

Open Space: Migration and Development Partnerships through 2020 and Beyond

January 25, 2021, 12:30-15:30 CET

The GFMD ‘Open Space: Migration and Development Partnerships through 2020 and Beyond’ will take place on January 25, 2021 between 12:30 and 15:30 CET. The event will be entirely online via Zoom and the link to access to the session will be provided to all registrants. The purpose of this session is to celebrate partnerships that have emerged through the GFMD process through the Migration Labs as well as other separate streams. The first part of the Open Space will feature these partnerships through brief presentations and conversations with moderator Michael Clemens (Director of Migration, Displacement, and Humanitarian Policy and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development). In the second half, the Head of the UAE GFMD Taskforce Alex Zalami will moderate a panel discussion with representatives of government development and implementing agencies about the GFMD partnership process.

12:30-12:40 CET: Welcome & Introduction

- Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Abdulla Al Nuaimi, Ministry of Human Resources, UAE
- Opening Remarks by Rebekah Smith, Executive Director of Labor Mobility Partnerships (LaMP)

12:40-12:55 CET: The Migration Challenge Winner Announcement (IOE & SeedStars)

- The International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and SeedStars will announce the winner of the Migration Challenge, a competition designed to support impact-driven ventures focused on tackling global migration problems with the help of technology. (Video of Finalists and Winner Announcement and Roberto Suarez Santos Live Remarks - 5 mins, Remarks by IOE Secretary General and Q&As - 10 mins)

12:55-14:00 CET: GFMD Partnerships Presentations: Moderated by Michael Clemens

- 12:55-13:00 CET: Welcome by Michael Clemens, Director of Migration, Displacement, and Humanitarian Policy and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development
- 13:00-13:10 CET: Raffaella Greco Tonnegutti of ENABEL Belgium, presenting a partnership on entrepreneurial mobility between Senegal and Belgium (Presentation – 3 mins; Q&As - 7 mins)
- 13:10-13:20 CET: Mr. Alex Mejía, Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion, UNITAR, will present an update on Knowledge Hub for Migration and Sustainable Development, a tool gathering information that could be useful to better understand the nexus between migration and sustainable development (Presentation – 3 mins; Q&As - 7 mins)

- 13:20-13:30 CET: Stella Opoku-Owusu of AFFORD and Giulia Castro of FAO, presenting partnership ideas on labour mobility schemes and on diaspora contribution for up-skilling in countries of origin (Presentation – 3 mins; Q&As - 7 mins)
- 13:30-13:40 CET: Alfred Woeger of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICPMD), presenting the new features of the Migration EU eXpertise+ (MIEUX+) initiative financed by the European Union in the area of capacity development partnerships (Presentation – 3 mins; Q&As - 7 mins)
- 13:40-13:50 CET: Marta Verani of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY), presenting their partnership with IOM, UNICEF, UAE, and Switzerland to grow youth participation at the GFMD this year, highlighting concrete proposals that emerged from it, and next steps and opportunities for youth and stakeholders to partner at the local, national, and global level. (Presentation – 3 mins; Q&As - 7 mins)

14:00-15:25 CET: Panel Discussion: Reflections on Partnerships 2020: What Has Worked? What Hasn't?

- 14:00-14:25 CET: A conversation between the Head of the UAE Taskforce Alex Zalami and Michael Clemens.
- 14:25-15:25 CET: A Panel Discussion, moderated by Alex Zalami, with representatives of government development and implementing agencies Bettina Etter (SDC), Rob Whitby (FCDO), Anne Hitzegrad (BMZ) and Oleg Chirita (ICMPD) about the 2020 GFMD Partnerships process, assessing lessons learned from 2020 and debating what could be replicated and improved in the upcoming years.

15:25-15:30 CET: Closing Remarks