

**GFMD 2020 UAE Chair**

**Theme 2: Skilling Migrants for Employment**

**Proposed Agenda of the RT Session**

Thursday, 21 January 2021 12h30 to 15h30 CET

*Co-Chairs: Philippines, United Kingdom  
RT Session Rapporteur: Botswana*

*Thematic Lead (and penholder): Michelle Klein-Solomon*

*RT Team Member States: Bangladesh, Belgium, Ecuador, Germany, Kenya, Peru (Observer), Spain, Sri Lanka, Venezuela*

*GFMD Mechanisms: Civil Society, Business, Mayors*

*Observers: FAO, ICMPD, ILO, IOM, OECD, UNCTAD, UNICEF, UNMGCY, KNOMAD/World Bank*

**12:30 – 12:50 Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

12:30 – 12:45 Opening remarks by the co-chairs

*Ms. Victoria Hermon, Policy and Programme Manager,  
Department for International Development, United Kingdom*

*Mr. Robert Eric Borje, Presidential Adviser on Foreign Affairs and Chief of Protocol,  
Philippines*

12:45 - 12:50 Presentation of the background paper on Skilling Migrants for Employment developed for this roundtable

*Mr. Vassiliy Yuzhanin, International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

**12:50 – 13:20 Panel I: Skilling Migrants for Employment to 'build back better' at the time of and post Covid-19**

**Moderator:** *Mr. Jason Gagnon, Coordinator – Perspectives on global development and Economist – Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Centre (confirmed)*

- Private sector/HR representative  
*Mr. Menno Bart, Public Affairs Manager, The Adecco Group (confirmed)*
- Trade Union representative:  
*Ms. Moradeke Abiodun-Badru  
Project Coordinator, Public Services International (PSI) in Nigeria*
- Civil society representative of women migrant workers:  
*Ms. Stella Opoku-Owusu, Deputy Director of African Foundation for Development*

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- Are there new actors that should be included and new approaches that should be considered?

**13:20 – 13:50 Discussion**

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- H.E.Mr. Lieven De la Marche, Ambassador, Special Envoy Migration and Asylum, Belgium

**13:50 – 14:00 Break (video projections)**

**14:00 – 14:30 Panel II: A Holistic Approach to Skills Based Mobility and Migration**

**Moderator:** Ms. Michele Klein-Solomon, Thematic Lead, IOM

- Local government representative  
*Ms. Manja Kargbo, Team Lead for the Mayor's Delivery Unit, City of Freetown*
- Employers  
*Mr. Stephen Yee, Assistant Executive Director, Corporate Training and Workforce Transformation, Singapore National Employers Federation*
- Civil society / Youth representative  
*Ms. Caroline Caporossi, Founder, Association for the Integration of Women in Modena*

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- *H.E.Mr. S. Arumainayagam, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion & Market Diversification, Sri Lanka*
- *Ms. Stefanie Scharf, Head of Unit for Policy Issues of Flight and Migration, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany*

**15:00 – 15:20 Summary by the RT Session Rapporteur**

*Mr. Michael Sean Koorapetse, Counsellor, Labour and Migration Issues,*

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**15:20 – 15:30 Wrap up by the co-chairs**