

Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Regional Workshop

Facilitating social and economic inclusion

24-25 July 2019

Hotel Radisson, San José, Costa Rica

Background

Ecuador's GFMD 2019 Chairmanship seeks to strengthen the dialogue among GFMD stakeholders at regional level. This workshop will pilot a series of regional events, which will directly contribute to the thematic priorities of the Quito Summit and the development of supporting documents, but also function as standalone events that bring forward the global debate on migration and development, and targeting different stakeholders – local and central governments, academia, civil society and regional stakeholders.

This first workshop will focus on the topic of facilitating social and economic inclusion, representing one of Ecuador's thematic priorities in its 2019 GFMD Chairmanship. The degree to which newcomers can find safety, opportunity and a sense of belonging in a host community is often closely linked to their legal status, and to the sense of safety, opportunity and belonging that prevails among locals in that community. It is therefore critical to address shared needs and to bolster capacities in both groups, ideally to foster a sense of common purpose. This theme is to explore the role of political leadership, policy design, resources, capacities, and of newcomers themselves, in fostering inclusive solutions that generate benefits for and meet the needs of both newcomers and host communities. The discussion seeks to facilitate learning around experiences and good practices, addressing the challenges and opportunities of settlement, including underlying questions such as the provision of adequate housing, healthcare and education, access to work and livelihoods, and interventions to foster social cohesion, prevent discrimination and xenophobia, and tackle labour exploitation.

Objective

To facilitate the sharing of models and practices that have worked in order to provide inclusive solutions that generate benefits for newcomers and host communities alike with a view to contributing to the Round-table 1.2. “Facilitating social and economic inclusion” of the GFMD 2019 agenda.

Guiding questions (as per the Concept Note GFMD 2019)

- What are the major obstacles in providing newcomers with access to basic services such as health and education? What kinds of partnerships and innovations can ease existing constraints? How can they promote the operationalisation of global policy developments, for instance in migration health to achieve better health outcomes?
- How do local institutions need to adapt to service the needs of newcomers? How can the costs and benefits be effectively communicated to the local population? How can community participation from all strands of society be ensured?
- What role do newcomers have in facilitating social and economic inclusion?
- How can efforts to generate livelihoods and ensure access to the labour market benefit newcomers and locals alike? How can labour standards and decent working conditions be safeguarded for all workers?
- What practices and partnerships have proven successful in addressing and mitigating mistrust and tensions between newcomers and host communities, and in fostering social cohesion? How can governments avoid the impression of ‘favouring’ newcomers over host communities? Are there good practices on how to mitigate ‘competition’ or tensions between newcomers with different backgrounds? What role can individual governments play regarding their diaspora in different countries?
- How have innovations and new ways of doing things that were introduced as part of crisis responses (e.g. in immigration and local service delivery systems) improved service delivery for all users, including host communities? What role can local community stakeholders and newcomers play in co-creating inclusive solutions, for example as co-developers and providers of inclusive health services?

Expected outcomes

- Experiences, policies and practices on social and economic inclusion across the region are identified and shared by the participating countries;
- Analysis of the current situation with the identification of practical, innovative and emerging practices and solutions in relation to social and economic inclusions;
- The outcomes and findings of this event will be fed into the Background Paper of Roundtable 1.2 of the GFMD 2019 Summit.

Participants' profile

- Practitioners (public servants) from LAC countries dealing with social and economic inclusion
- Civil society organisations, academia, and international organisations

Methodology

The workshop will include traditional panel discussions and presentations to share good practices and examples. Group work is another core element of the workshop organised to create collective knowledge, and to facilitate interaction and experience sharing.

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- *Dr. Diego Acosta Arcarazo*, Professor in European and Migration Law, University of Bristol, United Kingdom
- *Ms. Gloria Rendón Toro*, Coordinator of Service Centre for Immigrants, Emigrants and Refugees, Barcelona City Council, Spain
- *Mr. Salvador Berumen Sandoval*, Professor and researcher at the Department of Regional Studies-INESER, University of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday 24 July 2019

08:30 - 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening session**

- *Ambassador Santiago Chávez Pareja*, Vice Minister, Ministry of External Relations and Human Mobility of Ecuador and Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development
- Representative of the Government of Costa Rica
- *Ms. Birgit Vleugels*, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Costa Rica
- *Mr. Oleg Chirita*, Head of Programme, Global Initiatives, International Centre for Migration Policy Development

09:30 - 10:30 **Session 1 – What is economic and social inclusion?**

- *Ms. Chalengkwan Tavarayuth*, First Secretary, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Thailand is co-chair of Roundtable 1.2.)
- *Dr. Diego Acosta Arcarazo*, Professor in European and Migration Law, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

10:30 - 11:00 *Pause*

11:00 - 12:30 **Session 2 – Inclusion in the current migratory context of Latin American and the Caribbean**

Moderator: *Ms. Gloria Rendón Toro*, Coordinator of Service Centre for Immigrants, Emigrants and Refugees, Barcelona City Council, Spain

Panellists:

- *Mr. Felipe Muñoz Gómez*, Presidential advisor on the issue of the Colombia-Venezuela border, Republic of Colombia
- *Mr. Luis Fernando Moreno Berríos*, Migration Policy Manager, National Superintendence for Migration, Republic of Peru
- *Mr. Francesco Carella*, Labour Migration Specialist for Central America, Mexico, Panama, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba, International Labour Organization
- *Ms. Adriana Velázquez Morales*, International Consultant on Migration and Development Policies for FLACSO El Salvador





12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:00 **Session 3 – Evidence-based inclusion policies**

- Costa Rica's National Integration Plan 2018-2022

Ms. Nancy Guerrero, Officer, Directorate of Integration and Human Development, General Directorate of Migration and Immigration, Costa Rica

- Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX)

Dr. Diego Acosta Arcarazo, Professor in European and Migration Law, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

15:00 - 15:30 Pause

15:30 - 17:00 **Session 4 – The role of the local level in economic and social inclusion**

Moderator: *Mr. Salvador Berumen Sandoval, Professor and researcher at the Department of Regional Studies-INESER, University of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico*

Panellists:

- *Dr. Florinda Rojas, Executive Director, National Migration Institute, Dominican Republic*
- *Ms. Diana García Arreola, Deputy Director of Policies for the Protection and Integration of Migrants, Migration Policy Unit, Government Secretariat, Mexico*
- *Ms. Gloria Rendón Toro, Coordinator of Service Centre for Immigrants, Emigrants and Refugees, Barcelona City Council, Spain*
- *Ms. Marcela Rivas, Coordinator of the Office of Attention to the Migrant and their Family and Referent of the External Cooperation, Municipal Mayor's Office of Zacatecoluca, El Salvador*
- United Nations Development Programme (tbc)



Day 2 – Thursday 25 July 2019

09:00 - 09:30 **Summary Day 1**

09:30 - 10:30 **Session 5 – Group Work**

**Session 5.1
Access to services**

**Session 5.2
Mobility in the
labour market**

**Session 5.3
Xenophobia**

10:30 - 11:00 **Presentation of the reports of the sessions 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3**

11:00 - 11:30 *Pause*

11:30 - 12:30 **Session 6 – Group Work**

**Session 6.1
Access to residency
and citizenship**

**Session 6.2
Political
participation**

**Session 6.3
Family
reunification**

12:30 - 13:00 **Presentation of the reports of the sessions 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3**

13:00 - 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 - 15:30 **Session 7 – Institutional strengthening to achieve inclusion**

- *Ms. Chalongkwan Tavarayuth*, First Secretary, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Thailand is co-chair of Roundtable 1.2.)
- *Ms. Elisa Guerra Macías*, Comprehensive Accompaniment Area, FM4-Paso Libre, Mexico
- *Ms. Terida del Valle Guanipa Muñoz*, Jesuit Refugee Service Latin America and the Caribbean

15:30 - 16:00 *Pause*

16:00 - 16:45 **Session 8 – Proposal for the GFMD Summit**

Rapporteurs

16:45 - 17:00 **Conclusions and next steps**