

# GFMD 2020 ROUNDTABLES

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### Roundtable Theme 1 - The Governance of Labour Migration in the Context of Changing Employment Landscapes

*Co-Chair (also Co-Moderator of Focused Session II)*

**Ms. Neveen Elhusseiny**

Minister plenipotentiary, Deputy Assistant Minister for Migration, Refugees and Combatting Human Trafficking  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Egypt**



Ms. Neveen Elhusseiny is the deputy assistant minister for migration, refugees and combatting human trafficking at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She started her career at the Ministry in 1998, where she dealt with various issues including Human Rights, Egypt-US relations, the Peace Process in the Middle East. She served at the Egyptian Embassy in New Delhi.

Ms. Elhusseiny graduated from Cairo University in 1996 with a major in political science. She had her Master's Degree from the same university in Development.

She had another Master's Degree in Human Rights.

*Co-Chair (also Co-Moderator of Focused Session I)*

**Mr. Poem Mudyawabikwa**

Minister Counsellor  
Permanent Mission of **Zimbabwe** to the UN in Geneva



A Minister Counsellor at the Zimbabwe Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva responsible for Migration, humanitarian and labour issues.

Participated in the inter-governmental negotiations of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in 2018. In the same year, co-chaired the Roundtable session on: Aligning governance with contemporary drivers of migration at the 11th GFMD Summit.

Was a rapporteur of the roundtable session on: Supporting arrival cities through policy coherence and multi- stakeholder partnerships at the 12th GFMD Summit in 2020. Involved in conversations and dialogues about various facets of migration, employment and labour at national, regional and international levels.

*Thematic Lead (also Co-Moderator of Focused Session I)*

**Ms. Michelle Leighton**

Chief, Labour Migration Branch

ILO



Ms Leighton is Chief of the Labour Migration Branch for the International Labour Organization where she directs the Office's global work on international labour migration and mobility, and supports policies and programs related to migrants and refugees. She has expertise in the fields of international law, labour migration, human rights, and economic development, and received her LL.M degree from the London school of Economics and Political Science, London, England in 1987. She serves as an expert appointed to the UNFCCC WIM Task Force on displacement related to climate change, and formerly a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Migration. Ms. Leighton has led global and field research teams, including on linkages between human migration and development, environmental and climate change. She has served as professor of law on faculties in Asia, Europe and the United States and authored numerous publications. Following her service as a Fulbright Scholar in Central Asia, she co-founded the Tian Shan Policy Center at the American University in Bishkek. She has been an adviser and consultant to international institutions, government, and non-profit organizations, leading technical cooperation projects in the Americas, Africa, Europe and Central Asia. She served as the Munich Re Foundation Chair on Social Vulnerability for the UNU-Environment and Human Security institute, Bonn, Germany, as an expert on the German Marshall Fund's Trans-Atlantic Study Team on Climate and Migration, and Director of the Center for Law and Global Justice Human Rights Program at the University of San Francisco Law School. Early in her career, she co-founded the NGO Natural Heritage Institute in San Francisco, leading programs on environment, migration, corporate social responsibility, and human rights.

*Rapporteur (also Co-Moderator of Focused Session II)*

**Mr. Kristof Tamas**

Senior Adviser

Ministry of Justice

Sweden



Kristof Tamas is senior adviser at the Ministry of Justice, Sweden. He is in charge of the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration in Sweden, and also works with international cooperation within the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) and on the links between migration, climate change and the environment. During 2014-2020 he was the director and head of secretariat of DELMI, the Migration Studies Delegation, based in Stockholm. DELMI is a government-funded, but independent committee producing research on migration policy to bridge the gap between policy makers, academic experts, and public debate.

Kristof Tamas was previously senior adviser in the secretariat for the Swedish Chairmanship of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, a Swedish national expert at the EU Commission and a special adviser and later deputy director at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Justice. He has also worked for the Political Science Department of Stockholm University and as a senior research consultant for the Institute for Futures Studies in Stockholm and as a consultant for inter alia IOM, the European Commission, ICMPD, IGC, the World Bank and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

### *Focused Session 1*

#### *Discussant 1*

##### **Mr. Julius Cainglet**

Vice President for Research and Advocacy of the Federation of Free Workers  
International Federation of Building and Wood Workers (BWI)  
*On behalf of Civil Society Mechanism*



Vice President for Research, Advocacy and Partnerships of the Federation of Free Workers (FFW), a Philippine affiliate of the Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)  
Member of the Philippine Tripartite Industrial Peace Council Executive Committee, clearing house of labor and Employment policy.

Media Committee Head of the Nagkaisa Labor Coalition, the Philippines' biggest coalition of trade unions and of the

Council of Global Unions Philippines.

Focal Point for "Workers and Trade Union" of the Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (APRCM).

Steering Committee Member of the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network – (TUDCN)-Asia Pacific

Former chairperson, Philippine Campaign to Promote Decent Work for Domestic Workers Technical Working Group (Domestic Work TWG).

International resource person on workers' rights, migration, occupational safety and health, decent work, social dialogue and Sustainable Development Goals, among others.

Labor activist, writer, poet, composer and part-time blues and rock singer.

#### *Discussant 2*

**Mr. Mohamed Wajdi Aydi**

Deputy Mayor

City of Sfax, Tunisia

*On behalf of the Mayors Mechanism*

Deputy Mayor of the City of Sfax /Tunisia

In charge of Decentralized Cooperation and External Relations

I am a Lawyer at the Court of Cassation and a Lecturer in Geopolitics and International Relations at the University of Sfax.

Member of the Political Council of the UCLG (Right to the Inclusive City and Territory).

Member of the Climate Task Force of UCLG-A.

MC2CM Focal Point in Sfax .

Associative activities :

Coordinator of the Network of RADROS Associations of Sfax in charge of Migration, Asylum and Human Rights.

Country Correspondent and Member of the ICAF Association (Initiative Climat Afrique Francophone).

Member of the African Green Entrepreneurs Network

***Discussant 3***

**Ms. Damilola Oyelade**

Youth Representative



Damilola is a lawyer in a leading Nigerian law firm where she focuses labour/employment related matters. After unsuccessfully attempting to migrate to a foreign country in search for better work conditions, she found her interest tackling migration issues particularly the work conditions of migrant workers in her home country, and preventing misinformation and trafficking of her peers.

Damilola Oyelade is an Associate Lawyer at Perchstone & Graeys, a leading Law Firm in Nigeria. She possess nearly three years of specialized knowledge in labour related matters ranging from equal treatment of migrant workers, workplace discrimination, labour regulations, promoting fair work conditions among a host of other issues which affect both migrant and all other workers. Having witnessed the economic instability and rising communal violence in Africa, Damilola understands the motivation for migration and is determined to ensure that migrants are treated fairly despite their changing employment landscape. This year, Damilola liaised with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and World Bank in creating questionnaires that assessed the impact of COVID-19 on migrant and domestic workers in Nigeria, including on risk of job loss or pay-cuts, whether they were able to return to their home country or trapped within the Nigerian border during the lock-down and whether they were entitled to protective personal equipment (PPEs) whilst working with their employers.

Damilola’s personal experience in unsuccessfully attempting to migrate to a foreign country in search for better work conditions thus ignited her interest tackling migration issues particularly the work conditions of migrant workers. She works to raise awareness about

migration requirements/procedures for migrants' proposed destination, so to limit possible exposure of Nigerian youths to sex trafficking, slave trade and smuggling. In addition to this work, Damilola has contributed to a wide range of labour publications including articles exclusively featured by the Law Business Research Ltd, as well as labour force surveys conducted by the World Bank Group, Global Edge Labour & Employment Update by Squire Patton Boggs Global and others.

## Focussed Session 2

### *Discussant 1*

#### **H.E. Ms. Tatiana Molcean**

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Permanent Mission of the **Republic of Moldova** to the UN in Geneva

Professional experience:

2020 – present

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the UN, WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva

2019-2020

State Secretary for European Integration

2017-2019

State Secretary for Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation

2013-2017

Deputy Director General for European Integration  
Head of Economic and Sector Cooperation with EU Division

2008-2011

Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Moldova to Sweden. Representative of the Republic of Moldova during the Swedish Presidency of the EU  
Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of Moldova to Sweden

2007-2008

Head of the Division for Economic Cooperation and Sectorial Coordination, General Directorate for European Integration

2004-2007

Head of Unit, within the Division for Economic Cooperation and Sectorial Coordination, General Directorate for European Integration

Second Secretary

Secretary

Attaché



### *Discussant 2*

#### **Ms. Lynn Shotwell**

CEO - Worldwide ERC

*On behalf of the Business Mechanism*



Lynn Shotwell is the President and CEO of Worldwide ERC, the world's largest association for mobility professionals. Lynn is a mission-focused, visionary leader with unique expertise in the intersection of international employment law, global talent mobility and corporate social responsibility. Lynn currently serves as co-chair of the Business Migration Advisory Group to the Global Forum on Migration and Development, as vice-chair of World Education Services, and as an editor on the Journal of Migration Studies. She is a frequent lecturer on global mobility policy and has testified before the US Congress, OECD, European Union, United Nations, and World Trade Organization and has appeared on numerous television and radio shows. Prior to joining Worldwide ERC, Lynn served as Senior Vice President for Global Outreach and Operations at SHRM. She holds a JD from the University of Michigan and a BA International Relations from Michigan State University.

### *Discussant 3*

#### **Ms. Alicja Lelewic**

Youth Representative



Alicja has a bachelor's degree from Sciences Po Paris with a major in Economics and an MSc in Public Administration with specialisation in Governance of Migration and Diversity from Erasmus University Rotterdam. Alicja ran a company providing relocation services to highly skilled migrants, mainly US entrepreneurs and has continued working with the private sector with a focus on migration governance and evidence-based policymaking.

She is currently coordinating a research project 'The Impact of Circular Migration Schemes on Development Outcomes' funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The overall objective of this project is to provide an assessment and synthesis of the evidence base that looks at the development impacts of circular migration schemes. It translates into research questions that focus on the impact of circular migration schemes on development outcomes for regular migrants, with a focus on low to medium skilled migrants on the following corridors: within Africa, Africa-Gulf, South Asia-Gulf.