Update on the second Friends of the Forum and associated meetings

Dear Friends of the Forum,

We are pleased to provide the below information relating to the forthcoming second Friends of the Forum and associated meetings.

1. Schedule of September / October Meetings

The following schedule of meetings has been arranged:

29 September:

10:00 – 13:00: Meeting of the Troika

14:30 – 17:30: Meeting of the Steering Group

30 September:

10:00 – 13:00; 14:30 – 17:30: Migration Labs

01 October:

10:00 – 13:00: Meeting of the Friends of the Forum

14:30 – 17:45: Meeting of Government Roundtable Teams

As of 08 September 2020, all meetings will take place at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) for delegations wishing to attend in-person. Due to current circumstances, the Chair will also ensure that provisions are made to ensure that participants can join online. Please note that, due to financial restraints, the Chair regrets that simultaneous interpretation will not be available, either online or for in-person participants.

Agendas for each meeting and details on joining online will be circulated in the near future.

To register for the above meetings, please email registration@gfmd.org.

2. Summit Roundtables

In advance of the Roundtable meetings on 01 October, the Chair is pleased to share with you the composition of the GFMD Practitioner Groups, tasked with producing first drafts of the Summit Roundtable Background Papers.

The first draft of the Background Papers will be presented by the respective Co-Chairs at the Roundtable Team meetings. GFMD Member States and Observers that have not yet registered to participate in the Roundtable Teams are encouraged to do so by writing to the Support Unit as soon as possible.

Thematic Area	**Co-Chairs**	**Participants / Thematic Lead**	**GFMD Observers (Join RT Teams on October 1st)**
Theme 1: The Governance of Labour Migration in the Context of Changing Employment Landscapes	• Zimbabwe • Egypt	Afghanistan, Botswana, Costa Rica, Indonesia, United Kingdom CS, MM, BM ***Michelle Leighton***	ICMPD, ILO, OECD, OSCE/ODIHR, World Bank/KNOMAD
Theme 2: Skilling Migrants for Employment	• UK	Bangladesh, Venezuela CS, MM, BM ***Michele Klein Solomon***	ICMPD, IOM, OECD, World Bank/KNOMAD, Peru
Theme 3: Leveraging New Technologies to Empower Migrants	• Philippines • Kenya TBC	Afghanistan, Kenya, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, United Kingdom CS, MM, BM ***Gibril Faal***	ICMPD, IFAD, World Bank/KNOMAD

Thematic Area	Co-Chairs	Participants / Thematic Lead	GFMD Observers (Join RT Teams on October 1st)
Theme 4: Addressing Gaps in Migrant Protection	• Mexico • Morocco	Indonesia, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela CS, MM, BM ***John Bingham***	CISS, ICMPD, PDD, OSCE/ODIHR, UNICEF, World Bank/KNOMAD, Peru
Theme 5: Discussing Approaches to Prevent Irregular Migration	• Venezuela • Spain	Costa Rica, Ecuador, Netherlands, United Kingdom CS, MM, BM ***Kathleen Newland***	ICMPD, OECD, OSCE/ODIHR, SELA, UNICEF, World Bank/KNOMAD, Peru
Theme 6: Fostering Partnerships to Realise Migration-Related Goals	• The Gambia • El Salvador	Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Canada, Jamaica, Mexico, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Nigeria (TBC), Georgia (TBC), CS, MM, BM ***Dilip Ratha***	IFAD, OECD, ICMPD, UNICEF, World Bank/KNOMAD, Peru

3. Migration Labs

The Chair is pleased to attach the Overview of Methodology and Expected Outcomes for the Migration Labs, prepared by Labour Mobility Partnerships (LaMP), which outlines plans for the meetings on 30 September, and partnership formation through to the Summit.

GFMD Member States and Observers that have not yet registered to participate in the Migration Labs are encouraged to do so by writing to the Support Unit as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Abdulla Ali Alnuaimi
On behalf of the GFMD 2020 Chair