

Platform for Partnerships (PfP)

Monday 12 December 2016

09h30-12h30

Preliminary Agenda

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Co-chairs:

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Mr. Tarik Sissou, Head of Division of Multilateral cooperation, Ministry in Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, Morocco

09h00-09h08 Introduction by the co-Chairs

09h08-09h15 Presentation on the improved GFMD web portal and Online PfP
Ms. Estrella Lajom, Head of the GFMD Support Unit

The GFMD communications survey conducted in 2016 has identified some possible short to medium/long term adjustments in order to improve the ways by which the GFMD shares the wealth of knowledge and information that it generates. In the same vein, the GFMD ad hoc Working Group on the 2030 Agenda has recommended to utilize the PfP for voluntary sharing of experiences, progress and evidence, as well as for facilitating voluntary action by building partnerships on migration-related aspects of the 2030 agenda. In response, the GFMD Support Unit has redesigned the GFMD web portal and initiated some reforms on the online PfP. This presentation will focus on these developments.

09h15-09h35 min Kick-off Presentation on the German–Morocco migration compact

- *Mr. Tarik Sissou*, Head of Division of Multilateral cooperation, Ministry in Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs, Morocco
- *Ms. Ilse Hahn*, Head of Division Policy Issues and Displacement, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Germany and Morocco share a long standing and trusted development cooperation, which includes migration. Morocco was the first country in North Africa to adopt a national migration and asylum policy and to develop a coherent framework for dealing with its diaspora. Germany is supporting Morocco in implementing the new migration policy (at the international, national and local level). One main area of cooperation is the support of Moroccan municipalities in developing local policies on integration, but the cooperation covers also other aspects such as the establishment of a proper asylum system, the

support of returning migrants, including from Germany, the enhancing ways of legal migration and building up international networks on migration between Morocco, West Africa and Germany. The presentation will give an overview of the ongoing joint German-Moroccan projects and identify lessons learnt for other member states.

09h35-09h55 Diaspora Engagement Hub - Leveraging Human and Financial Potential Towards National and Local Development

- *Ms. Rodica Ciochina*, National GFMD Focal Point, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova
- *Mr. Ghenadie Cretu*, Migration and Development Programme Manager, IOM Moldova

The presentation will highlight the recent joint efforts at designing, launching and piloting an innovative programme (Diaspora Engagement Hub) which is aimed at facilitating and leveraging the active participation of diaspora representatives in the social and economic development of their country of origin, as well as the empowerment of diaspora communities and initiative groups in their country of destination. Launched and tested in Moldova, the programme can serve as a good practice / innovation, with the potential to be replicated at the international level.

09h55-10h20 Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development

- *Mr. George Jashi*, Executive Secretary, State Commission on Migration Issues, Georgia
- *Ms. Camilla Hagström*, Head of Section Migration and Asylum, DG for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- *Mr. David Khoudour*, Head of the Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre

The *Interrelations between Public Policies, Migration and Development* (IPPM) is the result of a project co-funded by the EU Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum and carried out by the OECD Development Centre in ten partner countries: Armenia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Haiti, Morocco and the Philippines. The project aims to provide policy makers with evidence on the way migration influences specific sectors – labour market, agriculture, education, investment and financial services, and social protection and health – and, in turn, how sectoral policies affect four dimensions of the migration cycle: emigration, remittances, return and immigration. The presentation will be the opportunity to share and discuss the findings and policy recommendations of the IPPM project.

10h20-10h45 Reducing Recruitment Costs

- Bangladesh
- *Mr. Dilip Ratha*, Lead Economist, Development Prospects Group Manager DEC-PREM Migration and Remittances Unit, World Bank
- *Ms. Michelle Leighton*, Chief, Labour Migration Branch, ILO

Up to 10 million workers a year leave home to work abroad for higher wages, which increases the welfare of migrant family members at home. Most workers incur recruitment costs for their overseas jobs; these costs tend to be high, opaque, up-front and out-of-pocket. There is a pressing need to develop the indicator on recruitment costs

(10.7.1). The Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) of the World Bank jointly with ILO are working on the methodology on how to measure recruitment costs. Both institutions have constructed a novel cross-country dataset on recruitment costs by interviewing migrants over three years. Analyses of the dataset shed light on (i) how recruitment costs for a given destination vary by origin country, (ii) what high cost items are among recruitment costs, and (iii) whether there is any difference between genders. This presentation aims to share these findings and identify concrete policies to reduce recruitment costs, as concerted efforts to achieve SDG 10.7.1 on reducing recruitment costs.

10h45-11h10 Increasing Gender Responsive Legislation at the National Level: Methods and Successes (TBC)

- *Ambassador Grace Princesa*, Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines
- *Mr. Francisco Cos Montiel*, Regional Policy Advisor, Office for Asia Pacific, UN Women

In 2016, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines enacted new legislation promoting gender responsive migration, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration Law (Republic Act No. 10801) which was signed into law by President Aquino in May 2016. This law is the result of a comprehensive CEDAW-based legal review of the migration laws supported by UN Women; as well as the continued and participatory approach to advocacy, capacity building and consultation that has ensured that this new law responds to the needs of migrant women in the national context and is owned by national stakeholders. This presentation will focus on the practice that led to the development of this CEDAW compliant legislation, and the gendered elements of the legislation itself, highlighting how this gender-responsive legislation will contribute to the protection of women migrant workers' human rights and to sustainable development.

11h10-11h35 Follow-up and review of SDGs - Migration Governance Framework (MiGOF)

- *Ms. Sarah Luna Camacho*, Deputy Director General for Human Rights and Democracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- *Mr. Maurizio Busatti*, Head of Multilateral Processes Division (MPD) Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM

At the IOM council last November, IOM Member States gave their blessing to what is today the only internationally agreed definition of good migration governance: IOM's Migration Governance Framework (MiGOF). This can be considered IOM's first concrete contribution to the follow-up and review of SDGs. With its three objectives and three principles, the MiGOF covers all aspects of migration, therefore bridging the historical divide between development and humanitarian aspects of human mobility. There will also be a discussion of the Migration Governance Index (MGI), which is jointly implemented by IOM with the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). The project involves the development of a policy-benchmarking framework to assess the extent to which national migration policies facilitate orderly, safe and well managed migration, as laid out in SDG Target 10.7.

11h35-11h45 Summary of Proceedings by *Mr. Devrim Öztürk*, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Bangladesh

11h45-12h00

Closing Remarks by the Co-chairs