

Annotated Agenda

**Thematic Workshop on Migration for Development:
a roadmap to achieving the SDGs**

18-19 April, 2018

Mohammed VI International Conference Center, Skhirat, Morocco

Migration contributes significantly to all aspects of economic and social development, and will be key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Different opportunities and levels of development can drive migration. At the same time, migration can increase development and investment, fill labour gaps and contribute to development along the journeys. It is a strong poverty reduction tool – not just for migrants themselves, but also for their families and their wider communities. But migration can also negatively impact development, and though the relationship between the two is increasingly recognised, it remains under-explored.

The GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairmanship, in partnership with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), is organising this workshop to explore how the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) can be an opportunity to practically advance the relationship between migration and development, and create opportunities for action. 2018 is a watershed moment for the effective management of global migration. It is therefore an opportune time to consider this relationship, and how it will affect policy development for decades to come.

Aims of the workshop

There are three overall aims for this event:

1. To discuss and make concrete proposals on how the GCM can take forward the interaction between migration and the SDGs.
2. To explore the role of the GFMD in showcasing state-led initiatives and experiences on the implementation of migration-related commitments in the SDGs.
3. To feed back on and finalise the GFMD report and plans for the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2018.

Structure of the workshop

The workshop will be held over two days, and will be a mixture of plenary sessions and thematic workshops. The thematic workshops will focus on six key areas of development, of central importance to both member states and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. They are intended to be specific enough to enable focused discussion of the challenges, opportunities, and potential routes for implementation and change, while being broad enough to encompass a range of issues member states are facing regarding the relationship between migration and development. Each workshop will have a number of experts and member states present who will help frame and guide the discussion.

08.30 – 09.30 Registration

09.30 – 10.30 **Opening plenary**

Migration is one of the defining features of the 21st century and significantly contributes to economic and social development everywhere. As such, migration will be key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This opening plenary will provide an overview of the relationship between migration and critical development issues that are central to the SDGs, including those to be covered in the two days of the workshop.

Format: Keynote speeches

Chair: **El Habib Nadir** (Secretary General, Ministry Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, Moroccan GFMD Co-Chair)

Speakers:

- **Abdelkrim Benoutiq** (Minister delegate to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs)
 - **Markus Woelke** (Deputy Head of Mission of Germany in Morocco; German GFMD Co-Chair)
 - **Jill Helke** (Director, IOM International Cooperation and Partnerships Department; Representative of GMG 2018 Co-Chairs)
 - **Ambassador David Donoghue** (Co-Facilitator of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; Distinguished Fellow, ODI)
 - **Marta Foresti** (Managing Director, ODI)
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10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 **Workshop 1 / Access and contribution to basic services: social protection, health and education**

Migrants are often excluded from basic services including social protection, healthcare and education. Social protection coverage of migrants varies widely and they are often precluded from contributing to host country social protection systems. Extending education and healthcare to migrants presents opportunities but also challenges – migrants often face distinctive vulnerabilities in accessing and using these services. This workshop will explore the links between migration, and the SDGs on basic services, notably 3, 4 and 10.

Format: Short introductions by experts and member states, followed by discussion

Chair: **Gervais Appave** (Special Policy Adviser to the DG, IOM)

Speakers:

- **Ahmed Skim** (Director of Migration Affairs, Morocco)
- **Dr. Pompert Panjapuyakul** (Deputy Director, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand)
- **Dr. Jessica Hagen-Zanker** (Migration Research Fellow, ODI)
- **Dr. Maryam Bigdeli** (WHO)

11.00 – 13.00 Workshop 2 / Climate and natural resources

Climate change and disasters are, and will continue to be, major drivers of migration and displacement. The poor are the most vulnerable, likely to live in high-risk areas, have fewer means to prepare and lack information to anticipate and respond to disasters. Yet they are also the people who will find it hardest to migrate. Migration is also a key adaptation strategy for climate related phenomena. This workshop will explore the anticipated impacts of climate-induced migration on efforts to achieve SDG 13 on climate change. In particular, it will explore the gaps between the national and international strategies and plans that directly tackle this issue.

Format: Short introductions by experts and member states, followed by discussion

Chair: **Ayshanie Labe** (Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Morocco)

Speakers:

- **Prof. Walter Kälin** (Envoy to the Chair – Platform on Disasters Displacement)
- **Ambassador Riaz Hamidullah** (High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Sri Lanka)
- **Dr. Mamadou Ndongo Dimé** (Professor, Gaston Berger University, Senegal)
- **Antonio Correa do Prado** (Deputy Director, Social Policy and Rural Institutions, FAO)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Workshop 3 / Labour and skills

National and international labour migration is a powerful poverty reduction tool, both for migrants themselves, their families, and for host and origin countries. Safe, regular and orderly migration pathways in line with demand for migrant labour are key, there is often a lack of skills development or recognition of qualifications. This workshop will explore these issues, and the links between migration and SDG 8 on decent work, employment creation, rights, and skills development.

Format: Short introductions by experts and member states, followed by discussion

Chair: **Anna Wittenborg** (Project Manager, GIZ Morocco)

Speakers:

- **Iric Arribas** (Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Philippines)
- **Dr. Michael Clemens** (Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development)
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- **Stephanie Winet** (IOE, GFMD Business Mechanism)
- **Gloria Moreno-Fontes** (Specialist in Migration Policies, ILO)
- **Salma Tazi** (Director, ANAPEC, Morocco)

14.00 – 16.00 Workshop 4 / Cities and urbanisation

Internal migration and population growth are driving rapid urbanisation in many developing countries. How urbanisation is managed, and the types of jobs and services that migrants can access in the city, are crucial to achieving SDGs 8 and 11. Yet, despite the positive impact that internal migration can have on migrants themselves, their families and host cities, government policies often neglect urban migrants. This workshop will explore how the relationship between rural-to-urban migration and urban development outcomes, and the role of mayors and city governments.

Format: Short introductions by experts and member states, followed by discussion

Chair: **Jose Eduardo Rojo Oropeza** (Director for International and Inter-Institutional Relations, Migration Policy Unit, Ministry of Interior, Mexico)

Speakers:

- **Lotte Nordhus** (Advisor, GIZ Sector Project Migration and Development)
- **Jill Helke** (Director, International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM)
- **Riad Meddeb** (Policy Advisor, Sustainable Development and Economic Recovery, UNDP)
- **Prof. Abdelfattah Ezzine** (University Institute for Scientific Research-IURS, Rabat)

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 Day One closing plenary / Implementing migration and development in policies and planning

There are a number of international initiatives to better understand the links between migration and the 2030 Agenda; two will be profiled here. The first, 'Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development', has been run by the OECD since 2013. It is being conducted in ten developing countries with significant emigration or immigration rates, aiming to provide policy-makers with evidence of the untapped development potential embodied in migration and the role of a range of sectoral policies in reaching this potential. The second, 'Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning' is being run by the IOM with the Global Migration Group. It explores how migration and development are linked, and demonstrates the potential benefits of mainstreaming migration into development planning.

Format: Framing, DAVOS style talks, followed by Q&A with speakers

Chair: **Marta Foresti** (ODI)

Speakers:

- **George Jashi** (Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the State Commission on Migration Issues, Georgia)
- **Stephane Jaquemet** (Director of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission)
- **Dr. Jason Gagnon** (Economist and Policy Analyst, OECD)
- **Prof. Bachir Hamdouch** (Association de Migration Internationale)
- **Cecile Riallant** (Senior Migration and Development Specialist, IOM)

19.00 – 20.00 Cocktail dinner

09.30 – 10.00 Report back from Day One workshops, and agenda

Chair: **Ana Fonseca** (Chief of Mission, IOM-Rabat)

Speakers:

- Chairs of Workshops 1 – 4

10.00 – 12.00 Workshop 5 / Women and girls

Women migrate as much as men – migration can increase their access to economic resources and education, and improve their autonomy and status. However, female migrants are at greater risk of exploitation and abuse, and are more likely to be in low-skilled jobs in less regulated sectors than their male counterparts. This workshop will discuss the realities for female migrants, specifically the experiences of both high-skilled and low-skilled female migrants employed in a range of ‘care’ professions, from domestic workers to doctors. It will consider the impact of migration on meeting SDG 5 on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

Format: Short introductions by experts and member states, followed by discussion

Chair: **Ambassador Hasan Kleib** (Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the UNOG)

Speakers:

- **Oxana Paduraru** (First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova)
- **Dr. Jenna Hennebry** (Senior Research Associate, International Migration Research Centre, Balsillie School)
- **Dr. Ayman Zohry** (Founding President, Egyptian Society for Migration Studies)
- **Ayman Saidi** (Project Manager, UN Women)

10.00 – 12.00 Workshop 6 / Citizenship and identity

Granting migrants fair access to appropriate and secure legal status, though permanent residency and/or citizenship, can help achieve SDG 16 on ‘peaceful and inclusive societies’. Yet numerous barriers – including political feasibility, racial, religious and gender bars, stringent language tests, and high costs – prevent long-term migrants from accessing permanent residency and/or citizenship. This lack of secure legal status can lead to tensions between migrants and host communities, and further marginalise migrants. This workshop will consider these links, and the effects of secure status on integration more broadly.

Format: Short introductions by experts and member states, followed by discussion

Chair: **Veronica Coulter** (Immigration Program Manager, Canada)

Speakers:

- **Prof. Heaven Crawley** (Research Professor, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University)
- **Ambassador Arturo Cabrera** (Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the UNOG)
- **Nihal Saad** (Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for the High Representative, UNAOC)
- **Antonio Chaves Rendón** (Fondation Trois Cultures)

12.00 – 12.30 Report back from Day Two workshops

Chair: **Jean Paul Cavalieri** (UNHCR)

Speakers:

- Chairs of Workshops 5 and 6

12.30 – 13.00 Closing plenary: conclusions and recommendations for the GCM

Chair: **El Habib Nadir** (Moroccan GFMD Co-Chair)

Speakers:

- **Gervais Appave** (Special Policy Adviser to the DG, IOM)
- **Marta Foresti** (ODI)
- **Markus Woelke** (Deputy Head of Mission of Germany in Morocco; German GFMD Co-Chair)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Presentation by the Co-Chairs of the GFMD ad-hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda and the GCM report to the 2018 HLPF, followed by subsequent discussion on the findings and recommendations.

Chairs: **GFMD ad-hoc WG on 2030 Agenda and GCM Co-Chairs**

- **Ambassador Riaz Hamidullah** (High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Sri Lanka)
- **Markus Woelke** (Deputy Head of Mission of Germany in Morocco; German GFMD Co-Chair)

Rapporteur: **Jessica Hagen-Zanker** (Migration Research Fellow, ODI)

