

## SPEAKERS' PROFILES

*Thematic Workshop on GFMD's Contribution to  
the Global Compact on Migration*

- Opening of Plenary Session -

### **Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme**

*Ambassador for the 2017-2018 GFMD Co-Chairmanship*

Doctor Götz Schmidt-Bremme is the German Ambassador for the 2017-2018 GFMD Co-Chairmanship and concurrent Ambassador of Germany to the Kingdom of Morocco. Formerly, he was the Special Representative of the Federal Foreign office for Return Management and the Director for Legal and Consular Issues including Migration from 2013 until 2017, Minister (Economic affairs) in Paris between 2012 and 2013, Head of the Division for Private International Law, Civil Law, Mercantile and Commercial Law, International Customs and Tax Law.



In 1988, Dr. Schmidt-Bremme entered the foreign service and had different posts in the diplomatic service: Saudi Arabia, Portugal, Brazil and France. From 2002 to 2005, he was posted in Sao Paulo, Brazil as Deputy-Consul. In 1996, he was the Head of the Economic Section at the German Embassy in Lisbon (Portugal) and German Deputy Commissioner General at Expo 98.

From 1990 to 1992, he served as Deputy Consul-General in Jeddah (Saudi Arabia). His publications include contributions to Germany's consular practice handbook and a commentary on the Foreign Service Act.

Amb. Schmidt Bremme studied law and philosophy in Bonn and Lausanne and has been an attorney from 1987 to 1988. He is married with three children.





**Ms. Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola**  
*Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs,  
Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines*

Sarah Arriola is presently the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) of the Philippines. As the undersecretary, her duties involve: active participation in international and global conferences and coordination with government agencies, review utilization of ATN and Legal Assistance Funds provided for distressed overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), as well as initiation of comprehensive labor migration program with government agencies and global partners such as the International Organization for Migration and other UN agencies.

Prior to her post at the DFA, she served as the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Majority Leader and concurrently Chief of the Investigation Service of the Senate Blue Ribbon Oversight Office Management as well as the Committee Secretary of the Senate Committee on Rules.

She is also a Professorial Lecturer 1 of the Philippine Judicial Academy and has been a faculty member of Ateneo Law School for over a decade. She specializes in Administrative Law, Law on Public Officers, and Fundamentals of Thesis Writing where she serves as a Member of the Thesis Committee.

Sarah obtained her Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo Law School in 1998 and her LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex in 2004 where she was a University of Essex and British Chevening scholar. She took Bachelor of Arts in Communication at the Ateneo de Manila University College of Arts and Sciences in 1993.

**Mr. Ola Henrikson**  
*Director General for Migration and Asylum  
Ministry of Justice, Sweden*

Mr. Henrikson pursued a degree in Law at Stockholm University. In 1990, he joined the Ministry of Justice of Sweden and has, since then, held various positions related to migration in government offices. Currently, he is the Director-General responsible for policy-making nationally and internationally, budgetary issues and issues concerning the Swedish Migration Board.





## Ms. Louise Arbour

*United Nations Special Representative of the  
Secretary General for International Migration*

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced March 9 2017 the nomination of Louise Arbour of Canada as his Special Representative for International Migration.

The Special Representative is leading the follow-up to the migration-related aspects of the 19 September 2016 High-level Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants. Ms. Arbour is working with Member States, in partnership with other stakeholders, as they develop a first-ever global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration. She is leading United Nations advocacy efforts on international migration, provide policy advice and coordinate the engagement of United Nations entities on migration issues, particularly in implementing the migration-related components of the New York Declaration.

Ms. Arbour has a long and distinguished career in international affairs. She previously served as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and as Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. She is a former justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and of the Court of Appeal for Ontario. From 2009 to 2014, Ms. Arbour was President and CEO of the International Crisis Group.

Throughout her career, Louise Arbour has published extensively, in both English and French, in the fields of human rights, civil liberties, gender issues and criminal procedure. In addition, she has performed editorial work on behalf of the Criminal Reports, the Canadian Rights Reporter, the Osgoode Hall Law Journal and La Revue Générale de Droit, and has been a guest speaker at many conferences and presentations throughout the world.

