

GFMD 2020 ROUNDTABLES

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Roundtable Theme 6: Fostering Partnerships to Realise Migration-Related Goals

Co-Chair

Ambassador Cindy Mariella Portal Salazar

Vice Minister for Salvadorans Abroad

El Salvador



Her academic training and professional experience have been developed in Europe, North, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

She studied a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Sciences, with a specialization in Organizational Communication, and a Master's Degree in Strategic Human Resources Management from the Dr. José Matías Delgado University. She has studies in Political Communication from The Graduate School of Political Management of the George Washington University and a master's degree in Image and Political Consulting from the Pontifical University of Salamanca (master's degree with an

academic stay at the Catholic University of Argentina, the University of Miami and George Washington University).

She also has an International Postgraduate Degree in Public Policy Management from the Higher Institute of Economics and Business Administration (IEADE-FEPADE) and the Higher School of Economics and Business Administration of Argentina. She has completed diplomas in constitutional law and grounds of the judgment of the Supreme Court of Justice; in institutional communication and political marketing from the master's degree in communication from the Universidad Centroamericana, José Simeón Cañas (UCA); and is a graduate of the Regional Program of Social- Political Training of Young People, Agents of Change, of the Frederick Ebert Foundation.

Portal Salazar also has studies in applied linguistics, geopolitics, migratory movements and global governance; Project formulation: Logical Framework approach (EML, in spanish) and Project Cycle management (PCM),

Methodology for the Performance Measurement Framework of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the Salvadorian Court of Audit and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); Law of the Court of Audit as a reference framework in the administrative and jurisdictional control imparted by the Court of Audit of the Republic and for the formulation and evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

She is currently a student of the degree in International Relations at the International University Center, Brasilia campus, Brazil.

She has vast experience in public administration, in Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the private sector. She has stood out as an internationalist, political communication consultant, social security public policy analyst, international relations advisor and manager, communications director, digital journalist, teacher and social activist, among others.

She has represented El Salvador in different international scenarios such as the first Meeting of Young Politicians of Latin America and Spain; the International Meeting of Political Oratory, Discourse and Debate, and the first Meeting of Political Consultants of Spain.

She has also served as Official Liaison for El Salvador before international organizations such as the Latin American and Caribbean Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (OLACEFS, in Spanish) and the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI, in Spanish).

On November 14, 2019, the Foreign Minister, Alexandra Hill Tinoco, swore in Cindy Mariella Portal Salazar as Ambassador of El Salvador in Brazil. She was the first country ambassador to be appointed to the Government of President Nayib Bukele and the youngest foreign service chief of mission.

On January 10, 2020, she was officially appointed by the Presidency of the Republic as Vice Minister of Foreign Relations, Integration and Economic Promotion on an interim and ad honorem basis.

Six months later, specifically on July 30, 2020, she was sworn in at the Presidential House as Vice Minister for Salvadorans Abroad, a position she holds to date.

She is part of the Salvadorian diaspora and is an activist for the defense of the vote abroad in El Salvador and an environmental activist in Brazil.

As ambassador, in just under two months she created the programs: Tu Embajada, Tu Casa; Talk to your Ambassador; El Salvador Showroom and Library for You.

As vice minister, she has been in charge of the coordination of the Operations Center for Remote Consular Assistance, created because of the COVID-19 emergency, and important changes for the improvement and professionalization of the Foreign Service.

Her academic and professional career, her proactivity and commitment, make Portal Salazar an official capable of facing the challenges of her position.

Co-Chair

Amb. Alexander da Costa

Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of The Republic of **The Gambia** to The United Nations, WTO and other
International Organisations at Geneva

Alexander da Costa is a highly well-developed and organised Strategic and Corporate Communications Specialist, with 30 years working at Senior levels in Government, /Public, Not-for-Profit and private sectors. He studied Law at Cardiff University, Wales, UK; Post Graduate studies in Public and Private Sector Strategy at Kingston University, Surrey, UK; was certified a practitioner in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) by the Gambia Judiciary and also certified by the Public Utility Research Centre (PURC) and the World Bank (WB) in Utility Regulation and Strategy at The University of Florida, USA.

Alexander's knowledge and experience spans across International development processes of the UN, EU and other multilateral agencies coupled with adept skills and abilities in International Relations, Diplomacy, Governance, Regulatory Affairs, Media & Public Relations. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations UK, Vice President of The Public Relations Association, The Gambia, a member of The Gambia Press Union (GPU), a member of The National Union of Journalists (NUJ), UK and a member of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ). In addition, Alex was the Head of Media, Information & Technology at the Coordinating Secretariat for the African Union (AU) Banjul Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Banjul in July 2006

Alexander was also Special Assistant and Adviser to late Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara – The first and former President of The Republic of The Gambia. He travelled extensively with Sir Dawda Jawara to numerous international meetings whilst managing his private, and official public engagements. Prior to becoming Managing Director at Prudent Trust in August 2014 and subsequently Chief Executive Officer of The BEST Co Ltd in November 2014, Alexander worked at the UN in The Gambia. He served in multiple positions, first as Head of Finance, Resource Mobilization and Communication Specialist for UNDP, and subsequently as UN Coordination Specialist and Special Assistant to UN Resident Coordinator in The Gambia.

In August 2017, after the transition and change of Government in The Gambia, Alexander was appointed to the Foreign Service of The Gambia. He is now posted as Deputy Head of Mission and Deputy Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG), Switzerland and accredited to the Swiss Confederation as Minister-Counsellor. Alexander doubles up as The Mission's expert on Migration (IOM), Humanitarian Affairs (UNHCR), Human Rights (OCHR) and Intellectual Property (WIPO) as among others.

Thematic Lead

Dr. Dilip Ratha

Lead Economist, Migration and Remittances
World Bank / KNOMAD



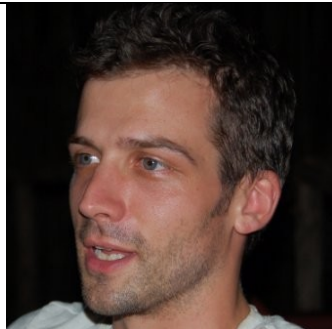
Dilip Ratha is head of KNOMAD and lead economist, Migration and Remittances Team, at the World Bank. He is a thought leader on migration, remittances and innovative financing for development, including diaspora bonds, future-flow securitization, and shadow sovereign credit ratings. His TED Talk “The hidden force in global economics: sending money home” has 1.4 million views.

Rapporteur

Mr. Richard Taylor

Global Agenda Policy
Manager

Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office
United Kingdom



Richard Taylor is a member of the Migration and Modern Slavery Dept in the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, where he manages the UK’s engagement with the international system on migration issues. He has worked on migration since January 2020, having previously worked in a range of roles for the UK government including postings in Afghanistan, Kosovo and South Sudan.

Intervener 1

Ms. Bettina Etter

Senior Adviser, Global Migration Governance
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA
Switzerland



Ms. Bettina Etter is Senior Adviser for Global Migration Governance at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), where she leads SDC’s multilateral engagement on migration and development since 2015. From 2017-18, she served as Political Adviser to the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York in his capacity as co-facilitator of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Before assuming her role at the SDC in 2015, she served as International Migration and Development Policy Advisor at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York from 2012 until 2014 and coordinated Switzerland’s engagement in the second UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development. Prior to this position, she was a member of the task force coordinating Switzerland’s chairmanship of the 2011 Global Forum on Migration and Development. She holds a Master’s degree in Intercultural

Conflict Management from the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin, Germany.

Intervener 2

Mr. Ahmed Skim

Director of Migration Affairs

Ministry Delegate to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of **Morocco**



Engineer from the National Polytechnic Institute of Grenoble, France (1993) - Master of Business Administration (MBA) of the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Paris (2007) - Head of the Organization and Methods Division at the Directorate General of Hydraulics, Secretariat of State in charge of Water (March 2005-Dec. 2008) - Head of the Pilot Projects & Environmental Impact Studies Division, Secretariat of State in charge of Water and Environment (Dec. 2008-March 2011) - Director of the Preservation of Heritage, Innovation and Promotion at the Ministry of Handcrafts (March 2011-Feb. 2014) – In Charge of Mission to the Head of Government at the Ministry in charge of Moroccans Residing Abroad and Migration Affairs (Feb. 2014-Jan. 2015) - Director of Migration Affairs at the Ministry Delegated to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates (since January 2015).

He led the development of the National Strategy of Immigration and Asylum and coordinates its implementation.

Intervener 3

H.E. Mr. Khalil ur Rahman Hasmi

Permanent Representative

Permanent Mission of **Pakistan** to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

Intervener 4

Mr. Martijn Pluim

Director, Migration Dialogues and Cooperation

ICMPD



Martijn Pluim is Director for Migration Dialogues and Cooperation at ICMPD. In this capacity, he is in charge of ICMPD global operations (50+ projects, 230+ staff, approx. 25 locations). Martijn coordinates ICMPD activities in the areas of anti-trafficking in human beings, border management and security as well as the Secretariats of the informal intergovernmental migration dialogues supported by ICMPD. These include the Prague Process, the Budapest Process, the Khartoum Process, the Rabat Process, and ICMPD's support to the post-Valetta process.

Intervener 5

Ms. Asako Okai

Deputy Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau
UNDP



Ms. Asako Okai officially began her role as UNDP's Assistant Administrator and Director for the Crisis Bureau on August 22, 2018. In this role, she leads UNDP's corporate crisis-related work and drives UNDP's vision and priorities for crisis prevention, response and recovery.

Ms. Okai has over 30 years of experience in the Japanese Foreign Service and the United Nations. She possesses an extensive track record in development, humanitarian response, disaster management and peacebuilding work at both the strategic and operational levels.

Throughout her career, she closely engaged in the evolution of international cooperation frameworks in different capacities, including the forging of historic institutional reforms of the international cooperation apparatus in Japan, and implementing innovative financial mechanisms to support reliable humanitarian funding models as Japan's Director of Humanitarian Assistance. Ms. Okai held several diplomatic senior positions worldwide and worked closely with the United Nations Headquarters, both in the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN and as a Senior Member of the Office of the President of the 66th UN General Assembly, most recently serving as Consul-General of Japan in Vancouver, Canada. She holds a Master of Arts in History of Art, Emmanuel College, Cambridge University and a bachelor's degree in Law, Hitotsubashi University, Japan.

Intervener 6

Mr. William Gois

Regional Coordinator
Migrant Forum in Asia
On behalf of the Civil Society Mechanism



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.

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). He was the convener of the Solidarity for Asian Peoples Advocacy (SAPA) working on labour migration. 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.

At the regional level, Mr. Gois represents MFA in the Abu Dhabi Dialogue Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Information Orientation (CIOP) and the thematic working groups of the Colombo Process.

Intervener 7

Mr. Mathias Thorn

Deputy Secretary-General

IOE

On behalf of the Business Mechanism



As Deputy Secretary-General, Matthias Thorns has a part in the overall responsibility for the management of the IOE Secretariat in its work to support the global business community in its representation vis-a-vis the UN institutions, as well as G20, G7 and other international initiatives.

His career began as Adviser for Social Affairs in the European Business Federation UNICE (now BUSINESSEUROPE), before moving to the Confederation of German Employers as Adviser and later Deputy Director of the International and European Affairs Department.

After leaving the Confederation of German Employers in 2012, Matthias joined the IOE as Senior Adviser, leading the work on Human Rights, G20 and G7, Global Supply Chains as well as SMEs.

In 2017 Matthias joined the Workplace Rights team of The Coca-Cola Company as Human Rights and Workplace Rights Manager.

He was appointed IOE Director of Stakeholder Engagement in 2018 and a year later IOE Deputy Secretary-General. Matthias supervises the IOE's work related to G20 and G7, human rights, agenda 2030, migration and programmes under an EU framework agreement, and is responsible for the IOE company networks: the Global Industrial Relations Network (GIRN), the Global Occupational Safety and Health Network (GOSH) as well as the Corporate Partner Initiative.

Intervener 7

Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi
Secretary General of UCLG Africa
On behalf of the Mayors Mechanism

Intervener 8

Prof. Gibril Faal
Director, GK Partners



Professor Gibril Faal is a multi-disciplinary business and development executive. He is the director of GK Partners, visiting professor in practice at the LSE Institute of Global Affairs, council member of Carnegie African Diaspora Program, and adviser to various governments and institutions across the world. Gibril's previous roles include: vice chair of Bond (UK), chairman of AFFORD-UK, founding director of ADEPT; overarching expert for the Global Compact for Migration; and GFMD civil society co-chair and grand rapporteur. He has addressed the UN General Assembly several times as a technical expert and been appointed to various boards by UK government ministers. He previously served as special adviser to the government of Moldova, and is the founder and director of the Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia (MSDG) project. He served as a magistrate for 16 years, and in 2014 was appointed OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to international development.