

## 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)

Remarks by **H E Engr. Khandker Mosharraf Hossain**, Hon. Minister for Expatriate Welfare, Bangladesh

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**