

## **GFMD Common Space Breakout Session 1**

*Situating migration and migrants in national and post-2015 international development agendas – partnering with the international development community, national policy makers and development, migrant and other civil society organisations*

Wednesday 14 May 2014  
15h30-17h30  
Venue: Mässhallen

### **Agenda**

**Context** Migrating, whether across borders or within a country, is one of the oldest, most direct and effective strategies to escape poverty, adapt to environmental and economic shocks, advance human development and improve the livelihood of the migrants, their families and communities. Increasingly research and data point to the positive contributions that migrants and migration can make in countries of origin and destination, especially where processes in which movement of people, skills and remittances are fair, orderly, and safe. Improving the opportunities and quality of migration and mobility could therefore significantly increase positive human development outcomes.

To date however, global and national development agendas have rarely reflected the phenomena of migrants and migration. With the negotiations fully underway for what will follow the current set of Millennium Development Goals when they expire in 2015, now is the time – and this forum is the place – to discuss how migrants and migration should figure in the new global development agenda. Complementing and bridging sessions in both the Civil Society Days Programme and Government Roundtables 1.1 and 1.2, this Common Space session will discuss the possibilities of migration being part of a goal in the post-2015 framework and/or transversal across the post-2015 agenda; as well as measurable targets and indicators to track progress. At the same time the session will include an operational focus, by featuring existing partnerships, experiences and benefits of migrants and migration being integrated in national or local development plans.

**Moderator John Bingham**, ICMC Head of Policy of the International Catholic Migration Commission [*Introductory words of welcome*]

### **15h30 – 16h00 Key Note Addresses**

**William Lacy Swing**, Director General, IOM, *Making the case for the inclusion of migration in the post-2015 development agenda*

**Amina Mohammed**, Assistant Secretary General, Department for Economic and Social Affairs, *Preparing the Sustainable Development Goals: a perspective from the Secretary General*

### **QnA**

### **16h00-16h30 Panel discussion moderated by John Bingham, ICMC**

*Guiding questions:*

- *How has migration/migrants contributed to the achievement of MDGs or relevant focus areas of the Open Working Group on SDGs? (Poverty eradication, Education, Health and population dynamics, Economic growth, Promoting equality, and Employment and decent work for all)*
- *How have you planned for making this contribution possible?*
- *How would the inclusion of migration in the post-2015 development agenda facilitate the inclusion of migration in development planning in future?*

**Riaz Hamidulla**, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh, *The experience of Bangladesh and the importance of including migration in the post-2015 development agenda* (5 min)

**Fernando Frutuoso de Melo**, Director General, Development and Cooperation- EuropeAid, European Commission, *A perspective from the European Commission* (5 min)

**Ignacio Packer**, Secretary General, Terres des Hommes, *Civil society position on migration in the post-2015 development agenda* (5 min)

**Aileen Constantino-Peñas**, Deputy Executive Director, Atikha Overseas Workers and Communities Initiative, Inc., Overseas Filipino and Women Center, *Working with NAGA to mainstream migration and MDGs into development planning* (5 min)

**16h30-17h25**    **Comments from the floor** (approx. 50 min)

- *How would participants like to see the inclusion of migration in the post-2015 development agenda?*

**17h25 – 17h30**    **Moderator's reflections**