Tenth GFMD Summit Meeting

Overarching Theme: **"Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development"**

All GFMD 2017 Summit delegates are invited to attend the following side events, to be held on 29 June 2017 in Berlin, Germany. These side events will be held upon the initiative of their respective organizers. While the topics to be discussed may be relevant to GFMD themes and roundtable discussions, **particularly Roundtable Session 1.2,** the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs and Taskforce, as well as the GFMD Support Unit, are not directly involved in the organization of these side events.

For registration and/or any question, please contact the organizers directly.

Title of the Side Event: Migration and the Agenda 2030 for Development: the role of cross-sectoral thinking, data and evidence for effective implementation

Date and Time	29 June 2017 (Thursday) ; 10h50 – 11h50
Organizers	IOM/OECD/UN DESA/SDC/ODI
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Partners	This will be a joint event organized by IOM´s Data Analysis Centre in Berlin, OECD´s Migration Division in Paris, UNDESA´s Population Division and Statistics Division in New York, the Overseas Development Institute and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Background materials	See www.GMDAC.iom.int for papers presented at the conference: Improving Data on International Migration, December 2-3, Foreign Office of Germany.

Brief description of the side event

This side event is linked to roundtable 1.2 "From Global Agreement to Implementation – National Action Plans for migration-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)". Whereas the Roundtable focuses primarily on the migration-specific targets of the Agenda (i.e. 10.7, 8.8), the side event proposes to complement the discussion, by highlighting the relations between cross-sectoral approaches, data as well as evidence for the implementation of the SDGs.

The discussion on the cross-sectoral approaches will build on series of policy briefs prepared by ODI highlighting the relationships between migration and key development issues – such as health (SDG 3), education (SDG 4), gender (SDG 5) and urbanization (SDG 11). Through this discussion participants will see possible implementation strategies in related policy sectors on how to best include migration as a transformative force for sustainable development.

To better inform the public debate and to address migration challenges effectively, there is an urgent need to improve the availability, comparability, timeliness and quality of international migration data. It will be difficult to monitor the impact of migration on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals without improvements in data on migration. Data are also key to the discussions concerning the Global Compact on Migration. The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, recognizes "the importance of improved data collection, particularly by national authorities, and will enhance international cooperation to this end".

For this part of the side-event, IOM, OECD, and UN DESA will present a number of new initiatives being taken to improve the collection, analysis and sharing of data on migration. Building on discussions at the international conference on "Improving Data on Migration", held at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin in December 2016, the organizers will present several new initiatives including:

1. The Global Migration Data Portal- a comprehensive source for global migration data and analysis.
2. The International Forum on Migration Statistics – to be organized by OECD, IOM and UN DESA to bring together all producers, analysts and users of migration statistics.
3. SDG Capacity-building – efforts to improve national capacities to collect, analyse, share and manage migration data relevant to monitoring the SDGs.