

Ninth Global Forum for Migration and Development
Thematic Workshop on Connectivity – Migration – Business
Modalities for Break-out Sessions

Bangkok, 14.45 – 16.30, 29 March 2016

There will be **two simultaneous break-out sessions**, one focusing on the **role of regional and bilateral agreements for promoting connectivity and mobility**; the other focusing on **how migration can increase further economic engagements, particularly trade and investments**.

Each break-out session will have a **moderator** and **rappporteur** from the Chair's task team (*as below*) to facilitate the discussions around the respective guiding questions.

Participants would be asked to reflect on the plenary discussions (*before lunch*) and make reference **to their national and regional experiences** on the topics of their respective break-out session. In the discussions, they may particularly bring up:

unique policy and programme experiences/interventions (*which may have potential to be adapted elsewhere; possible pitfalls/unintended consequences and roles of different actors*); and also, **institutional implications** (*i.e. possible shortcomings of existing institutions/process and how these could be addressed - either through improvement of existing mechanisms or, through establishment of new mechanisms*).

The break-out sessions will be opened by some general reflections by the moderators. Thereafter, participants will be encouraged to engage in **interactive dialogue**.

Break-out session 1: Connectivity and mobility: the role of regional and bilateral agreements

Room: Conference Room 4 (CR-4), Level 1

Languages: English, French, Spanish and Arabic

Moderator: *Amb. Md. Sufiur Rahman, Bangladesh GFMD Team*

Rappporteur: *Mr. Gervais Appave, International Adviser, Bangladesh GFMD Team*

- How can existing Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the Regional Trading Agreements (RTAs) further advance mobility of people?
- What would be the key components and desirable standards of templates for bilateral and regional agreements on mobility (*including temporary and longer-term labour migration*)?
- How can (*existing and/or new*) 'institutions' and 'processes' be made more effective for promoting mobility and connectivity?

Break-out session 2: Connectivity: migration, trade and investments

Room: Meeting Room G (MR-G), Level 2

Languages: English and French only

Moderator: *Mr. Riaz Hamidullah, Bangladesh GFMD Team*

Rappporteur: *Mr. Justin MacDermott, International Adviser, Bangladesh GFMD Team*

- How has migration contributed to further economic engagements, particularly trade and investments from /to your country / companies (*particularly within global supply chain*)?
- What policies, programmes or, practices are in place to promote such linkages?
- How could (*existing and/or new*) institutions and processes be made more effective for promoting wider economic engagements (*including trade and investment*) resulting from migration?