

GFMD Roundtable 2.1

Enhancing the development impacts of labour migration and circular mobility through more systematic labour market and skills matching

Thursday 15 May 2014

09h35-12h20

Venue: Nobelterrassen

Agenda

Co-chairs: Ambassador **Omar Hilale** (Morocco)
Secretary General **Marina del Corral Téllez** (Spain)

Rapporteur: Minister-Counsellor **Jennifer L. Irish** (Canada)

09h35-09h50 Opening statements by co-chairs

09h50-11h00 First working session: "Improving labour and skills matching"

Key note addresses:

Liberty T. Casco, Deputy Administrator, Office of Employment and Welfare,
Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
Managing labour mobility for development - experiences from the Philippines.

Dr. Thani Al Mehairi, Director General of the United Arab Emirates
National Qualification Authority
*Assessing and measuring the impact of skill development, upgrading and
recognition through a pilot project by Abu Dhabi Dialogue participants.*

Theodora Xenogiani, Senior Economist, Directorate for Employment,
Labour and Social Affairs of the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and
Development (OECD)
Measuring and understanding skills matching and possible ways to improve it.

Experiences from the floor; open discussion involving all delegations

Guiding questions;

- *How can countries involved work together in key labour-shortage sectors where temporary or permanent mobility can respond to labour market needs?*

- *How can recognition of skills (formally and non-formally acquired), including the recognition of foreign qualifications, be improved? In relation to this, how can the high over-qualification rates among migrants in many countries be tackled?*
- *How can public-private partnerships in labour matching make better use of information technology and information resource centres? In relation to this, how can the use of IT promote good recruitment practices?*

11h00-12h05 Second working session: "A holistic approach to the mobility cycle and mutual development outcomes"

Key note addresses:

Professor Rainer Münz, Head of Research & Knowledge Center, Erste Group

Migration – Mobility – Circularity: What are win-win solutions for sending and receiving countries?

George Jashi, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the State Commission on Migration Issues of Georgia

Strengthening the development potential of the state through targeted circular migration and experience mobilization.

Experiences from the floor; open discussion involving all delegations

Guiding questions;

- *How can returning migrants contribute to their country of origin labour market through new skills and work experience from abroad?*
- *What are the relevant support measures that governments can put in place, including in cooperation with the private sector, in order for migrants to contribute to their country of origin labour market and in order for new and reinforced skills and work experience from abroad to be leveraged for development?*
- *How can language proficiency be improved and how can private-public partnerships contribute to providing adequate and timely language training and encourage employers to invest in language and skills training for migrants (both pre-departure and in the country of destination)?*

12h05-12h20 Summary and outcomes of discussion by the rapporteur

Concluding remarks by co-chairs