

**Twelfth GFMD Summit Meeting**

**Session Scenario on Roundtable 3.2:**

**Harnessing Migration for Rural Transformation and Development**

***Wednesday, 22 January 2020, 08h30-11h00***

***Room: Salón Panecillo 4***

***Room: Palmeraie***

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| **Panel Composition****RT Co-Chairs:** * **Mr. Febrian Alphyanto Ruddyard**, Deputy Minister for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
* **Mr. Easton Williams,** Senior Director of Social Policy, Planning and Research, Planning Institute of Jamaica

**Panelists:** * **Mr. Mohammed Endris,** Deputy Director General, Ethiopian Diaspora Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia
* **Ms. Cristina Rapone**, Migration and Employment Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
* **Mr. Gary Slaiman,** Talent Beyond Boundaries, GFMD Business Mechanism
* **Mr. Rubén Canales,** Youth Representative
* **Ms. Fatna El K’Hie**, Mayor of Arbaoua
* **Ms. Zainab Conteh**, Councilor, City of Freetown

**Rapporteur:** * **Mr. Villamor Ventura S. Plan**, Deputy Administrator, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

**Note taker*** **Ms. Alessandra Casano**, Knowledge Management Specialist, International Fund for Agricultural Development, IFAD
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| **Guiding questions (*based from the Background Paper)*:**1. What are the factors influencing rural migration and how do they interact at multiple scales (international, national, local)? Who leaves? How do gender and age affect migration and its outcomes? What is the climate change-migration relationship in the context of rural transformation? How is work changing in the rural economy and what are the implications for migration and rural development?
2. What lessons have governments and partners learned in dealing with rural migration? What are the challenges and opportunities (and for whom)? What kind of policy interventions can enhance the positive effects and mitigate the negative effects of migration from and to rural areas? What is the role of multi-scale and multi-stakeholder cooperation (international, national, local, rural-urban)? How to increase coordination and coherence?
3. What is the role played by remittances and migrant investments in rural areas? How can remittances be leveraged to support rural development? What bottlenecks exist in this regard and who needs to come together to address those? Beyond financial remittances, what is the role of the relationship between those who leave and those who stay? What role diaspora can play to enhance the benefits of migration for rural development and transformation?
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| **Proposed Scenario****08h30 – 08h45: Opening of the RT Session (**15 min)The two RT co-chairs and the RT session Rapporteur are seated on the panel, facing the audience. The co-chairs will open the meeting **(max 5 minutes)** by introducing the topic and their national motivation for co-chairing the session. **08h45 – 10h40: Moderated Davos-style panel and audience interaction** (115 minutes): * The Co-Chairs offer some scene-setting remarks, introduces the panelists and explains the ground rules, such as: (10 min)
* There will be at least two rounds of moderated panel presentation (max. 5 min each speaker), followed by open discussion (Q&A).
* Participants are encouraged to focus their interventions on 2-3 guiding questions (to be determined)
* Interventions from the floor should be limited to **3 minutes**, citing concrete and relevant experiences, policies, programs and activities.
* Long narration of national initiatives and reading from prepared statements are discouraged in order to have a frank, focused and interactive debate. Such contributions may be submitted in writing to the GFMD Support Unit via the Mobile App.
* As much as possible, there should be balanced representation of countries across different regions during open discussion (or Q&A).
* For each round, the panelist will be asked to reply to a specific question, present their institutional perspective on the RT 3.2 topic, and share relevant policies and programs of the country/organization they represent.
* The Co-Chairs will go back-and-forth between interventions from the audience and getting the panel members reactions and allowing them to respond to questions posed.
* Participants are encouraged to also send questions or comments through Twitter/Pigeonhole.

**10h40 – 10h50: Summary of Discussions by RT Session Rapporteur** (10 min)The Co-Chairs and the RT session Rapporteur return to the panel. The latter presents the highlights of the discussions, which may include -- * Policy gaps and data and research needed
	+ Controversies/doubts expressed, inconsistencies/conflicts pointed out between policies and implementation
* Existing policies, legal framework, and available data
* Relevant programs and practices
* Policy recommendations and follow-up

**10h50 – 11h00:** **Closing of the RT Session** (10 min **Ground rules:**To ensure having a frank, focused, interactive and action-oriented debate, the RT session is advised to adopt the following ground rules:* Interventions from the floor should be limited to **3 minutes**.
* Interventions focused on concrete experiences, policies, programs and activities are encouraged.
* Long narration of national initiatives and reading from prepared statements are discouraged in order to have a frank, focused and interactive debate. Such contributions may be submitted in writing to the GFMD Support Unit via the Mobile App.
* As much as possible, there should be balanced representation of countries across different regions during open discussion (or Q&A).
* As a state-led process, interventions by member states take precedence over non-government participants.
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