

## **GFMD Business regional workshop for South America**

(Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay)

### **Business and migration: Strengthening the dialogue between the Private Sector and Governments**

Skills Mobility and Development: business perspectives on assessment and  
certification of skills

**9-10 October 2019, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**Venue: Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, Sarmiento**

### **Background**

The Global Forum on Migration and Development ([GFMD](#)) is a state-led, informal and non-binding process, which helps shape the global debate on migration and development. Since 2016, the GFMD invites the private sector to contribute to its deliberation through a channel named [GFMD Business Mechanism](#). The International Organisation of Employers ([IOE](#)) coordinates the input of the private sector through the Business Advisory Group on Migration, which aims at strengthening the dialogue between businesses and governments on migration related topics. The purpose of this regional workshop is twofold: identify solutions for improved regulatory frameworks on migration that take into account businesses' needs in the region; and bring together governments and business representatives from Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay to discuss the impact on businesses of migration policies in South America and find common ground for improvement.

### **Programme**                      **Wednesday, 9 October 2019 (private sector only)**

**14:00 – 14:15**                      **Registration**

**14:15 – 14:30**                      **Opening**

- **Austin Fragomen**, Chairman, GFMD [Business Advisory Group](#) (TBC) or, **Roberto Suarez-Santos** Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers ([IOE](#)) (TBC)
- **Diego Coatz**, Executive Director, Union Industrial Argentina ([UIA](#)) (TBC)

**14:30 – 17:00<sup>1</sup>**                      **Roundtable discussion on**

**Theme 1: Migration and Skills Mobility: Need for businesses to engage. Best-practice sharing**

**Theme 2: Overview of migration policies in South American countries and their impact on business**

**Moderator: TBC**

**Stage-setting by:**

- **Pablo Dragun**, Director Centro de Estudios, Unión Industrial Argentina ([UIA](#))
- **Pablo Bobic**, Legal Director, Confederation of Production and Trade ([CPC](#)) of Chile
- **Juan Mailhos**, Director, National Chamber of Commerce and Services of Uruguay ([CNCS](#)) (TBC)
- **Luis Gonzalez Arias**, Federación de la Producción, la Industria y el Comercio de Paraguay (Feprinco)

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<sup>1</sup> Tea/coffee break will be included.

### **Guiding points for open discussions and takeaway:**

The session brings together private sector representatives from Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay to hold a free and frank discussion amongst themselves on the current state of affairs of migration policies and frameworks at national level and how it impacts the businesses in the region. The exchange of information would enable to understand the domestic and regional needs and requirements of the private sector in terms of the skills mobility – needs, gaps, and availability in the job market. An analysis of the existing migration policies will also provide an insight on how the businesses want the governments to address their concerns. It would also be in the interest of the private sector to formulate their views on how to inform the governments on their specific requirement in the areas of skills mobility, the job market needs and requirements, skills development, skills recognition and training programmes, use of innovation and technology, certification and data collection. The information so collated, can be used to hold dialogue, the next day, with the respective representatives of the governments.

**20:00 Participants from the private sector, as well as governments, are invited to join for a networking dinner**