



Global Migration Group

Practitioners Symposium

“Overcoming barriers: Building partnerships for migration and human development”

27-28 May, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Agenda¹

DAY 1

8:00 – 9:00	External participants need to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Services, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar photo ID to be able to register.
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome coffee (outside conference room XXII, E building)
9:30 – 10:00	Opening session
E Building, Conference room XXII	Opening remarks: Mr. Olav Kjørven, UNDP, GMG Chair Ms. Beata Godenzi, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
10:00 – 10:45	Setting the scene: Facing today’s migration challenges together
E Building, Conference room XXII	<i>Format: 2 Input presentations followed by discussion</i> Chair: Mr. Olav Kjørven, UNDP, Chair of GMG Rapporteur: UNFPA <u>Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, IOM • Dr. Khalid Koser, Geneva Center for Security Policy <i>Issues to be addressed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facing the impacts of the financial crisis, climate change and demographic changes on human mobility: experiences, evidence and projections
10:45– 12:30	Session 1: Data and analysis: Partnering to better understand and address the human development implications of migration
E Building, Conference room XXII	<i>Format: 6 Input presentations followed by discussion</i> Facilitator: Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, UNDESA Rapporteur: UNDESA <u>Panel :</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rolph K. Jenny, GFMD Working Group on Policy Coherence, Data and Research • Dr. Sam Okoampah Archer, Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare, Ghana • Dr. Michel Poulain, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium • Dr. Jeronimo Cortina, Houston University, USA • Mr. Albert Kraler, ICMPD Vienna

¹ The working language of the Symposium is English. There will be simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish.

	<p><u>Issues to be addressed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are priority areas for data collection and research to support the development of evidence-based policies on migration and human development? How do existing tools and guidance such as Migration Profiles and the “Migrants Count” report contribute to addressing these priorities? • How to ensure that data and research are being translated into evidence-based policy? What is the role of partnerships in this regard? • Has the international dialogue on migration and development created new opportunities for collaboration and partnerships on migration data at the international and national levels? • What are the expectations of different stakeholders towards the GFMD working group on policy coherence, data and research? How can it serve to galvanize the efforts of different stakeholders engaged in the collection, analysis, dissemination and usage of migration-related data?
12:30– 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 – 16:30	Session 2: Partnerships for effective protection
E Building, Conference room XXII	<i>Parallel working group A: Rooting migration policies in human rights: Ensuring the rights of all migrants and improving human development outcomes for migrants and their families, destination communities and communities in countries of origin</i>
	<p><i>Format: Facilitator-led group discussion, informed by inputs from 6 panelists representing different stakeholder groups</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Karim Ghezraoui, OHCHR Rapporteur: OHCHR</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Oscar Jara, Secretaria Nacional del Migrante (SENAMI), Ecuador • Mr. Abdelhamid El Jamri, Chair, Committee on Migrant Workers • Mr. Gabriel Toggenburg, Legal Research, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights • Mr. Christopher Nolan, Business for Social Responsibility, Hong Kong • Ms. Genevieve Gencianos, Public Services International • Dr. Pablo Ceriani, University of Lanús & UNICEF, Argentina <p><u>Issues for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are priorities for international advocacy and action to promote the protection of the human rights of all migrants? What are good practices in terms of national coalition-building and mobilization for migrants’ rights? • How has the economic crisis affected efforts to promote and protect the human rights of migrants? What kinds of strategies and partnerships can national coalitions craft to effectively address negative public perceptions of migrants and counter xenophobia? • How has the international dialogue on migration and development – at the United Nations and the GFMD - changed the environment for partnerships on the protection of migrants’ rights? • Through which arrangements and partnerships between countries can the principle of shared responsibility for migrants’ rights and wellbeing be translated into practice? • How to measure the linkages between human rights protection for migrants and the human development outcomes of migration more systematically?

E Building, Conference room XXVII	Parallel working group B: Building partnerships for identifying, assisting and protecting vulnerable and stranded migrants
	<p><i>Format: Facilitator-led group discussion, informed by inputs from 8 panelists representing different stakeholder groups</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Thomas Linde, IFRC Rapporteur: IOM</p> <p><u>Panel :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Oliver Bush Espinosa, National Migration Institute, Mexico • Dr. Axel Kreienbrink, German Federal Office of Migration and Refugees • Ms. Ruth McGuirl, Crown Council for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada • Dr. Mohamed Khachani, Association Marocaine d'Etudes et de Recherches sur les Migrations (AMERM) • Ms. Malu Marin, ACHIEVE, Philippines • Mr. Jeff Crisp, UNHCR • Mr. Richard Danziger, IOM <p><u>Issues for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which key stakeholders need to work together at the national and international levels to ensure access to and assistance for vulnerable and stranded migrants? • What works to tackle gender- and age-specific vulnerabilities of female migrants and unaccompanied minors, and to protect those migrants from exploitation, harassment and abuse? • How has the global economic crisis affected the use of unsafe migration routes and the occurrence of smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons? How has it affected the provision of assistance and protection for vulnerable migrants and victims of trafficking? • How has the international dialogue on migration and development changed the environment for international collaboration and national practices pertaining to vulnerable and stranded migrants? • How to measure the costs of unsafe migration and violations of migrants' rights in terms of human development?
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:45 – 17:30	Reporting session
E Building, Conference room XXII	<p><i>Format: Presentation of list of main stakeholders and 5 key policies from each of the parallel sessions & Discussion</i></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Christiane Kuptsch, ILO Presenters: Mr. Karim Ghezraoui, OHCHR & Mr. Thomas Linde, IFRC Rapporteurs: OHCHR & IOM</p>
17:30	End of day 1
18:00 – 19:30	Cocktail reception (<i>Salon Lausanne, A Building, 8th floor</i>)

DAY 2

8:00 – 9:00	External participants need to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Services, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar photo ID to be able to register.
9:00 – 9:30	Opening session²
E Building, Conference room XXII	Welcome: Mr. Olav Kjørven, UNDP, Chair of the GMG Opening remarks: Dr. Navi Pillay, OHCHR & H.E. Mr. Arturo Hernández, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN in Geneva
9:30 – 11:15	Session 3: Joint strategies for migration and human development
E Building, Conference room XXII	<i>Parallel working group C: Mainstreaming migration in national development strategies to minimize its negative and maximize its positive contributions to human development and the achievement of the MDGs</i>
	<p><i>Format: Facilitator-led group discussion, informed by inputs from 6 panelists representing different stakeholder groups</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Ronald Skeldon, University of Sussex Rapporteur: UNDP</p> <p><u>Panel :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul Gosselink, International Migration and Development Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands • Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh • Dr. Maris Pukis, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments • Ms. Mary Makoffu, Secretariat, East African Community • Dr. Johannes Jütting, OECD Development Centre • Ms. Sophie Nonnenmacher, IOM <p><u>Issues for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are key sectors of development planning in which migration should be considered as a factor? • Who are the key stakeholders that need to be involved in the mainstreaming of migration into national development strategies? • What kinds of capacities are needed to analyze the interlinkages between migration and human development at the country level, and to plan, implement and assess strategies for migration and development? What kind of tools and partnerships exist/should be developed to support these processes? • How far can unilateral, national planning on migration and development go? What needs to be done in partnership with bilateral, regional and international partners?

² The opening session will be without simultaneous interpretation.

E Building, Conference room XXVII	<i>Parallel working group D: Towards shared prosperity: shaping the future of migration to promote education, employment and human development</i>
	<p><i>Format: Facilitator-led group discussion, informed by inputs from 5 panelists representing different stakeholder groups</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Lindsay Lowell, Georgetown University Rapporteur: ILO</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. S. Irudaya Rajan, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India • Mr. Göran Hultin, Chairman and CEO, Caden Corporation S.A. • Dr. Jean-Christophe Dumont, OECD • Mr. Luc Lapointe, Connexion Internationale, Canada • Mr. Gibril Faal, AFFORD, UK • Dr. Marielza Oliveira, UNITAR <p><u>Issues for discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main linkages between migration, education, and labour market policies that countries need to understand in order to develop a longer-term strategy for maintaining or enhancing their competitiveness? How can countries or regions of origin and destination coordinate their strategies so as to realize synergies and mutual gains? • How can labour migration programmes and policies be designed to provide migrants at different skills-levels with opportunities for skills recognition and acquisition, including through training and professional development, and transmission of skills to their home countries? • What kinds of education and training initiatives in countries of origin have proven successful in mitigating the loss of skilled professionals ('brain drain')? What role can partnerships with destination countries play in this regard? • How to delineate responsibilities between the public and the private sector when it comes to investments in migrants' education and training?
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45 – 12:30	Reporting session
E Building, Conference room XXII	<p><i>Format: Presentation of list of main stakeholders and 5 key policies from each of the parallel sessions & Discussion</i></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Mina Mashayekhi, UNCTAD Presenters: Dr. Ronald Skeldon & Dr. Lindsay Lowell Rapporteurs: UNICEF & ILO</p>
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break

14:30 – 15:30	Brainstorming session: Priorities for partnerships and capacity-building
E Building, Conference room XXII	<p><i>Format: Presentation of key priorities for partnership and capacity-building from the sessions/working groups and discussion of the way forward</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Carlos Lopes, UNITAR Rapporteur: UNESCO</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Facilitator session 1 • Mr. Karim Ghezraoui, OHCHR, Facilitator working group A • Mr. Thomas Linde, Facilitator working group B • Dr. Ronald Skeldon, Facilitator working group C • Dr. Lindsay Lowell, Facilitator working group D
15:30 – 16:00	Closing session
	<p>Chair: Mr. Olav Kjørven, UNDP</p> <p>Closing address: Mr. Peter Sutherland, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for International Migration and Development</p> <p>Closing remarks by the GMG troika:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Carlos Lopes, UNITAR • Dr. Navi Pillay, OHCHR • Mr. Olav Kjørven, UNDP
16:00	<i>Official end of symposium</i>
16:00 – 17:00 E Building, Conference room XXVII	<p>GMG internal session</p> <p>Chair: Olav Kjørven, UNDP</p> <p><i>Strategic discussion on how to take the symposium outcomes forward and feed them into the GFMD process</i></p>