

## “GFMD Perspective on Migration for Sustainable and Resilient Societies”

<b>Date, time and venue</b>	13 July, from 13h15 to 14h30 German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, NY 10017 New York <i>A light lunch will be served from 13h00. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided.</i>
<b>Purpose</b>	Presentation of the GFMD contribution to the 2018 HLPF
<b>Organizers</b>	Germany and Morocco, GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs
<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration is required</b> via email to <a href="mailto:support.unit@gfmd.org">support.unit@gfmd.org</a> no later than close of business hours on <b>Wednesday, 11 July 2018</b> . For security reasons, participants who did not register on time may be refused entry into the German House.

### Brief description of the side event

On the margins of the 2018 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) which focuses on the theme “*Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*,” the GFMD Co-Chairs will organize a **side event** to share the findings contained in the GFMD’s report, “[Recommendations of the GFMD to the 2018 HLPF](#).” The report was prepared upon an invitation by the ECOSOC for the GFMD to provide substantive input to the 2018 HLPF and to showcase its contribution towards the 2030 Agenda in general, and particularly for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and respective targets that are most relevant to GFMD’s mandate.

The GFMD report analyzes the interlinkages between the goals in focus of the 2018 HLPF (i.e., *Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17*) and migration, and explores the explicit and implicit references to migration in the 2030 Agenda, by using the following categories:

1. Explicit migration-related targets;
2. Targets that can and should address the specific vulnerability and protection gaps specific to all groups of migrants and thus offer corresponding mechanisms to address these;
3. Targets that could benefit from the potential of migration and migrants;
4. Targets that address drivers of migration including employment or employment creation and thus have a direct influence on poverty alleviation and lowering of migration pressure;
5. Targets that aim at developing adaptation strategies in order to reduce the consequences caused by climate change.

In addition, the GFMD report examines how interventions in the migration context in GFMD countries – ranging from small-targeted projects to wider programmes or reforms – have contributed to achieving the goals in focus this year. Furthermore, it highlights the gaps, risks and challenges in relation to the respective focus SDG, and offers an analysis from a migration-development perspective. It also identifies emerging issues likely to affect building sustainable and resilient societies and areas where political guidance by the HLPF is required. Finally, it offers some policy recommendations on ways to accelerate progress in establishing sustainable and resilient societies.

The report is based on references of GFMD Summit meetings, workshops, sessions of the Platform for Partnership (PfP) and Common Space discussions. It contains relevant projects from the [GFMD Platform for Partnerships \(PfP\)](#) database supporting Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17.

### **Programme (as of 9 July 2018)**

- Opening remarks by
  - **Mr. El Habib Nadir**, Secretary General, Ministry Delegate to Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs
  - **Ms. Eva Åkerman Börje**, Senior Policy Advisor Office of the UN Special Representative for International Migration
  
- Panel Discussion
  - **Ms. Charu Bist**, Senior Jobs and Livelihoods Advisor, United Nations Development Programme
  - **Mr. Dilip Ratha**, Head – KNOMAD, Lead Economist - Migration and Remittances, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, The World Bank
  - **Ms. Colleen Thouez**, Director, Welcoming and Integrated Societies Division, Open Society Foundations
  - **Mr. Julian Pfäfflin**, Senior Policy Officer International Migration, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Moderator: **Ms. Marta Foresti**, Managing Director, Overseas Development institute

- Open Discussion
  
- Closing remarks by
  - **Ms. Karin Goebel**, Minister, Head of Economic Department, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN