

Concept Note: GFMD Legal Pathways Side Event // AGENDA

General Details

- Title: Enabling African Youth to Up-skill and Move
- Date: Tuesday January 19, 2021
- Start and finish time: 10.00-12.00 CET
- Equipment required: Translators, AV support
- Interpretation: English and Arabic
- Organizers: Center for Global Development (CGD), Labor Mobility Partnerships (LaMP), Enabel, The European Commission's Joint Research Centre, and the OECD Development Centre
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Blurb

The youth population in much of Africa is booming, creating a large working-age group with the potential to contribute to labor markets around the world. African youth are nonetheless facing increased constraints in finding safe and regular pathways to countries of destination, a dynamic exacerbated by COVID-19.

This side event of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) will bring together experts focused on migration in Africa and up-skilling and moving African youth. It will attempt to answer several questions. Why, how, and where do young people in Africa want to move? What skills, experience, and income gains will they acquire by moving abroad? What contributions will they make to their countries of origin and their countries of destination? And how can major countries of destination open legal migration pathways to allow them to migrate safely, regularly and orderly, maximizing the potential of migration?

Agenda

- 10 minutes: Welcome, and overview of speakers, objectives of event, structure (Raffaella Greco Tonegutti)

Section 1: What is the issue? Africa's youth population is large and growing, yet the continent lacks decent work opportunities. How is this dynamic impacting migration aspirations?

- 5 minutes: Simon McMahon
- 5 minutes: Linda Adhiambo Oucho
- 15 minutes: Q&A
- 5 minutes: Raffaella Greco Tonegutti (Summary)

Section 2: Why should we care? What impact will the migration of this group have on their countries of origin and destination? If it's done irregularly? Legally?

- 5 minutes: Jason Gagnon
- 5 minutes: Rebekah Smith
- 15 minutes: Q&A



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- 5 minutes: Raffaella Greco Tonegutti (Summary)

Section 3: What should we do about it? How can we create decent work opportunities at home, and promote migration abroad, in a way that encourages sustainable economic development?

- 5 minutes: Khadijat Abdulkadir
- 5 minutes: Dawit Dame
- 5 minutes: Helen Dempster
- 5 minutes: Zainab Naji
- 15 minutes: Q&A
- 5 minutes: Raffaella Greco Tonegutti (Summary)

Conclusion

- 5 minutes: Slido voting on barriers to expansion of decent work opportunities at home, and legal pathways abroad (moderated by Raffaella Greco Tonegutti)
- 5 minutes: Final remarks, goodbye (Raffaella Greco Tonegutti)