GFMD Roundtable 3.1

Empowering migrants, their households and communities for improved protection of rights and social development outcomes

Thursday 15 May 2014
09h35-12h20 hrs
Venue: Fogelströmrummet

Agenda

Co-chairs: 
Athanasia Ioannou, Deputy Director of Social Integration Division, Ministry of Interior, Greece

Sr. Juan Pablo Cadena-Gómez, First Secretary,Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva Ecuador (TBC)

Rapporteur: Dr. Wendy Southern Deputy Secretary, Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Australia

Moderator: Mr. Enrico Fos, Philippines

09h35-09h45 Welcoming remarks by co-chairs

09h45-09h50 Introduction of session by Moderator and general housekeeping

09h50-10h00 Reflections on migrant empowerment by Mr. Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie (7 min)

10h00-10h40 Session One: Information

Guiding Questions: How have governments and other relevant stakeholders extended social services, including health and education, to migrants? What are the barriers towards migrants, especially women and children, being able to access the information they need pertaining to their rights? How can states, civil society and other stakeholder collaborate to ensure that migrants have the information they need and access to the opportunities offered?

Remarks by Dr Wendy Southern, Deputy Secretary, Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Australia

Remarks by Ambassador Thani, Thailand
Discussion with the floor

10h40-11h20  Session Two: Voice

Guiding Questions: How can migrants be supported to have a voice on issues that affect their social and economic wellbeing? What policy and legal frameworks are needed to ensure that migrants (including children) are able to advocate for themselves and for members of their community? How have states worked with migrant associations and/or other actors to address the public perceptions of migrants?

Remarks by Philippines (TBA)


Discussion with the floor

11h20-12h05  Session Three: Connection

Guiding Questions: How can connections between family members and between country of origin and destination be acknowledged and enhanced? How can states minimize the social cost of labour migration (families left behind) taking into account migrants’ needs for protection and empowerment irrespective of age, gender, skills/income level or migrant status?

Remarks by Ms. Anne Richard, Assistant Secretary of State, USA

Remarks by Ms. Reyna Torres Mendivil, Director General for Protection of Mexicans Abroad Mexico

Discussion with the floor

12h05-12h20  Closing discussion

Reflections from Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, François Crépeau

Summary by rapporteur

Closing remarks by Co-Chairs

12h20  Close of meeting