Thematic Meeting 3:

“Recognizing the contributions of women migrants to economic and social development in countries of origin and destination and addressing their specific needs”

Geneva: 8 September 2015
Salle II, R3 Level, ILO Building

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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<th>Registration and Welcome coffee  (09h00 – 0930); Bar des Delegues, R3 Level</th>
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Opening :  (09h30 – 10h30)
- Ambassador Mehmet Samsar, for the GFMD 2014-2015 Chair
- Ambassador Cecilia Rebong, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UNOG
- Keynote Speaker: Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women

Panel Session One: Exploring the Contribution of Women Migrant Workers to Development – Beyond Economic Remittances  (10h30 - 12h30)

Moderator – Michelle Leighton, Chief, International Migration Branch, International Labour Migration (ILO)
- Ms. Katherine Brigera Brimon, Assistant Secretary, Department of Labour, Philippines
- Ambassador Eva Åkerman Börje, Swedish Ministry of Justice; GFMD 2013-2014 Chair
- Mr. David Khoudour, Head - Migration and Skills Unit, OECD Development Center
- Ms. Monami Maulik, Founder and Executive Director, DRUM NYC

Interactive discussions based on the following guiding questions:

1. What initiatives are being undertaken by your government to recognize social remittances, particularly by migrant women workers, and realise their potential to contribute to development?
2. What economic and social benefits do women migrant workers bring to your country and how are these benefits measured?
3. Please cite a policy or program that your government has undertaken to promote the empowerment of women migrant workers not only in healthcare and domestic work, but other non-traditional /skilled areas of work.
4. What are some of the key socio-political contributions that women migrant workers can make and have made through their grass roots organizing and political engagement?

Lunch  to be hosted by the Chair, BIT Eurest, Level R2 North, (ILO Restaurant)  
(12h30 – 14h30)
Panel Session Two: Understanding the Challenges and Vulnerabilities of Women Migrant Workers – How are they Navigated? (14h30 – 16h30)


- Mr. El Habib Nadir, Secretary General, Ministry in Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs Morocco
- Dr. Can Ünver, Representative of Turkey, Member of The Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW)
- Mr. Lars Lonnback, Senior Policy Officer, International Cooperation and Partnerships Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Ms. Jasiaya Khatoon, Focal Point, Welfare Association for the Rights of Bangladeshi Emigrants Development Foundation (WARBE)
- Ms. Gretchen Khuner, Founder and Director, Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración (IMUMI)

Interactive discussions based on the following guiding questions:

1. Please outline the initiatives that your government has put in place to reduce the vulnerabilities of women migrant workers in transit.
2. How has your government improved the labour standards for women migrant workers? What impact have these initiatives had?
3. What is being done to improve capacities of countries in addressing the vulnerabilities of skilled migrant workers, or to factor these considerations into their development and policy planning?
4. What do you see as the key barrier to women migrant workers’ ability to realise their potential through migration / contribute to development?
5. Given the vulnerabilities of migrant women in transit and working in your region what opportunities are there to protect them and enhance their contributions to development?

Closing (16h30 – 17h00)

- Ms. Jenna Hennebry, Director, International Migration Research Centre (IMRC)
- Mr. Easton Williams, Director, Social Policy Planning and Research Division, Planning Institute, Jamaica
- Ms. Esen Altuğ, for the GFMD 2014-2015 Chair