

GFMD 2020 UAE Chair

Theme 3: Leveraging New Technologies to Empower Migrants

Proposed Agenda of the RT Session

Thursday, 21 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, KSA, 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

Panelists: *Professor Gibril Faal*, Thematic Lead

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

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

Panelists: *Professor Gibril Faal*, Thematic Lead

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

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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