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*Thematic Workshop on GFMD's Contribution to
the Global Compact on Migration*

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*Smuggling of Migrants, Trafficking in Persons and
Contemporary Forms of Slavery*

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Mr. R.M. Michael Tene is currently the Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of the Indonesian Permanent Mission to the UN, WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva. Prior to his assignment in Geneva, he was the Spokesperson of the Indonesian Foreign Ministry and at the same time the Chief of Staffs of the Foreign Minister Office from 2010 until 2015.



Mr. Tene has served at the Indonesian Embassies in Washington DC (2005-2009) and in London (1997-2001). His other previous assignments at the Foreign Ministry, among others, were as the Head of Sub-directorate of Civil and Political Rights (2010), Head of Sub-directorate of ASEAN Political Cooperation (2003-2005) and as Assistant to the Director General for ASEAN Cooperation (1995-1997). He joined the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1994.

Mr. Tene graduated from the Faculty of Economics University of Indonesia in 1992 and received his Master in Public Administration from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo, Japan, in 2003 under the Young Leaders Program scholarship.



Amb. Esteban Conejos

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When the Philippines assumed the GFMD Chairmanship in 2008, Ambassador Esteban Conejos, then Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), was appointed as the Presidential Special Envoy to the GFMD and the Secretary General of the Philippine National Organizing Committee for GFMD. In this capacity, he headed all substantive and administrative preparations for the Manila meeting, focusing the GFMD discussion on *rights* and *security*—two priority areas identified by the governments at the outset of the GFMD process.



Ambassador Conejos' extensive involvement in international migration policy and practice can be traced back to his beginnings in the Philippines as the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs. Under his post, he led the Philippine Delegation in various international conferences and gatherings such as the 3 consecutive Meetings of the Philippines- Malaysia Working Group on Migrant Workers' Affairs, 2007 Asia Pacific Conference on International Migration and Development and the 2007 ASEAN Ministerial Meeting which negotiated the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, paving the way for the establishment of a Committee for the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration.

After his stint at DFA and GFMD, he subsequently served as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the World Trade Organization (WTO) from July 2012 to June 2016. As the Ambassador, he has held numerous key positions such as Chairman of the Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation, Chairman of the Committee on Trade and Environment, and a member of the Philippine Delegation to the WTO Ministerial Conference in 2013 and 2015 to name a few.

Through the years, Ambassador Conejos has quickly ascended through political ranks in the Philippines in the fields of migration governance and international trade. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the San Carlos Major Seminary, a Bachelor of Law degree from the Ateneo de Manila University, before receiving a Master of Laws degree from Georgetown University.

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Within each of these posts, he has served as IOM's primary reference point for two thematic areas of migrant assistance which have been a) return and b) assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations. He has led in each of his posts in the development of policies, and procedures in both areas. Sacha speaks French and Creole.

