

Stemming the post-factual tide: Towards more evidence-based migration policies

A joint German/Slovakian/UNESCO GFMD side event
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Moderator: Ambassador William L. Swing, Director General, *International Organization for Migration, IOM*

Current migration policy is increasingly crisis-driven. Governments are under intense pressure to respond to demands of public opinion. This can lead to ad hoc policy making, which may not consider forward-looking and sustainable solutions to contemporary migration challenges. Against this background, there is a growing need for more evidence-based policy making and long-term planning. This Side Event reflects upon questions of data requirements, suitable indicators for development-oriented migration policies, and a sound knowledge base for realizing the development potential of migration.

Welcome

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Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme German GFMD Co-Chair

Ambassador Igor Slobodnik, Slovakia

John Crowley, Chief of Section, UNESCO Sector for Social and Human Sciences

Thematic Inputs

1. Migration data gaps and data availability

Frank Laczko, Director, Global Migration Data Analysis Centre, GMDAC

2. Indicators for migration-oriented SDGs

Steffen Angenendt, Head of Global Issues Unit, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP

3. Is there an evidence-base for occupational security and health of migrant workers?

Joachim Breuer, President, International Social Security Association, ISSA

4. Shifting Migration Narratives

John Crowley, Chief of Section, UNESCO Sector for Social and Human Sciences

Discussion

Government and GFMD observer representatives

Concluding remarks

Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme German GFMD Co-Chair

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