

GFMD 2020 UAE Chair

Theme 3: Leveraging New Technologies to Empower Migrants

Proposed Agenda of the RT Session

Wednesday, 20 January 2021 12h30 to 15h30 CET

Co-Chairs: Kenya, Philippines

RT Session Rapporteur: Switzerland

Thematic Lead (and penholder): Prof. Gibril Faal

*RT Team Member States Afghanistan, Kenya, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Philippines,
Sri Lanka, United Kingdom*

GFMD Mechanisms: Civil Society, Business, Mayors

Observers: IFAD, World Bank/KNOMAD, ICMPD, UNDP, UNCDF, IOM

12:30 – 12:50 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Moderator: *Mr. Enrico Fos, Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines,*

RT Co-Chairs: *Hon. Sarah Lou Arriola, Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines*

Hon. Peter Tum, Principal Secretary, State Department for Labour, Kenya

12:50 - 13:00 Presentation of the background paper

Thematic Lead: *Prof. Gibril Faal, Director - GK Partners, IGA Visiting Professor in Practice – London School of Economics*

13:00 – 14:05 Panel I: Empowering Migrants Through Technology

Moderator: *Hon. Sarah Lou Arriola – RT Co-Chair Philippines*

Speaker: *Mr. Ausamah Alabsi, Founder and Principal, Mind Map Consultants, Bahrain*

Discussion Starters:

- Government (TBA)
- *Mr. Murtaza Khan, Partner, Fragomen*
- *Ms. Alankrita Dayal, Youth speaker*

Interventions from the floor / Open Discussion

14:05 – 15:10 Panel II: Financial Inclusion, Remittances and New Technology

Moderator: *Hon. Peter Tum*, Co-Chair Kenya

Speaker: *Ms. Sabine Mensah*, Manager, UNCDF Regional Digital Hub for West and Central Africa

Discussion starters:

- *Ms. Nina Hälg*, Program Officer Multilateral Affairs Section, Forced Displacement and Migration, FDFA, State Secretariat STS, Peace and Human Rights Division, Switzerland
- *Ms. Asako Okai*, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- *Mr. Onyekachi Wambu*, Director, African Foundation for Development (AFFORD)

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15:10 – 15:20 Summary of the Roundtable

RT Session Rapporteur: *Ms. Bettina Etter*, Senior Adviser, Global Migration Governance, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

15:20 – 15:30 Closing Statements by the RT Co-Chairs