

GFMD 2020 UAE Chair

Theme 6: Fostering Partnerships to Realise Migration-Related Goals

Proposed Agenda of the RT Session

Thursday, 21 January 2021

12h30 to 15h30 CET

Co-Chairs: El Salvador, The Gambia

Rapporteur: United Kingdom

Participants: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Canada, Georgia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru (Observer), Switzerland, Civil Society, Mayoral Mechanism, Business Mechanism

Observers: ICMPD, IFAD, ILO, IOM, OECD, UNDP, UNICEF, KNOMAD/World Bank, LaMP

Thematic Lead (and penholder): Mr. Dilip Ratha

1. Opening Statements by the RT Co-Chairs *(20 min)*
 - *H.E. Ms. Cindy Mariella Portal Salazar*, Vice-Minister for Salvadorans Abroad, El Salvador
 - *Mr. Alex da Costa*, Charge' D'Affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of The Gambia to the UNOG
2. Presentation of Key Elements of the [RT 6 Background Paper](#) *(10 min)*
 - *Mr. Dilip Ratha*, KNOMAD HEAD, World Bank
3. Enabling Partnerships: Operationalizing a Concessional Financing Facility for Migration *(130 min, inclusive of short break)*

Guiding questions:

- a) How to make financial resources available for implementation of partnerships?*
- b) How to make the Concessional Financing Facility adaptable to changing circumstances?*
- c) What are the next steps that the GFMD and Member States can take to operationalize the Financing Facility?)*

Interventions by Member States, GFMD Mechanisms, and Observers

Confirmed Speakers as of 17 January:

(For other interested speakers, please write to support.unit@qfmd.org)

Member States:

- Bangladesh - *Dr. Ahmed Munirus Saleheen*, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment

- Belgium – *Mr. Jerome Touissant*, Advisor, Unit of the Belgian Special Envoy for Migration and Asylum
- Morocco – *Mr. Ahmed Skim*, Director of Migration Affairs
- Pakistan - *Ambassador Khalil Hashmi*, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UNOG
- Switzerland – *Ms. Bettina Etter*, Senior Adviser, Global Migration Governance

GFMD Mechanisms

- Business – *Mr. Matthias Thorn*, Deputy Secretary-General, IOE
- Civil Society – *Mr. William Gois*, Regional Coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia
- Mayors – *Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi*, Secretary General of UCLG Africa

GFMD Observers

- UNDP – *Ms. Asako Okai*, Assistant Secretary General and Director of Crisis Bureau
- ICMPD – *Mr. Martijn Pluim*, Director, Migration Dialogues and Cooperation
- GK Partners - *Prof. Gibril Faal*, Director

4. Highlights of the RT Discussion *(10 min)*

- *Mr. Richard Taylor*, Policy Adviser, United Kingdom
RT 6 Session Rapporteur

5. Concluding Statements by the Co-Chairs *(10 min)*