



Opening Plenary of the XII GFMD

Tuesday, 21 January 2020

15h00 – 17h30

Room: Panecillo 2,3

Promotional video on behalf of Ecuador, Chair of the 2019 GFMD

Opening Statement

- **Amb. Santiago Chávez**, Chair of the 2019 GFMD

Welcoming Remarks

- **Amb. Cristian Espinosa**, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of the Republic of Ecuador

Keynote

- **Mr. Otto Sonnenholzner**, Vice-President of the Republic of Ecuador

High Level Statements

- **Mrs. Nezha el Ouafi**, Minister Delegate Ministry Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, GFMD Co-Chairmanship 2017-2018
- **Amb. Philipp Schauer**, Ambassador of Germany in Ecuador, GFMD Co-Chairmanship 2017-2018
- **Mr. António Vitorino**, Director General, IOM
- **Ms. Asako Okai**, Assistant Administrator, UNDP
- **Mr. Christian di Candia**, Mayor of Montevideo, Uruguay
- **Ms. Stella Opoku-Owusu**, Co-Chair of the 2019 Civil Society Day
- **Mr. José Dolores Suazo Mejía**, Co-Chair of the 2019 Civil Society Day
- **Mr. Roberto Suarez-Santos**, Secretary-General, International Organization for Employers

(Photo Session of High Level Speakers)

Launch of the 2019 GFMD Publication (moderated discussion)

- **Amb. Santiago Chávez**, Chair of the 2019 GFMD
- **Amb. Eduard Gnesa**, Chair of the 2011 Swiss GFMD
- **Mrs. Nezha el Ouafi**, Minister Delegate Ministry Delegate to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, GFMD **Co-Chairmanship 2017/18**
- **Ambassador Marianne Van Steen**, Ambassador of the European Union to Ecuador
- **Mr. Oleg Chirita**, Head of Programme, Global Initiatives, ICMPPD
- *Moderator: **Mr. John Bingham***

Launch of specific initiatives by the 2019 GFMD Chair

- 1) GFMD Knowledge Hub on Migration and Sustainable Development
Mr. Alexander Mejia, Director, UNITAR
- 2) Tech Garden Business Initiative
Mr. Roberto Suarez-Santos, Secretary-General, International Organization for Employers
- 3) GFMD Marketplace
Ms. Estrella Lajom, Head, GFMD Support Unit