

GFMD 2020 ROUNDTABLES

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Roundtable 3 - Leveraging New Technologies to Empower Migrants

Co-Chair (and Moderator of Panel 1)

Hon. Sarah Arriola

Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs

Department of Foreign Affairs

Philippines



Usec. Sarah Lou Arriola is the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs. She has served as the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Majority Leader at the Senate of the Philippines, Committee Secretary of the Senate Rules Committee, and Director for Investigation of the Senate Blue Ribbon Oversight Office Management. She is the Philippine Chief Negotiator in the negotiations of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly & Regular Migration before joining government, she was a lawyer of Ateneo Human Rights Center and Program Officer of the Working Group for ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism. She used to teach Administrative Law, Election Law, and Law on Public Officers in Ateneo Law School.

She earned her AB in Communication and Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo de Manila University and her LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex as a British Chevening and University of Essex Scholar. She is inscribed in the Roster of the Gawad Mabini with the rank of Dakilang Kamanong (Grand Cross).

Co-Chair (and Moderator of Panel 2)

Hon. Peter Tum

Principal Secretary

State Department for Labour

Kenya



Eng. Peter K. Tum is the current Principal Secretary, State Department for Labour in Kenya following his appointment in March, 2019. Prior to this, he served as the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, coordinating the Ministry's performance management, implementing strategic plans, facilitating efficient and effective utilization of financial and human resources, and managing information systems and regular financial reporting.

A holder of both an MSc in Energy Management from the University of Nairobi and a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Technology from Egerton

University as well as a post-graduate Diploma in Medical Electronics from the University of London (UK), Eng. Tum was vested with Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) Presidential Award in December 2016, for his outstanding stewardship and service.

Eng. Tum's expansive leadership and experience spanning 30+ years in Public Service has been pivotal in creating strong collaborative relationships and practical solutions in the sectors he has worked in. the Principal Secretary has in the past served as the CEO of Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) and worked in other leadership roles in the Public Sector.

Thematic Lead

Professor Gibril Faal

Director, GK Partners



Professor Gibril Faal is a multi-disciplinary business and development executive. He is the director of GK Partners, visiting professor in practice at the LSE Institute of Global Affairs, council member of Carnegie African Diaspora Program, and adviser to various governments and institutions across the world. Gibril's previous roles include: vice chair of Bond (UK), chairman of AFFORD-UK, founding director of ADEPT; overarching expert for the Global Compact for Migration; and GFMD civil society co-chair and grand rapporteur. He has addressed the UN General Assembly several times as a technical expert and been appointed to various boards by UK government ministers. He previously served as special adviser to the government of Moldova, and is the founder and director of the Migration and Sustainable Development in The Gambia (MSDG) project. He served as a magistrate for 16 years, and in 2014 was appointed OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to international development.

Rapporteur

Ms. Bettina Etter

Senior Adviser, Global Migration Governance

Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA

Switzerland



Ms. Bettina Etter is Senior Adviser for Global Migration Governance at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), where she leads SDC's multilateral engagement on migration and development since 2015. From 2017-18, she served as Political Adviser to the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York in his capacity as co-facilitator of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Before assuming her role at the SDC in 2015, she served as International Migration and Development Policy Advisor at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York from 2012 until 2014 and coordinated Switzerland's engagement in the second UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development. Prior to this position, she was a member of the task force coordinating Switzerland's chairmanship of the 2011 Global Forum on Migration and Development. She holds a Master's degree in Intercultural

Conflict Management from the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin, Germany.

Moderator

Mr. Enrico Fos

Assistant Secretary
Department of Foreign Affairs

Philippines



Assistant Secretary Enrico Trinidad Fos is a diplomat, lawyer, public servant for more than 23 years with the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs. He is the current head of the Office of Migrant Worker's Affairs and has been assisting in the mass repatriation of overseas Filipinos affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2012, he served as the First Secretary and later on Minister at the Philippine Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva and simultaneously in 2015, served as the Consul General of the Philippine Consulate in Geneva. He previously served as Consul at the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC in 2002.

At the home Office, he had served as Principal Assistant, Assistant Director and Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for International Economic Affairs, the Undersecretary for Administration, and the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs.

Assistant Secretary Fos finished his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines College of Law.

Panel 1 - Empowering Migrants Through Technology

Speaker

Mr. Ausamah Alabsi

Founder and Principal
MindGap Consultants
Bahrain



Profile:

An engineer turned economist with extensive experience in reform policy development & implementation, labour & migrants' rights, combatting modern slavery and trafficking in persons, labour & migration policy and regulation.

Current Position:

Founder & Principal, MindMap Consultants, Bahrain: Administrative & Legal Reform, Migration Management, Labour Policy, Combatting Trafficking in Persons & Modern Slavery, business development & market penetration advisory, Foreign Direct Investments, Project Management.

Previous Positions:

Chief Executive Officer, Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA): 2011 – 2020
Labour & migration policies and regulation in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Chairman, National Committee for Combating Trafficking in Persons: 2014 – 2020
Policies, coordination, and implementation of national efforts on TIPs.

Deputy Chief Executive, Economic Development Board (EDB): 2005-2011
Economic and reform policy, project management, political advisory & liaison.

Director of Employment, Ministry of Labour: 2002 – 2005
Work permits for expatriate workforce, unemployment strategies, implementation, and placement of Bahraini workforce.

Sr. Manager, Business Development, Economic Development Board: 1995 – 2002
Foreign Direct Investment, Export Promotion, Project Management.

Discussion Starter 1

Mr. Jaber al Mahmoud

Deputy Assistant for Recruitment
Ministry of Human Resource and Social Development
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Mr. Jaber al Mahmoud, Deputy assistant for admission, Ministry of Human Resources and Social development, Saudi Arabia.

Works on supervising recruitment, companies and offices, in addition to organizing visa operations to enter the Kingdom

Discussion Starter 2

Mr. M.M.V. Wansekara

Addl. General Manager
Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Promotion Bureau



A graduate of Peradeniya University of Sri Lanka with a Master degree on Public Policy Management from Colombo University.

Acting General Manager of Sri Lanka bureau of foreign employment with more than 30 years of experience in the industry of foreign employment.

Served in Sri Lanka mission in Qatar as Counsellor.

Discussion Starter 3



Ms. Amanda Flety
UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory
Democracy and Human Rights
On behalf of the Mayors Mechanism

Discussion Starter 4

Mr. Mohamed Zarkani
Chief of Mission
IOM-Bahrain



Mohamed El Zarkani is the United Nations Resident Coordinator a.i and Chief of Mission of IOM in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Since joining IOM in 2013, he has served as programme manager for a community stabilization initiative covering Egypt, Tunisia and Libya, and as head of programmes in IOM Kuwait, covering human development and labour mobility, as well as migrant protection and assistance. Since joining IOM Bahrain in 2018, El Zarkani has been responsible for developing and promoting the full range of IOM services according to the priorities of the Government of Bahrain. Leveraging Bahrain's role as a Regional Centre for Excellence in combatting Trafficking in Persons, El Zarkani has also established IOM technical support programmes with the Human Rights Commission in Saudi Arabia and the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization in UAE. As of November 2020, El Zarkani has been serving as the United Nations Resident Coordinator a.i in the Kingdom of Bahrain. El Zarkani has a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Webster University in the Netherlands in 2004.

Discussion Starter 5

Mr. Murtaza Khan
Partner
Fragomen
On behalf of the Business Mechanism



Murtaza is Regional Managing Partner at Fragomen for the Middle East and Africa region. Fragomen is the global leader in immigration services and solutions. Murtaza has been based in the Middle East region for over 14 years and is responsible for Fragomen's practices and network partners spanning across the Middle East and Africa region. In this capacity, he has extensive experience of working with large global and regional companies alongside representing the SME sector. He has deep knowledge of regional business immigration,

mobility and deployment issues. His experience includes working with companies in a variety of sectors offering strategic advisory, design and management of immigration programs tailored to the region's requirements and best practices. Murtaza is a Fellow at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales having worked in the Audit and Corporate Finance Advisory divisions at a Big Four Accounting firm.

Being an expert in business migration across the region, he has spoken at numerous global and regional events, alongside publishing several articles expressing thought leadership on the subject of migration. As a representative of the GFMD Business Mechanism, he has advised and provided input at the Intergovernmental process facilitated by the United Nations in adopting the Global Compact on Migration in 2018. He continues to represent the private sector at the Global Forum on Migration and Development and has consistently been providing input at various regional consultative processes including the Abu Dhabi Dialogue and African Union.

Discussion Starter 6

Ms. Alankrita Dayal

Youth Representative

On behalf of the Youth



Alankrita is the Founder and Executive Director of Program yoUr Future (PUF), which she founded in 2014 to help all students, and particularly young women and minorities from immigrant and refugee backgrounds, acquire both the technical and the non-technical skills necessary for their retention and success in STEM careers. Having helped thousands of students who have completed 3 million hours of programming and other STEM-related educational activities, both in person and using online formats, she can bring insights in how access to technology can benefit migrants and other marginalized groups.

Alankrita Dayal is a young migrant who founded at age 17 an organization called Program your Future (PUF) to help all students, and particularly young women and minorities from immigrant and refugee backgrounds, acquire both the technical and the non-technical skills necessary for their retention and success in STEM careers. The programs have brought awareness in the industry to support student equity needs and have helped my students prepare for postsecondary education, build out their resumes, and navigate their academic journeys, with an emphasis on computing careers.

She studied a double major in Computer Science and Cognitive Science, with minors in Public Policy and South Asian Studies, and a certificate in Entrepreneurship and Technology at the University of California-Berkeley. Recruited by the Vice President of Hewlett Packard Enterprises (HPE), Alankrita also currently leads the development of the user interface and experience of HPE's educational technology-- utilizing artificial intelligence and machine learning to create personalized and effective learning pathways for first-generation students.

She is extremely passionate about voicing data-driven solutions to better the lives of everyone in her community; over the years, her initiatives have drawn global attention, including from the Wall Street Journal, International Computer Science Institute, Business Today, and President Bill Clinton.

Panel 2: Financial Inclusion and Remittances and New Technology

Speaker

Ms. Sabine Mensah

Regional Digital Hub Manager

UNCDF Regional Digital Hub for West and Central Africa



Sabine Mensah, Regional Digital Hub Manager, UNCDF
Sabine is a senior Digital Economy and Financial Inclusion advocate with 5 years United Nations development agency journey and 17-years private sector business development experience in remittances, digital payments and mobile money. Sabine started her career as a loan officer at Ecobank in Burkina Faso and moved to remittances in 1998, spending 15 years with Western Union in Africa, US and Canada. In 2013, Sabine transitioned to Digital Financial Services consulting based in Kenya working with the Anthemis Group and MicroSave. In July 2015, Sabine joined UNCDF in Senegal and to date, as the regional digital hub manager, she leads 10 countries in West and Central Africa towards inclusive digital economies that leave no one behind. Sabine is also UNCDF's global workstream lead on open digital infrastructure. Sabine holds an MBA from Central Michigan University (US) and a bachelor in finance from IFAM (France).

Discussion Starter 1

Mr. Fahim Ibrahimi

Member of General Directorate of UN & International Conferences

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Afghanistan



Mr. Fahim Ibrahimi is an MIR graduate from Kardan University (2019) who did his bachelor's degree in Law & Political Science, Kabul University (2015). He also holds a diploma in Diplomatic and Protocol Studies from Diplomacy institute – MoFA 2018.

Mr. Ibrahimi has been serving as Migration, Refugee & Countering Human Trafficking Officer at UN and International Conference Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I.R.A since October 2018. Furthermore, he also worked as Legal Assistant with DAI/ALBA program on the National Assembly for Afghanistan funded by the USAID (2016-2017), and as a M&E Officer with Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Committee(MEC) in (2017-2018) . To sum

up, Mr. Ibrahim's scope of work as an Officer for Migration, Refugee's & Countering Human Trafficking Affairs includes working and coordination on relevant issues with UNHCR, IOM, ICMPD , UNODC, GFMD, Bali Process, Colombo Process & Almaty Process as an official focal point to these international organizations and process on behalf of the I.R.A.

Discussion Starter 2

Mr. Hanspeter Wyss

Programme Manager
Global Programme Migration and Development
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
Switzerland



Hanspeter Wyss is a Program Manager with the Global Program Migration & Development (GPMD) of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) of Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. His responsibilities include the design, steering and monitoring of GPMD's programs in the Middle East, on labor migration, and with research institutions and think tanks.

As a Senior Program Officer he has contributed for the World Bank's Migration & Remittances team to the implementation of the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD). Prior to joining the World Bank, he had different assignments with SDC, such as focal point for both the Multilateral Network and for Management for Development Results, program manager for multilateral negotiations in sustainable development & environment, as well as deputy head of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Benin. Hanspeter holds a master degree in development economics (University of Zurich).

Discussion Starter 3

Ms. Asako Okai

Deputy Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau
UNDP



Ms. Asako Okai officially began her role as UNDP's Assistant Administrator and Director for the Crisis Bureau on August 22, 2018. In this role, she leads UNDP's corporate crisis-related work and drives UNDP's vision and priorities for crisis prevention, response and recovery.

Ms. Okai has over 30 years of experience in the Japanese Foreign Service and the United Nations. She

possesses an extensive track record in development, humanitarian response, disaster management and peacebuilding work at both the strategic and operational levels.

Throughout her career, she closely engaged in the evolution of international cooperation frameworks in different capacities, including the forging of historic institutional reforms of the international cooperation apparatus in Japan, and implementing innovative financial mechanisms to support reliable humanitarian funding models as Japan's Director of Humanitarian Assistance. Ms. Okai held several diplomatic senior positions worldwide and worked closely with the United Nations Headquarters, both in the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN and as a Senior Member of the Office of the President of the 66th UN General Assembly, most recently serving as Consul-General of Japan in Vancouver, Canada. She holds a Master of Arts in History of Art, Emmanuel College, Cambridge University and a bachelor's degree in Law, Hitotsubashi University, Japan.

Discussion Starter 4

Mr. Onyekachi Wambu

Director

African Foundation for Development (AFFORD)

On behalf of Civil Society



Onyekachi Wambu is currently the Executive Director at AFFORD, a charity that seeks to enhance the contributions that Africans in the diaspora make to Africa's development. AFFORD is a pioneer and innovator in the field of policy and practice of 'diaspora-development', responding to the disjuncture between mainstream international development and actual diaspora action. AFFORD's advocacy work under his leadership, has contributed to UK and international recognition of the role of the diaspora in African and international development, and in the subsequent initiation of new policies, programmes, funds and schemes by global institutions such as The European Union, The African Union, DFID, The World Bank, IOM, Comic Relief, GIZ, and SDC.

Onyekachi graduated from the University of Essex and completed his M.Phil in International Relations at Selwyn College, Cambridge. Before AFFORD, he worked extensively as a journalist and television documentary maker. He edited The Voice Newspaper at the end of the 1980s and has made documentaries and programmes for the BBC, Channel 4 and PBS. He has written widely on Africa and her global diaspora. His publications include *Under the Tree of Talking: Leadership for Change in Africa* (ed) and *Empire Windrush: 50 years of writing about black Britain* (ed).