

## “Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development”

All GFMD 2017 Summit delegates are invited to attend the following side events, to be held on 28 to 30 June 2017 in Berlin, Germany. These side events will be held upon the initiative of their respective organizers. While the topics to be discussed may be relevant to GFMD themes and roundtable discussions, the GFMD 2017-2018 Co-Chairs and Taskforce, as well as the GFMD Support Unit, are not directly involved in the organization of these side events.

For registration and/or any question, please contact the organizers directly.

### Date and time

<b>Title of side event</b>	<b>Return Migration: Drivers, Impacts, and Policy Options</b>
<b>Organizers</b>	World Bank /KNOMAD
<b>Contact person(s) / email address(es)</b>	Sonia Plaza - splaza@worldbank.org
<b>Partners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.</li> <li>- Permanent Mission of India to the UN</li> </ul>
<b>Background materials</b>	<a href="http://www.gmfus.org/publications/return-migration-and-reintegration-policies-primer">http://www.gmfus.org/publications/return-migration-and-reintegration-policies-primer</a>

### Brief description of the side event

*The Co-Chairs wish to link side events to the Roundtable Topics. Please explain which Roundtable you are referring to, and give a brief description of the side event.*

*The event will be linked to Round Table 2.2:*

#### **Roundtable 2.2: Fostering the development impact of return migrants**

Return migration has gained attention in many migrant-receiving countries that experienced a surge in the flows of asylum seekers and migrants. Yet, this is a relatively neglected topic in the migration policy debates. Reintegration of return migrants is an even more obscure topic.

#### **Objectives**

With a spectrum of expert interventions, the side event will present the multifaceted development impacts of return migration and reintegration.

Distinguished speakers will share their experiences in dealing with return and reintegration programs including those who are forcibly deported, those offered financial incentives to return, and those who voluntarily return to their country of origin or a third country.

**Guiding Questions** -Questions to be discussed include:

- Can return migration foster development?
- Which type of return is most successful to contribute to development in origin countries?
- Are there positive or negative effects of forced return on the destination countries, the countries of origin and the returnees themselves?
- What are the costs of deportations/forced return?
- What does successful reintegration of return migrants mean?
- What are the lessons learnt and success stories from countries which have been able to re-attract their migrants?

The session will start with a quick presentation by Dilip Ratha of the latest trends in migration and remittance flows worldwide. He will then briefly report progress, including several hypotheses being tested, on a study of return migration under preparation at the World Bank. The panelists will then discuss return migration and reintegration from the perspective of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development through its implementing agency GIZ (Mr. Beier), the European Commission (Mr. Manservisi), and the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (Mr. Chowdhury).

The session will start with a quick presentation by Dilip Ratha of the latest trends in migration and remittance flows worldwide. He will then briefly report progress, including several hypotheses being tested, on a study of return migration under preparation at the World Bank. The panelists will then discuss return migration and reintegration from the perspective of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development through its implementing agency GIZ (Mr. Beier), and the Permanent Mission of India to the UN (Mr. Rai).

**Panelists:**

**Christoph Beier**, Vice Chair of the Management Board, GIZ

**Anil Kumar Rai**, Counsellor (Humanitarian Affairs), Permanent Mission of India to the UN

**Dilip Ratha**, Head of KNOMAD, Lead Economist, World Bank

**Expected Outcomes**

A summary report of the event will be produced.