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## **THE CONTRIBUTION OF MIGRANTS TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Side event during the GC/M negotiations

**Tuesday, 15 May 2018**

**13:15-14:30**

**United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 8**

Light lunch will be available outside the Conference Room throughout the event

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### **Concept Note**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

Between 2015 and 2030, migrant workers, half of whom are women, will have sent around US\$6,5 trillion to their families back home in lower and middle-income countries, of which US\$2,5 trillion will be directed to rural areas. While remittances are a crucial aspect of migrant workers' financial contribution to their countries of origin, there are also other powerful economic and financial forces at work such as demand for home country goods, or in-country investments by migrant workers and diasporas alike. Migrants also make donations to charitable causes; they invest, both singularly and collectively, into micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), build assets and create international trade relationships. The support of migrant workers to their families is closely aligned with the SDGs, including those on poverty reduction, food security, decent work, health, education, and the achievement of gender equality. When migration is a choice, indeed it can be an expression of women's agency and a vehicle for their empowerment. Therefore, this represents an unprecedented opportunity for synergies and collaboration among governments, the private sector and development partners in achieving these common goals.

#### **PROGRAMME DETAILS AND PURPOSE**

The event aims to discuss and highlight the contribution of migrants to sustainable development and inclusive growth of their countries of origin, and how it can be supported and leveraged in order to maximize their vast potential for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In particular, panelists will present concrete ways to empower all migrants and diasporas to catalyze their development contributions, and will provide actionable recommendations to leverage their potential to development within the context of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. This will also be the occasion to report about the key outcomes and recommendations from the 2018 Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development Asia-Pacific.

#### **Questions and RSVP:**

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