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"Migration and Development Debate Series"

The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) and its contribution to the
implementation of migration-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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As the new and ambitious action plan on global development goals, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the first time includes migration in the global development framework. Recognized as a significant factor for sustainable development, two sub-goals of the 2030 Agenda explicitly refer to migration. Questions remain on how the goals will be implemented and how they can be measured.

The Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) as a government-led platform seeks to facilitate an exchange of views and showcase best practices in the field of migration and development in a practice-oriented way. It is in that light that the GFMD co-chairs Germany and Morocco want to establish a closer link between the GFMD Summit on the one hand and the migration-related SDGs on the other. The Ad-hoc Working Group on the Agenda 2030, which will be co-chaired by Bangladesh and Germany in 2016 (formerly Switzerland), will play an important role in that regard.

The debate will address the following questions:

In what way can and should the GFMD be strengthened so as to contribute to the implementation of migration-related SDGs? How can it support the formulation of the Global Compact on Migration? How could the GFMD make best use of the input of governments and other stakeholders on their efforts related to the 2030 Agenda? How can this new function be ensured and what would be the appropriate format?

Welcome Remarks:



Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme, Germany's ambassador for the GFMD co-chairmanship 2017–2018, Federal Foreign Office



Ilse Hahn, Head of division 320, Policy Issues of Displacement and Migration, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Speaker:



Dr. Eduard Gnesa, Special Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation for International Cooperation in Migration

Panelists:



Kathleen Newland, Senior Fellow, Migration policy Institute



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