

SCHEDULE OF FIRST MEETINGS OF GFMD 2020 PRACTITIONERS GROUPS¹
(as of 18 September 2020)²

Date and Time	Thematic Area	Co-Chair(s)	Participants / <i>Thematic Lead</i>	GFMD Observers ³ (Join RT Teams on October 1st)
21 September Monday from 15h00 CET	Theme 1: The Governance of Labour Migration in the Context of Changing Employment Landscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egypt • Zimbabwe 	Afghanistan, Botswana, Costa Rica, Indonesia, United Kingdom CS, MM, BM Michelle Leighton	FAO, ICMPD, ILO, OECD, OSCE/ODIHR, KNOMAD/World Bank
16 September Wednesday 17h00 Geneva / 16h00 London / 09h00 San Jose	Theme 2: Skilling Migrants for Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Kingdom 	Bangladesh, Peru (Observer), Venezuela CS, MM, BM Michele Klein Solomon	FAO, ICMPD, IOM, OECD, KNOMAD/World Bank,
18 September Friday 09h00 CET / 15h00 Manila	Theme 3: Leveraging New Technologies to Empower Migrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippines • Kenya 	Afghanistan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, United Kingdom CS, MM, BM Gibril Faal	IFAD, UNDP, KNOMAD/World Bank
18 September Friday from 15h00	Theme 4: Addressing Gaps in Migrant Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico • Morocco 	Indonesia, Peru (Observer), Switzerland, Uruguay, United Kingdom, Venezuela CS, MM, BM John Bingham	CISS, ICMPD, OSCE/ODIHR, PDD, UNICEF, UNHCR, KNOMAD/World Bank,
21 September Monday from 17h00 CET	Theme 5: Discussing Approaches to Prevent Irregular Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spain • Venezuela 	Costa Rica, Ecuador, Netherlands, Peru (Observer), United Kingdom CS, MM, BM Kathleen Newland	ICMPD, OECD, OSCE/ODIHR, SELA, UNICEF, KNOMAD/World Bank
14 September Monday From 17h00 CET / 09h00 San Salvador	Theme 6: Fostering Partnerships to Realise Migration-Related Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Salvador • The Gambia 	Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Canada, Georgia, Jamaica, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru (Observer), United Kingdom CS, MM, BM Dilip Ratha	ICMPD, IFAD, OECD, UNDP, UNICEF, KNOMAD/World Bank

¹ The *Practitioners Groups* are co-chaired by Member States, and open to voluntary participation by interested Member States, as well as designated representatives of the GFMD Mechanisms (for civil society (CS), business (BM) and mayors/local authorities (MM)).

² This table will be updated as voluntary offers to support the preparation of the Government-led GFMD Roundtables come in.

³ GFMD Observers are not part of the Practitioners Groups, but may participate in the Government-led Roundtable Teams meetings scheduled on October 1 and December 4 and lend their thematic expertise in the preparation of the Summit Roundtable background papers.