

Monday 12 December 2016

**12:30 – 14:00**

Windy Town, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

You are kindly invited to the Side Event

**The International Day of Family Remittances (16 June)**  
**Supporting the achievement of the SDGs by 2030**

**Purpose of the side event:**

In the fifteen years timeframe during which governments around the world have committed themselves to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, migrants workers abroad will have sent a cumulated US\$7.5 trillion back home. These funds will be used to directly address family priorities in regards to poverty, food security, health, and daily consumption needs, among others.

Recognizing the importance of remittances to individual families across the developing world, and that remittances can have an especially acute impact in rural areas, IFAD Member States proclaimed **16 June** to be the **International Day of Family Remittances (Resolution 189/XXXVIII)**. The International Day is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of migrants globally, as well as to strengthen existing partnerships and to create new synergies among sectors to promote the development impact of remittances worldwide.

Through their Resolution in IFAD's Governing Council proclaiming the Day, IFAD Member States also called upon the United Nations General Assembly to endorse the observance of the Day.

This briefing is intended to provide governments' delegations attending the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) information about the International Day of Family Remittances and the key role that both remittances and diaspora engagement can play in the global effort to reach the targets of the SDG by 2030.

**Agenda:**

*Opening Remarks:*

**Bela Hovy**, Chief of Migration Section, Population Division, United Nations Department on Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

*Presentation of the International Day of Family Remittances (16 June) campaign:*

**Pedro De Vasconcelos**, Manager of the Financing Facility for Remittances (FFR), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

*Interventions by Member States representatives:*

Germany: **Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme**, Director for Legal and Consular Issues including Migration, Ambassador for the 2017-2018 GFMD Co-Chairmanship, Federal Foreign Officer

Mexico: **Mrs. Sara Luna**, Deputy Director General for Human Rights of MoFA

Republic of Moldova: **H.E. Daniela Morari**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration

Philippines: **Ms Grace Relucio Princesa**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs

*Interventions from the audience*

*Conclusions*