

***“Honoring International Commitments to Unlock the Potential of all Migrants for Development”***

All GFMD 2018 Summit delegates are invited to attend the following side events, to be held at the Palmeraie Conference Center on 6 to 7 December 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco. These side events will be held upon the initiative of their respective organizers. While the topics to be discussed may be relevant to GFMD themes and roundtable discussions, the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs and Taskforce, as well as the GFMD Support Unit, are not directly involved in the organization of these side events.

For registration and/or any question, please contact the organizers directly.

**Date and time: 7 December 2018, 14h00 to 15h15, Oliveraie Room**

<b>Title of side event</b>	Tapping into the development potential of migrants in developing countries
<b>Organizers</b>	OECD Development Centre European Commission
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<b>Background materials</b>	OECD/ILO (2018), <a href="#">How Immigrants Contribute to Developing Countries' Economies</a> OECD (2017), <a href="#">Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development</a>
<b>Logistical Requirements</b>	<i>For reference of GFMD organizers / Support Unit only</i>
<b>Brief description</b>	

Lack of migrant integration can be harmful for social cohesion and reduce the potential for migrants to contribute to the development of their host societies. A 2018 OECD/ILO report argues that the impact of immigrants on host country labour markets, economic growth and public finance is generally positive, although relatively limited in developing countries. Host countries are not sufficiently leveraging the skills and expertise that immigrants bring to their societies. Adequate public policies can improve immigrant integration and play a key role in enhancing the contribution that immigrants bring to their host countries' development.

Drawing from recent OECD Development Centre reports and the lessons learned from several developing countries, this event will discuss how host countries can invest in better migrant integration policies.

### **Provisional Programme / Panelists**

The opening presentation will draw on the policy findings from the following OECD Development Centre reports:

1. [Interrelations between public policies, migration and development](#)
2. [How immigrants contribute to developing countries' economies](#)
3. [Perspectives on Global Development 2017: International migration in a shifting world](#)

#### **Agenda**

##### *Chair and moderator*

- Ms. Camilla Hagström, Deputy head of unit (migration, employment), EU DEVCO

##### *Presentation*

- Mr. Jason Gagnon, PGD Coordinator and economist, OECD DEV [10-15 minutes]

##### *Discussants*

- Ms. Michelle Leighton, Director of Migration Department at ILO [5-10 mins]
- Ms. Patana Bhandhufalck, Director of International Cooperation Bureau, Thai Ministry of Labour [5-10 mins]
- Ms. Nicola Piper, Professor, University of West London [5-10 mins]
- Ms. Marta Foresti, Director of Human Mobility Initiative at ODI [5-10 mins]