Third GFMD Thematic Meeting

Final Agenda

Geneva, 20 November 2013

MIGRATION AS AN ENABLER FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
-Enhancing migrant empowerment and voluntary social and economic asset transfers

09.00 – 09.15 Opening Statement Ambassador Eva Åkerman Börje, Chair GFMD 2013-2014

09.15 – 09.45 Key note address from Gibril Faal (Chairman of AFFORD, Founder of RemitAid, board member of DFID’s global poverty action fund and director of GK partners, a UK-based company specializing in socially responsible entrepreneurship and ethical finance)

09.45 – 10.45 – Panel I – Setting the scene

Co-Conveners
  Greece– Mr. Evangelos Syrigos
  Secretary General of Population and Social Cohesion
  Directorate General for Migration Policy and Social Integration
  Ministry of Interior, Hellenic Republic
  Good practices in implementing legal national and international frameworks for ensuring rights and measures that empower migrants in order to minimize the human and social costs and improve access to safe, legal and protected migration opportunities.

  El Salvador– Ms. Ada Abrego
  Director General of Migration and Development, El Salvador
  Focusing on how policies and bilateral or multilateral cooperation could improve positive development outcomes from migration in the areas of health and education, taking into account gender equality

Discussion with the floor

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break
11.15 -13.15 Panel II – Migration and Health

- Migrants empowerment, rights, information and access to health
- Migrants voluntary social and economic transfers for improved health

Chair: Mr. Evangelos Syrigos
Ms. Mary Kezzah, Assistant Commissioner for Labour, Ministry of Labour Kenya
Mr. Chris Lewis, Health Advisor, Department for International Development, United Kingdom
Mr. Davide Mosca, Director, Migration Health Department, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Ms. Sonia Plaza, Senior Economist, the World Bank

13.15-14.45 Lunch

14.45 – 16.30 Panel III – Migration and Education

- Migrants empowerment, rights, information and access to education
- Migrants voluntary social and economic transfers for improved education

Chair: Ms. Ada Abrego
Mr. Muhammad Ayub Chaudhry, Joint Secretary (Emigration/Overseas Pakistanis)
Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, Government of Pakistan
Ms. Suzanne Sheldon, Director, Office of International Migration, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State
Ms. Alexandra Yuster, Associate Director, Division of Strategy and Planning, UNICEF

Discussion with the floor

16.30 – 17.00 Concluding session

Ms. Kathleen Newland, Director of Migrants, Migration and Development and Refugee Protection Programs, Migration Policy Institute (MPI)
Ambassador Eva Åkerman Börje, Chair GFMD 2013-2014