

Federal Foreign Office, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC)

"Migration and Development Debate Series"

"The United Nations Global Compact on Migration – Diverging Interests and the Search for Compromise"

Friday, April 27, 2018 | 12:00 – 2:00 pm (light buffet lunch)

In 2016, governments agreed that a “United Nations Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” would be negotiated and submitted for adoption in 2018. While the first two rounds of negotiations mostly consisted of the expression of appreciation for the draft provided by the Co-facilitators, Ambassadors Camacho and Lauber, delegations discussed most of the objectives and actionable commitments linked to them during the third round. This process will continue during the fourth round scheduled for May 14th to 18th. Negotiations are to cease at the end of the sixth and final round on July 13th. Adoption of the Compact is planned to take place in Morocco on December 10th. The latest draft of the Global Compact is published on the [GCM website](https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact) <https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact>.

For our next Migration and Development Debate Series event, we have invited Gregory Maniatis to shed light on what is currently being discussed among the protagonists in New York. He will tell us who they are and how they interact. We will look at where common ground seems to have been found, but also at differences of interest, and discuss how they may be overcome.

Gregory Maniatis has served for 11 years as Senior Advisor to Peter Sutherland, the first UN Special Representative for Migration, and now directs the work on refugees and migration at the Open Society Foundations. He worked with Peter to create the Global Forum on Migration and Development and to advocate for the UN Summit on Migrants & Refugees, which led to the Global Compact processes. He is especially focused on how states and stakeholders can use the Compacts to launch coalitions that can improve outcomes on specific issues—such as protecting migrant children. Maniatis is a graduate of Princeton University and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Welcome remarks:

Ambassador Götz Schmidt-Bremme, German Ambassador to Morocco and German Co-Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Federal Foreign Office

Ilse Hahn

Head of Division 320 – Policy Issues of Migration and Displacement, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Frank Laczko, Director, IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC)

Speaker:

Gregory Maniatis, Director, Open Society Migration International Migration Initiative



Facilitation:

Katharina Bosch, Senior Policy Adviser, Federal Foreign Office