



## GFMD 14<sup>th</sup> SUMMIT Programme of Roundtables

### Overview | Format | Objectives:

At the 14th GFMD Summit, the Roundtable sessions are designed to foster dynamic and inclusive discussions on the thematic priorities of the Chairmanship. The sessions comprise two distinct parts:

- **Part 1 - Opening, Lightning Talks, and Q&A:**

The initial segment will be launched by the Co-Chairs, setting the stage for insightful conversations. Engaging lightning talks will provide various perspective. Following this, an open floor Q&A session with the discussants and participants will encourage diverse voices to contribute their thoughts, enriching the dialogue with a spectrum of viewpoints.

- **Part 2 - Round-Table Discussions and Dynamic Restitution:**

Building upon the momentum from Part 1, the second segment will transition into focused round-table discussions. Each linguistically homogeneous table (French-speaking, English-speaking, and Spanish-speaking) will delve into specific guiding questions, exploring various facets of the designated theme. Participants are invited to look at the guiding questions for each Roundtable below.

Each table will focus on 1 or 2 topics, depending on the roundtable. At the conclusion of the discussions, each table is encouraged to formulate a key takeaway. These key takeaways will be shared with the plenary in one of two ways: either by participants offering insights directly from the floor, or through the use of Slido, allowing for input from all participants.

This dynamic restitution process ensures that the essence of each table's discussions is distilled into clear and actionable takeaways. Participants are invited to contribute actively to the roundtables, fostering a collaborative and inclusive atmosphere for the exchange of ideas and perspectives. The discussions will be dynamic, allowing for spontaneous interaction.

**January 23 – 16:00 – 18:30**

**Roundtable 1 - The impact of climate change on human mobility: preventive action, humanitarian action, and development**

**Room A**

**RT Co-Chairs:**

- **Argentina: H.E. Federico Villegas**, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- **Fiji: H.E. Luke Daunivalu**, Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- **Civil Society: Ms. Elana Wong**, Policy Officer, GFMD Civil Society Mechanism Secretariat

**Lightning Talks:**

- **Honorable Tijani Aliyu Ahmed**, Federal Commissioner, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons
- **Ms. Ugochi Daniels**, Deputy Director General for Operations, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- **Ms. Helena Olea**, Alianza Americas, CMDP
- **Mr. Dewan Abdul Mannan**, Ward Councilor, Dhaka North City Corporation

**Questions around the tables:**

- The breakout discussions for this Roundtable will be divided across the three main subtopics identified in the background paper: Data, Financing, and Climate-resilient Development (with a focus on regular pathways).
- Each table will be given the guiding questions to discuss one of these subtopics only. The room will be divided into the three subtopics, with each table indicating the subtopic it has been allocated.
- Please arrived prepared to sit at a table focused on the subtopic of your choice.

**Roundtable 2- Rights and migration: working to ensure the health, safety and rights of migrants**

**Room B+C**

**RT Co-Chairs:**

- **Colombia: Ms. Laura Jimena Arango Blanco**, Counsellor - Humanitarian Affairs, Permanent Mission
- **Egypt: Dr. Wael Ibraim Ali Badawi**, Deputy Assistant Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Migration, Refugees and Combating Human Trafficking

**Lightning Talks:**

- **Mr. Tanvir Shakil Joy, MP**, Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development, Bangladesh
- **Dr. Santino Severoni**, Director of the global Health and Migration Programme, World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Mr. Eric Apelgren**, Head of Department, International Governance Relations, City of Durban
- **Ms. Carolina Gottardo**, Executive Director, International Detention Coalition (IDC), Civil Society

**Questions around the tables |** Participants will discuss two of the following guiding questions:

1. What are the key implementation and accountability gaps that exist in ensuring the rights of migrants? How can accountability be strengthened to ensure a human rights-based approach to migration and development is implemented?
2. How can substantive participation of relevant stakeholders, particularly migrants, be ensured in the design and implementation of migration policies to reduce deficits in their implementation and increase accountability?
3. How can a human rights-based approach be ensured at borders, and for migrants in transit, along migration routes?

### **'Data'-focused tables**

1. What datasets and data mechanisms are needed to develop and ensure rights-based regular migration pathways in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation?
  - What are some examples?
  - Who needs to develop them, and with whose support?
2. What data is needed to accelerate inclusive, context-specific climate-resilient development at local, national, regional and global levels, both for communities who choose to migrate and those who can or do not wish to?
  - What commitments and/or actions have governments and other actors already taken?
3. What data-related mechanisms need to be in place to support stakeholders, including migrants themselves, to respond to the impacts of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation on mobility?

### **'Financing'-focused tables**

1. What funding mechanisms are needed to develop and ensure rights-based regular migration pathways in the context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation?
  - What are some examples?
  - Who needs to develop them, and with whose support?
2. Where is funding needed to accelerate inclusive, context-specific climate-resilient development at local, national, regional and global levels, both for communities who choose to migrate and those who can or do not wish to?
  - What commitments and/or actions have governments and other actors already taken?
3. What funding mechanisms need to be in place to support stakeholders, including migrants themselves, to respond to the impacts of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation on mobility?

### **'Climate-resilient development and regular pathways'-focused tables**

1. What are the main actions and mechanisms needed to develop, accelerate and ensure rights-based regular migration pathways, that are inclusive and context-specific, in the

context of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation at the local, national, regional and global levels?

- What are some examples?
- Who needs to develop them, and with whose support?

2. Where are the main actions needed to accelerate inclusive, context-specific climate-resilient development at local, national, regional and global levels, both for communities who choose to migrate and those who can or do not wish to?

- What commitments and/or actions have governments and other actors already taken?

3. What development and pathways-related mechanisms need to be in place to support stakeholders, including migrants themselves, to respond to the impacts of disasters, climate change and environmental degradation on mobility?

January 24 – 14:00 – 16:30

**Roundtable 3 - Diasporas as actors of economic, social, and cultural development**  
Room A

**RT Co-Chairs:**

- **Mexico: Amb. Fernando Espinosa**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- **Moldova: Ms. Violina Donu**, Head of Diaspora Relations Bureau

**Introductory remarks;**

- **Ms. Shoko Noda**, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau

**Lightning Talks:**

- **H.E. Djacoba A. S. Oliva** Tehindrazanarivelo, Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- **Ms. Yihan Wang**, First secretary in the Consular Affairs Department, China
- **Mr. Oleg Chirita**, Head of Global Initiatives, ICMPD, EU Global Diaspora Facility

**Roundtable 4 - Labour Migration: Promoting the Economic Inclusion of Migrants**  
Room B+C

**RT Co-Chairs:**

- **United Arab Emirates: H.E. Shaym Al Awadhi**, Assistant Undersecretary, Communications, and International Relations
- **Zimbabwe: Hon. July Moyo**, Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare
- **Business Mechanism: Mr. Menno Bart**, Adecco Group Head of Policy Advocacy

**Introductory remarks;**

- **Ms. Gladys Cisneros**, Branch Chief for Labour Migration, ILO

**Lightning Talks:**

- **Amb. Hugo Verbist**, Belgium's Special Envoy for Asylum and Migration
- **Ms. Marta Youth**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, United States
- **Mr. Akhator Joel Odigie**, General Secretary- International Trade Union Confederation
- **Ms. Catherine Noël**, Head of the Human Resources Commission, Groupement des Entreprises Multinationales (GEM)

**Questions around the tables** | Participants will be invited to discuss the following guiding questions:

1. How can increased collaboration between governments, diasporas and other stakeholders enhance the contributions of diasporas to the sustainable development of their countries of origin, while ensuring leadership by women and youth?  
And more specifically two of the three following guiding questions:
2. How to promote diaspora engagement, especially from women and youth, in **times of crises** and how to maintain their support in post-crisis settings?
3. How can **digital tools** be effectively leveraged to enhance diaspora engagement and contributions, while ensuring safety, inclusiveness and accessibility?
4. How to unlock the full potential of diasporas, especially women and youth, to better **contribute to climate action**?

**Questions around the tables** | Participants will discuss two of the following guiding questions:

1. How can **labour migration governance** be reformed to respond to labour market dynamics, comply with rights established in international labour standards, and further include migrant workers in sustainable development in countries of origin, transit and destination?
2. How can cooperation on **skill anticipation, recognition and development** be pursued in a way that supports decent work for migrant workers and access to needed skills by countries of origin and destination?
3. How can labour migration systems adapt to address challenges in the **future of work** including demographic changes, technological change and climate change, with particular focus on impacts on young and women migrant workers?
4. What specific actions could states and other stakeholders take to ensure that migrant workers and their families have **access to portable social protection** in countries of destination and upon return?

**January 25 – 09:30 – 12:00**

**Roundtable 5 - Culture and narratives: Improving the perception of migration in public opinion**

**Room A**

**RT Co-Chairs:**

- **Canada: Ms. Stephanie Leung**, Director, International Migration Policy
- **Philippines: H.E. Maria Theresa B. Dizon-De Vega**, Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

**Lightning Talks :**

- **Hon. Chido Sanyatwe**, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage of Zimbabwe
- **Ms. Esraa Abdallah**, Project Officer, Peace, Action, Training, and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR)
- **Ms. Mercedes Perez**, Human Mobility Management Programme Manager, Mennonite Social Action Commission (CASM)
- **Mr. Bryan Rodas**, Coordinator of Policies for Immigrants and Promotion of Decent Work – Sao Paulo Secretariat of Human Rights and Citizenship (SMDHC), Brazil

**Roundtable 6 - Multi-level governance: bringing together the various stakeholders for improved migration management**

**Room B+C**

**RT Co-Chairs:**

- **Azerbaijan: Mr. Ulvi Aliyev**, Chief of International Cooperation Department, State Migration Service
- **Kenya: Dr. Dan Opon**, Director of Immigration Services, NCM Secretariat
- **Mayors Mechanism: Ms. Sophie van Haasen**, Coordinator of the GFMD Mayors Mechanism

**Lightning Talks :**

- **Mr. Abdellah Boutadghart**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations Office
- **Dr. Pablo Ariel Acosta**, Lead Economist, World Bank
- **Ms. Daniela Cepeda Tarud**, Migration Advisor, City of Barranquilla
- **Mr. Manfred Schueler**, Head of the Task Force for European Migration Policy in the Federal Foreign Office, Germany

**Questions around the tables | Participants** will discuss the two guiding questions:

1. How can we build successful multi-actor and multi-level partnerships to improve the perception of migration in public opinion?
2. How can we improve data production and collection on public attitudes on migration?

**Questions around the tables | Participants** will discuss two of the following guiding questions:

1. What innovative ways to apply the whole of government and whole of society approaches within migration governance for development exist? How can these approaches help prepare for the multi-faceted implications of climate change?
2. Is the international financing system fit for purpose to support multi-level governance of migration, including in times of emergencies and sudden – onset disasters? What vision for a reformed international financing system? How can flexible funding across the HDPN and agile governance be leveraged for those most in need? How can good multi-level migration governance be leveraged as an integral part of the solution to a new way of financing for development?
3. How can the design, implementation and review of local, regional and global governance actions and policies be more jointly designed between government, industry and private sector and communities, including migrants and displaced persons?