

## Tenth GFMD Summit Meeting

Overarching Theme: “Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development”

All GFMD 2017 Summit delegates are invited to attend the following side event, to be held on 29 June 2017 in Berlin, Germany. This side event will be held upon the initiative of the organizers. While the topic to be discussed may be relevant to GFMD themes and roundtable discussions, **in particular Roundtable Session 2.2**, the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs and Taskforce, as well as the GFMD Support Unit, are not directly involved in its organization.

For registration and/or any question, please contact the organizers directly.

### *Title of the Side Event: Return Migration: Drivers, Impacts, and Policy Options*

<b>Date and Time</b>	29 June 2017 (Thursday); 10h50 – 11h50
<b>Organizers</b>	World Bank and KNOMAD
<b>Contact person(s) / email address(es)</b>	Sonia Plaza - splaza@worldbank.org
<b>Partners</b>	- GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development - University of Dhaka - EU Commission
<b>Background materials</b>	<a href="http://www.gmfus.org/publications/return-migration-and-reintegration-policies-primer">http://www.gmfus.org/publications/return-migration-and-reintegration-policies-primer</a>

### Brief description of the side event

Return migration has gained attention in many migrant-receiving countries that experienced a surge in the flows of asylum seekers and migrants. Yet, this is a relatively neglected topic in the migration policy debates. Reintegration of return migrants is an even more obscure topic.

#### Objectives

With a spectrum of expert interventions, the side event will present the multifaceted development impacts of return migration and reintegration.

Distinguished speakers will share their experiences in dealing with return and reintegration programs including those who are forcibly deported, those offered financial incentives to return, and those who voluntarily return to their country of origin or a third country.

#### Guiding Questions :

- Can return migration foster development?
- Which type of return is most successful to contribute to development in origin countries?
- Are there positive or negative effects of forced return on the destination countries, the countries of origin and the returnees themselves?
- What are the costs of deportations/forced return?
- What does successful reintegration of return migrants mean?
- What are the lessons learnt and success stories from countries which have been able to re-attract their migrants?

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The session will start with a quick presentation by Dilip Ratha of the latest trends in migration and remittance flows worldwide. He will then briefly report progress, including several hypotheses being tested, on a study of return migration under preparation at the World Bank. The panelists will then discuss return migration and reintegration from the perspective of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development through its implementing agency GIZ (Mr. Beier), the European Commission (Mr. Manservisi), and the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (Mr. Chowdhury).

**Panelists:**

**Christoph Beier**, Vice Chair of the Management Board, GIZ

Representative of the European Commission (TBC)

**Dilip Ratha**, Head of KNOMAD, Lead Economist, World Bank

**Expected Outcome:** A summary report of the event will be produced.

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