

“Honouring international commitments to unlock the potential of migrants for development”

Date and time: 6 December 2018, Marrakesh (8.30 – 9.45 am)

Title of side event
A Different Way of Working: The GFMD’s Migration Laboratory as an innovative way to implement global policy frameworks on migration and development

Organizers
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Background materials

- <https://www.we-do-change.org/what-we-do/the-migration-laboratory/>
- [Migration Lab Booklet](#)
- *Insight Reports:*
 - [Insight Report 1: “Together Understand”](#)
 - [Insight Report 2: “Together Initiate Proposals”](#)
 - [Insight Report 3: “Together Support and Track Implementation of Proposals”](#)
- [Movie: “Voices from the Migration Laboratory”](#)
- [Publication “A different way of working: Multi-stakeholder dialogues to implement global policy frameworks on migration and development”. A publication of the value and potential of the Migration Laboratory](#)

Brief description of the side event

Background:

The Moroccan-German Co-Chairmanship set up the Migration Laboratory as an innovative way to address global policy frameworks, in particular the GCM and 2030 Agenda. It brings together 33 international thought leaders from governments, civil society and the private sector from 18 different countries in Africa, Europa, Asia and America. Its goal is to enable new perspectives and to facilitate the co-creation of ideas and innovative practices guided by the core question: *“How can we act together across sectors so that migration is beneficial for all actors in society?”*

The Migration Lab participants met in three face-to-face meetings between October 2017 and May 2018 in Berlin, Rabat and Quito. This side event will present the Migration Lab as an innovative approach towards truly

inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships based on trust and dialogue, as well as its outcomes. Based on the encouragement of the GCM co-facilitation team towards the Lab, Lab participants have developed innovative, cross-sectoral and action-oriented project proposals translating selected objectives of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and migration-related goals of the 2030 Agenda into action.

The side event addresses Goal 17 (“Partnership for Goals”) of the 2030 Agenda, and relates to the call for multi-stakeholder partnerships towards the GCM. In addition, the side event will explore how the substantial potential of this unique and innovative multi-stakeholder approach can be replicated or scaled up in order to contribute to the successful work of the GFMD and the sustainable implementation of the GCM in the future.

Structure:

Facilitators: Jane Ball and Peter Garrett, Dialogue Associates (Facilitators of the Migration Laboratory),

- **Welcome:**
Dr. Elke Loebel, Commissioner for Refugee Policy and Director for displacement and migration, crisis management and prevention at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
(tbc), Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, in Charge of Moroccans Living Abroad and Migration Affairs
- **Short movie** capturing the main features and results of the Migration Laboratory
- **Presentation and facilitated dialogue:** Sub-group dialogues with inputs by selected Lab participants (representing civil society, business and government) on their proposals and their experience in the Migration Lab with a view to implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the GCM, including calls for participation to Member States to join the project proposals. The dialogues are facilitated in accordance with the inclusive Professional Dialogue methodology used in the Migration Laboratory, allowing side event participants to experience this different way of working and what it is like to tangibly contribute to each other’s thinking.
- **Closing remarks**

The side event will start with keynote speeches by the German and Moroccan government representatives, which will reflect upon the Lab’s added value for an effective co-creation of innovative ideas as well as cross-sectoral/cross-regional approaches for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the GCM. The presentation of a short movie on the Migration Laboratory as an innovative multi-stakeholder initiative based on Professional Dialogue methodology, will give space to some of the different voices and experiences participants from different sectors have made in the Lab. Then, all side event participants will have an opportunity to get a taste of the different way of working experienced by the Migration Laboratory: Sub-groups will have dialogues that create space for different perspectives to be included, based on the input of selected Lab participants (civil society, business and government) who will present concrete proposals developed during the Lab. Side event participants will be able to contribute to the development of these initiatives as they exchange perspectives. In doing so, we continue an exploration of how the Migration Laboratory could serve as a role model for truly inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships based on trust and dialogue in the framework of the GFMD and beyond.