estrella Lajom, Head, GFMD Support Unit