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GFMD BUSINESS MECHANISM MEETING

***Role of Business in achieving orderly and
responsible migration, particularly in
view of the Global Compact on Migration***

Speakers biographies

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Khalid Koser, Chairman, World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Agenda Council on Migration and co-coordinator of the GFMD Business Mechanism

Dr Khalid Koser is chair of the WEF Global Agenda Council on Migration. He is Executive Director of the Interim Secretariat of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) and Associate Fellow at GCSP. He is also Non-Resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution, Research Associate at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, and extraordinary Professor in Conflict, Peace and Security at University of Maastricht.

He coordinates, together with the IOE, the work of the GFMD Business Mechanism.



Md. Shariar Alam, MP, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

Md. Shariar Alam, MP was elected a member of the National Parliament for the second consecutive term in January 2014, appointed to the Cabinet on 12 January 2014, and assumed charge as State Minister for Foreign Affairs on the same day.

Mr. Alam is deeply involved in politics and became an active member of the Bangladesh Awami League since 1997. He has been enthusiastic to ensure effective representation of the new generation in politics and in the Parliament. He was elected a member of the National Parliament in 2008 with the highest margin of votes among the 6 constituencies of the Rajshahi Division of the country. As a Member of Parliament, Mr. Alam has made enormous contributions in various capacities. While acting as the Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Information, he played a key role in finalizing the draft of the Right to Information Act (RTI) and presented the RTI during various orientation programmes before the newly elected Members of the Parliament.



Ms Linda Kromjong, Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

Linda Kromjong has responsibility for the management of the IOE Secretariat in its advocacy on behalf of 156 members in 144 countries, as well as many partner organisations. This involves engagement in the ILO, other forums such as the G20 and the Human Rights Council, and across the range of UN agencies engaging in labour and social policy discussion. Prior to her role at the IOE, Linda was Vice-President, Labour Relations International & Human Rights for Deutsche Post DHL. Linda has many years' experience in senior positions and holds qualifications in business management, as well as practical experience of the international business environment.

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Lynn Shotwell, Executive Director, Council for Global Immigration (CGI)

Lynn Shotwell is an experienced association leader and advocate for immigration reform. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Council for Global Immigration, the world's leading network dedicated to advancing employment-based immigration. She successfully grew CGI's membership and influence in the US and abroad and negotiated an affiliation with the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest association of HR professionals. She is currently appointed to the European Commission Expert Group on Economic Migration, is immediate past-chair of the Alliance for International Exchange and serves on the B20 Employment Task Force. She has testified before the US Congress, OECD, World Trade Organization, Global Forum on Migration and Development and has interviewed on various television and radio shows. Lynn Shotwell graduated with a BA in International Relations from James Madison College at Michigan State University and received her law degree from the University of Michigan.



Ms. Elaine McKay, Social Programs Director, Japan Tobacco International (JTI)

International development specialist with global experience, applying principles of human rights and social development in the private sector. Over 20 years progressive and demonstrated experience creating and executing corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustainability, employee engagement and communications programs. Global recognition for success in effectively managing complex and strategic projects (multiple years and multiple countries). Professional approach to project management and training; program strategy design, implementation and evaluation. A highly skilled communicator and negotiator with experience in global networking and partnership management. A social activist at heart. Elaine has a MA in International Education from the University of Sussex (UK) and a BA in Economics from the University of the Witwatersrand (SA)



Mr. Stephen Cryne, President & CEO, Canadian Employee Relocation Council (CERC)

CERC is the leading provider of professional education and information to the relocation industry in Canada. CERC also works with government to effect change to legislation and regulatory practices that impede workforce mobility. Prior to joining CERC in September 2002, Stephen had his own consulting practice providing strategic planning and communication services. He has an extensive background in association management and government relations. Between 1995 and 2001 Stephen held senior management positions in the Ontario Government. He has 16 years' experience in the automotive industry, holding management positions in accounting and human resources. Stephen is a regular speaker at human resources management conferences and relocation industry meetings.



Mr. Arif Dowla, Group Managing Director, Advanced Chemical Industries Limited (ACI)

Dr. Arif Dowla served as Chairman of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd. (MTB) from January 17, 2012 to February 26, 2014 and is now serving as the Chairman of the Audit committee. Son of Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla, a leading name in Bangladesh's corporate business, trade and industry arena, Dr. Dowla is the Managing Director of the renowned conglomerate, Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI). Dr. Dowla obtained a PhD degree in Mathematics from the University of California, San Diego, USA. He is a member of the American Mathematical Society and a Young Global Leader Honoree 2009 bestowed by World Economic Forum. He is also the Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Belgium in Bangladesh.



Mr. Gary Slaiman, Corporate Outreach Advisor, Talent Beyond Boundaries

Gary Slaiman is the Corporate Outreach Advisor for Talent Beyond Boundaries. Talent Beyond Boundaries' goal is to help companies access a new talent pool by developing safe and legal pathways for refugees to be self-sufficient through global private sector employment. Gary runs the Government Affairs Group for the International Law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. Morgan Lewis has 29 offices around the world, including in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. He focuses his practice on legislative matters as well as representing clients subject to congressional oversight before congressional committees and commissions. He spent over four years as senior staff in the United States Senate and served as chief counsel and staff director for the US Senate Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee on Labor.



Mr. William Gois, Regional coordinator, Migrant Forum in Asia

William Gois is Regional Coordinator of the Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA), a regional network of migrants' organizations, NGOs, advocates, grassroots organizations and trade unions working to promote the rights and wellbeing of migrant workers and members of their families. Mr. Gois also chairs the Global Coalition on Migration, a movement that brings together a similar mix of civil society groups covering every region of the world for similar organizing, advocacy and action at a cross-regional and international level.

Since 2014, MFA has chaired the global thematic working group on labour migration of the MADE (Migration and Development) civil society network, with specific focus on reform of recruitment practices regarding migrant workers. This work has involved increasing outreach and engagement with actors in the private sector.



Ms. Sofia Östmark, Deputy Director, Head of Global Migration Issues, Division for Migration and Asylum Policy, Ministry of Justice, Sweden

Sofia Östmark is heading the work on global migration issues at the Swedish Ministry of Justice. Prior to taking on this position, she worked at the Swedish Prime Minister's office where she was the acting head of the Office for Strategic Development and also lead the work on developing the Prime Minister's Global Deal initiative for decent work and inclusive growth. Ms. Östmark was the project leader for the Swedish Chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD). Ms Östmark has extensive experience in international cooperation and international development cooperation having worked for the Gavi the Vaccine Alliance, the International Task Force on Global Public Goods as well from holding different positions in the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She holds a master's degree in political science.



H.E. Mr. Devrim Öztürk, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the People's Republic of Bangladesh

In 2015, His Excellency was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the People's Republic of Bangladesh by the government of Turkey. H.E. Mr. Devrim Öztürk previously was the Consul General of the Republic of Turkey in Hamburg, Germany and then H.E. Mr. Devrim Öztürk was the Head of the South Asia Department.

Turkey chaired the 2015 GFMD.



H.E. Mr. Eduard Gnesa, Special Ambassador for International Cooperation in Migration, Government of Switzerland

In 2009 Eduard Gnesa, LL.D., was appointed Special Ambassador of International Cooperation in Migration by the Swiss Federal Council. In this capacity he intensifies and optimizes the foreign policy of Switzerland in the area of migration and development and supports the work of the Swiss interdepartmental working group on migration. He served as chair for the Global Forum on Migration and Development in 2011 and for the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees in 2008.

Since 2014, Mr. Gnesa is also member of the WEF- Global Agenda Council on Migration. Until 2009, Mr. Gnesa was the director general of the Swiss Federal Office for Migration.



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