

## GFMD 2020 ROUNDTABLES

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#### Roundtable Theme 5: Discussing Approaches to Prevent Irregular Migration

##### *Co-Chair (also Moderator of Focused Session 1)*

###### **Amb. José Luis Pardo**

Ambassador for Migratory Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation  
Spain



Ambassador Pardo is a career diplomat having joined the Spanish Diplomatic Service in 1993. From July 2017 he serves as Ambassador at Large for Migratory Affairs and as Head of the Office for Migratory Affairs. Among other tasks, he has represented his country in the negotiations of the Global Compact for Migration. Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain in the Republic of Niger from 2014 to 2017. Deputy Director General for EU Foreign Action and Trade in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the period 2005-2014. He served in Spanish Embassies as Deputy Head of Mission in Libya 1996-1999 and in Jordan 1999-2002 and as Counselor for EU Affairs in Germany 2002-2005.

Born in 1967. Bachelor's degree in Law (University of Salamanca), Master in EU Law (College of Europe, Bruges), Graduate in History of Art and doctorate courses in Comparative Public International Law (Universidad Complutense, Madrid). He speaks Spanish, English, French, German and Italian.

##### *Co-Chair (also Moderator of Focused Session 2)*

###### **Ambassador Héctor Constant Rosales**

Permanent Representative  
Permanent Mission of the **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela** to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva



Ambassador Constant Rosales had been serving as the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to UNESCO, in Paris since 2017. He was Venezuela's National Coordinator at the Southern Common Market (Mercosur) from 2015 to 2018, after serving as Deputy National Coordinator and political negotiator from 2008 to 2015. From 2007 to 2010, he was the Executive Director of the Pedro Gual Institute of Higher Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of External Relations of Venezuela, where he founded and headed the Investigation and

Strategic Analysis team from 2006 to 2007. A career diplomat, he joined the Ministry of External Relations of Venezuela in 2004.

Ambassador Constant Rosales has a bachelor's degree in international studies from the Central University of Venezuela, Venezuela (2002), a master's degree in political science from the Simon Bolivar University, Venezuela (2007), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Latin-American studies from the Sorbonne III University, France (2017).

***Thematic Lead (also Moderator of Focused Session 3)***

**Ms. Kathleen Newland**

Senior Fellow

Migration Policy Institute (MPI)



Kathleen Newland is a Senior Fellow and Co-Founder of the Migration Policy Institute. Her work focuses on the governance of international migration, the relationship between migration and development, and refugee protection.

Kathleen Newland is a senior fellow and co-founder of the Migration Policy Institute, where she focuses on the relationship between migration and development, the governance of international migration, and refugee protection. Previously, she was a Senior Associate at the

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a member of the International Relations faculty at the London School of Economics, and Special Assistant to the Rector of the United Nations University. She has worked as a consultant to UNHCR, IOM, UNDP, ILO, UNICEF, the World Bank and the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, among others.

Ms. Newland is author or editor of nine books, including most recently *All at Sea: The Policy Challenges of Maritime migration*, as well as numerous reports, policy papers, articles, and book chapters. She serves on the Board of Directors of Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), and has been a member of the boards of the Migration Policy Institute, the International Rescue Committee, USA for UNHCR, the Stimson Center, the Foundation for The Hague Process on Migrants and Refugees and the Women & Refugee Commission.

***Rapporteur***

**Mr. Joost Klarenbeek**

Special Envoy for Migration

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Netherlands**



Joost Klarenbeek is the Netherlands Special Envoy for Migration. As ambassador-at-large, Joost works with governments, international organizations and civil society to foster dialogue with countries of origin and transit, and help create solutions to the challenges of irregular migration.

He currently chairs the EU-Horn of Africa migration dialogue (Khartoum process) and sits on the strategic board of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa.

Joost has served in the diplomatic service of the Netherlands for 25 years, spending much of his career in European affairs, including postings in London, Zagreb, Brussels (EU) and as deputy ambassador to Italy. He also served in the Royal Household, heading the private office of HRH the Prince of Orange, now HM King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands.

Joost read history at the University of Utrecht (MA) and at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris. He is married to EU-lawyer Esther Verschuur; they have a son and a daughter.

### Focused Session 1

#### *Discussant 1*

##### **Mr. Ferenc Dancs**

Deputy State Secretary for Migration Challenge  
Hungary

2020- Deputy State Secretary for Migration Challenges and  
North-American Relations  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (MFA)

2018- 2020 Deputy State Secretary for Migration Challenges  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary  
(MFA)

2017 - 2018 Deputy State Secretary for International Cooperation  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (MFA)

2016- 2017 Head of Department for International Development and Humanitarian Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (MFA)

2014-2016 Head of International Law Department  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (MFA)

2013-2014 Head of Department of International Relations  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (MFA)

2013-2013 Head of Department of Company's Supervisory Department  
(3 months)  
Ministry of Public Administration and Justice of Hungary

2011-2012 Legal Counsellor  
Hungarian Claim Work-out Private Limited Company

2006-2011 Attorney-at-law  
Dancs Ferenc Law Office

2002-2006 Trainee Lawyer  
Benke Miklós Law Office



#### *Discussant 2*

##### **Ms. Michelle Levoy**

Director  
PICUM

*On behalf of the Civil Society Mechanism*



Michele LeVoy is the director of PICUM, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, and leads the organization's work in advocating, monitoring and raising awareness of undocumented migrants' human rights towards European and global institutions. Michele serves on several boards at the global and EU levels, including the Civil Society Advisory Committee for the Global Forum on Migration and Development, Global Coalition on Migration, Women and Global Migration Working Group, and the Social Platform.

## Focused Session 2

### *Discussant 1*

**H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen**

Foreign Secretary

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Bangladesh**



Ambassador Masud Bin Momen is the Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) of Bangladesh. He joined as Foreign Secretary on 31 December 2019. As a career diplomat, Ambassador Masud has long been serving in different capacities at the Headquarters and Bangladesh's Missions abroad. Prior to his appointment as the Foreign Secretary, he had been Bangladesh's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations since 2015. Before that, he served as Bangladesh's Ambassador to Japan from 2012 to 2015. He also served as Ambassador to Italy and Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture

Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and International Fund for Agricultural Development from 2008 to 2012. Ambassador Masud served at the Headquarters in different capacities. From 2006 to 2008, he was the Director-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka and was responsible for matters related to South Asia, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), Human Rights and the United Nations.

He was Deputy High Commissioner at the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi, India, from 2004 to 2006, prior to serving as Director of Poverty Alleviation at SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 2001 to 2004. From 1998 to 2001, he was Director in charge of the Foreign Ministry's United Nations Wing and Foreign Secretary's Office in Dhaka.

Ambassador Masud also served as a First Secretary and Counsellor at Bangladesh High Commission, Islamabad from 1996 to 1998. Prior to that, he served at Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations from 1992 to 1996. Ambassador Masud joined at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh as an Assistant Secretary in 1988. He belongs to the Bangladesh Civil Service (Foreign Affairs) 1985 Batch. Ambassador Masud holds a Master's degree in International Relations from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston, USA with GPA 4.0. He received Robert B. Stewart Prize for All Round Excellence from Tufts University. He holds another Master's degree in Economics from

University of Dhaka. He also received Bachelor's degree in Economics from University of Dhaka. He achieved 'First Class First' position in both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from his Alma Mater. He went to Dhaka College for his Higher Secondary Certificate and to University Laboratory School for his Secondary School Certificate. Ambassador Masud achieved Chancellor's Award for securing First Class First position in Master's Degree from University of Dhaka. He was also awarded with Rector's Medal from Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) as the best trainee Officer of the foundation training course. Ambassador Masud was born in Dhaka on 06 December 1963. He is married and blessed with two children.

## ***Discussant 2***

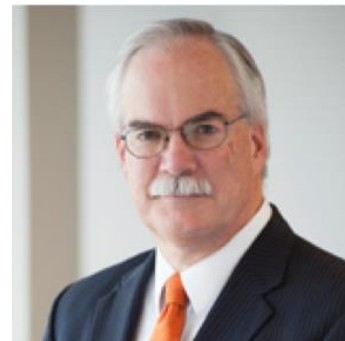
### **Mr. Gary D. Slaiman Morgan**

Lewis & Bockius LLP

*On behalf of the Business Mechanism*

2018-to present: principal member of the government relations firm Slaiman Consulting LLC and consultant to the international law firm of Morgan Lewis & Bockius

2015 to present: subcommittee chair for the Business Mechanism of the Global Forum on Migration and Development. Currently an executive committee member of the Business Advisory Group which represents the private sector on global migration policy.



2015 to present-Corporate Outreach advisor to Talent Beyond Boundaries, an international NGO which connects the private sector to a new talent pool: those displaced by crisis.

2014-2018 partner, Morgan Lewis & Bockius. Headed the firm's Government Relations practice group.

2006-2014 partner, Bingham McCutchen

1993-2006 partner, Swidler and Berlin

1992-1993- Chief counsel and staff director, U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee on Labor

1989-1992-Counsel, U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust

1983-1988-associate, Weil Gotshal and Manges, Washington office

1981-1983-associate, Cahill Gordon and Reindel, Washington office

## **AWARDS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Ranked, Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2015–2018)

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Former Editor, Virginia Journal of Natural Resources Law

### *Discussant 3*

**C S Akhil**

Youth Speaker



C S Akhil is the research lead at Centre for Indian Migrant Studies (CIMS). In his role, he works closely with Indian undocumented migrants in destination countries providing a network of support, as well as supports CIMS' programmes and advocacy efforts for effective integration of Indian irregular migrant workers who have returned to India. He is also a Ph.D student at the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India.

C S Akhil is the research lead at Centre for Indian Migrant Studies (CIMS), an organization that stands for protecting migrant rights over the past 20 years. In addition, he is pursuing Ph.D. at the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India.

In his role at CIMS, his works focuses on tracing the Indian labour migrants who had gone missing in foreign countries, especially in the GCC countries and other major destination countries of Indian labour migrants. With the support of the wide network of volunteers, social workers and expatriate communities in their respective countries CIMS reaches out to the migrants and assists them in various ways. Akhil works closely with the network of volunteers who assist the undocumented workers and advocates with the government agencies at the origin to ensure safe repatriation of those stranded workers. He is involved in several campaigns by CIMS to ensure regular migration channels for Indian migrant workers. Another area of focus is the reintegration of returned migrants. An important focus of CIMS is also to help reintegrate the most vulnerable migrants such as irregular women domestic workers who returned back to India with the support of their network. He advocates for exclusive reintegration programs for the irregular migrant workers who have returned to India and currently associates with a 'pilot reintegration project' run by CIMS with the financial support from government agencies.

He writes and researches on international labour migration, migration governance, political economy of migration and rights of migrant workers since 2012. He engages on research projects with ILO, IOM and MFA. By accepting policy suggestions from one of his research papers, the Kerala government, a subnational government in India has created an assembly for the inclusive participation of migrants in policymaking. Most recently, he is involved and co-organized the CSO campaign on Global Compact for Migration through various consultations in India. In association with CIMS and MFA, Akhil advocates for the rights of international migrant workers at various levels of governance.

### **Focused Session 3**

### *Discussant 1*

**H.E. Mr. Ramses Cleland**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of **Ghana** to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva



Ambassador Ramses Cleland has been Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations Office in Geneva since 2017. He is also Ghana's Ambassador to the Swiss Federation. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Mr. Cleland worked in various capacities in Ghana's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration for a period spanning three decades. In the course of his career as a Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Ramses Cleland served in Ghana's Missions in Paris, Dublin, Brazil, London, Cote d'Ivoire and Togo.

Having worked as diaspora officer in most of the Missions he served and given Mr. Cleland's background as a lawyer, he takes particular interest in issues concerning migrants and their rights.

## ***Discussant 2***

### **Ms. Laura Gonzalez-Murphy**

Director

Immigration Policy and Research and Assistant Research Professor

Albany, New York State, USA

*On behalf of the Mayors Mechanism*

**Doctor Laura V. González-Murphy**, has been appointed Director of Immigration Policy and Research at the NY State Department of State, serving as lead policy advisor in the State's response to federal immigration policies. In this capacity she has led the design and implementation of unique initiatives to ameliorate the human impact of the latest federal immigration policies, such as Governor Cuomo's [Golden Door](#) program which provides mental health assistance to immigrant families across New York and the [Ramirez June Navigator](#), which focuses on empowering immigrant families with developmental disabilities support as they seek to access services they are entitled to. Prior to this position she served as Director of the Agency's State Office for New Americans (ONA). In this capacity she oversees the operation of the Office's 27 Opportunity Centers across the state, a model of immigrant integration in the country, the Liberty Defense Project, which provides legal services to the immigrant community and the implementation of [NaturalizeNY](#), the first public-private partnership of its kind, aimed at lifting the financial barrier to citizenship faced by New Yorkers. She has also served as consultant on immigration policy issues with the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Welcoming International and the Mexican Congress, etc. Prior to this position she was a Research Assistant Professor at Rockefeller College, SUNY at Albany, where she has taught a variety of courses on foreign policy, immigration, human rights, and immigration and Latin American politics. She was assistant director of the project "The International Context of Immigration: US, Mexico and Beyond," which examines the politics of changing immigration policies and in the US and Mexico and under this project served as consultant to the Mexican Government in the development of their Migration Law of 2014. She is the recipient of several awards, such as: the *Albany Justice for Workers*, *El Diario's Mujeres Destacadas*, Mexico's Foreign Ministry's *Mexican American Leader*, and most recently (2020), she was awarded Mexico's highest recognition granted to individuals who have dedicated their lives to improving the well-being of Mexicans and other Latinos outside its borders, [the Othli Award](#). González-Murphy earned her PhD in comparative

politics and in international relations from SUNY at Albany. She holds an MS in urban planning and environmental studies from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BS in political science from Elmira College, graduating *summa cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*. Her book *Protecting Immigrant Rights in Mexico: Understanding the State–Civil Society Nexus*, was re-published by Routledge (June 2015). She is also the author of various papers and book chapters on immigration trends and policies.