

GFMD 14th SUMMIT

Platform for Partnerships (PfP)

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Background

The GFMD Platform for Partnerships (PfP) was established in 2010 as an online platform and Summit session to foster the exchange of policies and practices among Member States and other migration and development stakeholders. The PfP offers an opportunity to showcase new initiatives to the GFMD community fostering innovative partnerships in areas of common interest. It allows national and local governments as well as non-state actors to highlight state-of-the-art initiatives on migration and development.

An Innovative Format for the 14th GFMD Summit: Inspirational talks

This year, the Platform for Partnerships aims to take a bold step forward by infusing discussions with innovation through the format of inspirational talks. Selected proponents present groundbreaking migration and development initiatives through short and carefully prepared talks. Speakers and audience explore perspectives and opportunities for action and collaboration.

Topics and Schedule

Part 1 – 11:00-12:30

1. Connecting Global Policy Agendas to Promote Effective Solutions for Climate and Human Mobility: The Case of Rising Nations Initiative.
2. We have the evidence and field-tested solutions: what needs to be done to bring solutions at scale and unleash the power of migration

Part 2 – 17:00-18:30

3. Promoting synergies between integration, return and reconstruction: Reverse transnational skills partnerships for forcibly displaced persons
4. Enhancing Data Collection to Promote Safe Migration for Women

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Cécile Frobort, Deputy Director of the Democratic Governance Mission, Directorate of Global Affairs, French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs

Connecting Global Policy Agendas to Promote Effective Solutions for Climate and Human Mobility: The Case of Rising Nations Initiative

In this session, the Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM) presents a proposal to confront the existential threats posed by rising sea levels to island states. An inclusive strategy and toolbox developed in collaboration with multiple partners across different sectors to support Tuvalu in its efforts to adapt to climate change is at the heart of this inspirational talk. Representatives from Azerbaijan, the incoming Chair of COP 29, and Colombia, the incoming Chair of GFMD 2024-2025 engage in this discussion that puts at centre stage the importance of building resilience for low-lying island countries, fostering solutions where the voices and cultures of communities affected by climate change can be preserved and thrive. Member states are invited to consider active support for these initiatives, recognizing the urgent need for a collective global response.

Moderator: Amb. Caroline Dumas, Ambassador for Migration and Development, France

- **Dr. Daniel Beck**, Head of Policy and Partnerships – Global Centre for Climate Mobility
- **Mr. Miguel Eduardo Ruiz Boter**, Third Secretary – Permanent Mission of Colombia (as GFMD Chair 2024-2025)

We have the evidence and field-tested solutions: what needs to be done to bring solutions at scale and unleash the power of migration

The evidence around the contribution of migrants and migration to development is unambiguous: migration is, and has been for centuries, a cornerstone of development, prosperity, and progress. The IOM Flagship report "[Leveraging Human Mobility to Rescue the 2030 Agenda](#)" released ahead of the SDG Summit is the most recent effort to date to synthesize this evidence. Its conclusion is just as unambiguous: people on the move must be part of the solution to accelerate sustainable development and to adapt to the world's biggest challenges. We know what can be done to create an environment that is conducive to harnessing the promise of migration for the benefit of all. The final phase of the IOM-UNDP [Joint Global Programme on Making Migration Work for Sustainable Development](#) (M4SD) has created new opportunities for over 14,000 people. Yet this potential remains largely untapped. We have reached a defining moment in the global approach to migration. We need to bring solutions at scale. What could be the role of stakeholders that have a capacity to bring solutions at scale – such as Multilateral Development Banks – to capitalize on the breadth of evidence available, and on field-tested solutions? This thought-provoking pitch will draw from the IOM Flagship Report and from the M4SD global programme results. Interactions with discussants will bring fresh ideas on how this critical moment can be a moment of rupture to effectively unleash the power of migration through at-scale solutions.

Moderator: Ms. Cécile Riallant, Head, Sustainable Development Division, IOM

- **Mr. Alejandro Dávalos**, Vice-Minister for Human Mobility, Ecuador
- **Dr. Pablo A. Acosta**, Lead Economist and Global Lead for Migration, World Bank

Moderator: Ms. Barbara Sidoti, Head of the GFMD Secretariat

Promoting synergies between integration, return and reconstruction: Reverse transnational skills partnerships for forcibly displaced persons

In many mixed migration situations, integration and return are considered mutually exclusive goals: proponents of return worry that investing in education and skills development will lead to de facto integration and preclude return, whereas proponents of integration tend to shy away from discussions about an eventual return out of fear that this will result in restrictive policy measures. One way out of this dilemma is investing in dual intent integration measures that prepare for both indefinite stay as well as possible return, by deliberately seeking to minimise possible return barriers. This provides an opportunity to overcome the prevailing and simplistic narrative of a dichotomy between integration and return. The unique situation of Ukrainians benefitting from temporary protection in EU member states and the immense human resources that a post-war reconstruction of Ukraine will require could serve as a model test case for dual intent skills development. A thought-provoking conversation on a topic of great interest and relevance for all countries of the world.

- **Dr. Anne Koch**, Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik / SWP
- **Dr. Steffen Angenendt**, Senior Fellow Global Issues, Senior Fellow Global Issues, SWP
- **Ms. Dariia Marchak**, First Deputy Minister of Social Policy, Ukraine

Enhancing Data Collection to Promote Safe Migration for Women

Women account for about half of the world's 281 million international migrants. Accurate and timely sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics on migration are critical for understanding the specific situations, needs and challenges of migrant women and men, and for shaping migration policy. Although the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration calls for accurate, reliable and comparable data disaggregated by sex, age, and migration status, these data continue to be lacking worldwide. An innovative guidance by UN Women on developing and implementing surveys on the situation of migrant women at country level aims to fill this gap. This inspirational talk brings to centre stage the critical importance not only of collecting sex-disaggregated data, but of collecting qualitative data that can shine a light on the migration experiences and how data can help ensure that migration is safe, rights-based and free from violence and exploitation.

- **Ms. Inkeri Von Hase**, Global Coordinator, Making Migration Safe for Women, UN Women