

## FOSTERING EFFECTIVE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR ADDRESSING MIGRATION

### Side Event at the International Migration Review Forum

Friday, 20 May 2022

8:00 – 9:30 AM (EST-NYC) | 2:00-3:30 PM (Geneva)

Virtual Side Event

#### **Background**

Two processes important for the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) are the International Migration Review Forum (to take place every four years, the first one in May 2022) and the Regional Migration Review Forum (every four years, beginning in 2020).

Revision 3 of the Declaration of the IMRF underscores concerns regarding “the impact of financial and economic crises, poverty, health emergencies and food insecurity on international migration and migrants, as well as sudden onset and slow-onset natural disasters, the adverse effects of climate change, and environmental degradation, such as desertification, land degradation, drought, floods water scarcity and sea level rise, taking into account the potential implications for migration.” It also states that “progress achieved in facilitating and harnessing the benefits of safe, orderly and regular migration is slow and uneven in many areas and that the COVID-19 pandemic has in many instances reshaped many aspects of international migration, negatively impacted progress, and created new as well as exacerbated existing situations of vulnerability for migrants” (SG report, para 13).

To take stock of the progress made, a series of IMRF side events will be organized. In this session, [KNOMAD](#) chairs and co-chairs will present their latest research highlighting findings and policy options, with a special focus on the GCM.

#### **Description of the side event**

This interactive virtual event seeks to provide an overview of the progress, challenges, and suggestions going forward on 15 out of the 23 objectives of the GCM. Discussions will encourage the identification of opportunities for further progress and cooperation. Through the event, all the participants will have the opportunity to gain an almost complete understanding on the implementation of the GCM by the different institutions that are part of the UN Network on Migration, implementers in the field, and academia.

The outcome of this session will be to provide concrete examples on progress, suggestions on the way forward, and formulate a proposal to measure progress on the 15 GMC objectives that will be discussed in this session. Recommendations will be used for advocacy and building partnerships.

The discussion will draw on KNOMAD’s intellectual and convening strength and address the following questions:

- How much progress has been achieved since the GCM was adopted 4 years ago?
- What are the major challenges: Funding? Data and knowledge (identify 3 specific issues)? Political difficulties?
- Any suggestions on the way forward?

#### **Event format**

Online event.

Interpretation will be provided in Spanish and French.

Register [here](#)

## Agenda

<b>Friday 20th May 2022</b> <b>8:00 – 9:30 AM (EST-NYC)   2:00-3:30 PM (Geneva)</b> <b>Virtual Side Event</b>	
10 minutes	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Dilip Ratha, Head of KNOMAD, World Bank
50 minutes	<b>Panel discussion</b> Panelists will provide views on areas in which progress has been made on the Global Compact of Migration, challenges ahead, and the potential for developing a framework on indicators to monitor progress on meeting the objectives of the GCM. Panelists will also discuss lessons learned on implementing the objectives and suggest opportunities to advance the GCM's objectives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labor migration (Objective 5, Objective 6 and Objective 18): Ibrahim Awad and Michelle Leighton (tbc)</li> <li>• Climate-driven migration (Objective 2): Alexander Aleinikoff</li> <li>• Diaspora resources (Objective 19 and 20): Sonia Plaza</li> <li>• Data (Objective 1): Reiner Münz and Marie McAuliffe</li> <li>• Migrant rights (Objective 4 and Objective 16): Francois Crepeau</li> <li>• Forced displacement: Alexander Betts</li> <li>• Return migration (Objective 21): Rosilyne Borland</li> <li>• Transit migration (Objective 7, Objective 8 and Objective 11): David Khoudour and Jason Gagnon</li> <li>• Rural-Urban migration: Robert E.B. Lucas</li> </ul> Moderator: Dilip Ratha, Head of KNOMAD
15 minutes	<b>Discussion / Q&amp;A</b>
5 minutes	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

## Speaker Bios

### Moderator

**Dilip Ratha** is head of KNOMAD and lead economist, Migration and Remittances, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice at the World Bank. He is a thought leader on migration, remittances, and innovative financing for development, including diaspora bonds, future-flow securitization, and shadow sovereign credit ratings. He was an invited TEDGlobal speaker in 2014 – his TED talk, with over 1.45 million views, has inspired many start-ups. He is the

Founder of KNOMAD, Migrating out of Poverty Research Program Consortium, and African Institute of Remittances. Prior to the World Bank, he has worked at Credit Agricole Indosuez W.I. Carr Securities (Hong Kong and Singapore), and the Policy Group (Delhi), and taught at Indian Institute of Management (Ahmedabad) and Indian Statistical Institute (Delhi). He has a Ph.D. in economics from Indian Statistical Institute.

## Panelists

### 1. Data (Objective 1): Rainer Münz and Marie McAuliffe

**Rainer Münz** is Head of Research & Knowledge Center (Erste Group), Non-resident Fellow of the Migration Policy Institute, Washington DC, and Senior Fellow at the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI). He studied at Vienna University, where he earned his PhD in 1978. In 1979 he joined the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Until 1992 he was director of the Institute of Demography at the Austrian Academy of Science. Between 1992 and 2003 he was head of the Department of Demography at Humboldt University, Berlin. He was visiting professor at the Universities of Bamberg (1986), University of California at Berkeley (1986, 1989, 1997-98), Frankfurt (1988), Klagenfurt (1996, 1998), Vienna (2001-02) and Zurich (1992). He also was Senior Research Fellow at the Department of Mathematics of Finance, Technical University Vienna (2001-2002). Since 2010 he teaches at the University of St. Gallen.

Rainer has worked as consultant for the European Commission, the OECD and the World Bank. He served as an advisor to the Greek (2003), Dutch (2004) and Slovene (2008) EU presidencies. In 2000-01 he was member of the German commission on immigration reform (Süssmuth commission). Between 2008 and 2010 he was Member of the high level “Reflection Group Horizon 2020-2030” of the European Union (so-called “EU Group of the Wise”). Rainer Münz is member of several boards and advisory boards; among them: Brussels Institute for European and Global Economic Affairs (Bruegel, Brussels), Center for Migration, Integration and Citizenship at Oxford University (COMPAS, Oxford, UK), European Policy Centre (Brussels), European Forum Alpbach, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM, Vienna), International Metropolis Project (Ottawa-Amsterdam), International Organization for Migration (IOM, Geneva), SOT Accountants (Vienna-Graz-Munich), STUWO AG (Vienna), Vienna City Museum (Vienna), World Demographic and Aging Forum (WDA, St. Gallen).

**Marie McAuliffe** is the head of the Migration Research & Publications Division at IOM headquarters in Geneva and Editor of IOM’s flagship World Migration Report. She is an international migration specialist with more than 20 years of experience in migration as a practitioner, program manager, senior official and researcher. Marie has researched, published and edited widely in academic and policy spheres on migration and is on the editorial boards of scientific journals International Migration and Migration Studies, and is an Associate Editor of the Harvard Data Science Review. She edits IOM’s World Migration Report in partnership with leading migration researchers (2018 edition with Prof Martin Ruhs, 2020 edition with Prof Binod Khadria and 2022 edition with Prof Anna Triandafyllidou). She is also the incoming editor of IOM’s Migration Policy Practice journal (from mid-2022).

Marie is a Senior Associate (non-resident) at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), senior fellow at the Global Migration Centre at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and a Sir Roland Wilson Fellow at the School of Demography at the Australian National University (ANU). She co-chairs the World Bank’s KNOMAD thematic working group on migration data and demography (with Rainer Muenz), is a member of MIT’s Global Technology Review Panel, IUSSP’s panel on international migration and curates the World Economic Forum’s Migration Transformation Map. Marie is also on the board of directors of

the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS). She has been regularly called upon to advise Ministers, senior officials and CEOs on migration and displacement, including former UN Secretary General, Mr Kofi Annan, in his capacity as Chair of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State. Marie has led research, analysis and policy teams in government and previously consulted to IOM, ILO as well as in the private sector, including in South Korea, Russia, Central Asia and Turkey. For three years (2012–2014), Marie directed the \$6.5 million Australian irregular migration research program involving 31 applied/academic researchers in 12 fieldwork countries to deliver 20 complex research projects. In addition to government briefings, academic workshops and conferences, a government-research high level strategic dialogue series and 22 research occasional papers, the program resulted in an ANU Press book edited by Marie (with Khalid Koser). In late 2014 Marie was awarded a Sir Roland Wilson scholarship to complete doctoral research at ANU on irregular migration (approved late 2017). She is the 2018 recipient of the Charles Price Prize in demography for outstanding doctoral research in migration studies.

## **2. Migrant rights (Objective 4 and Objective 16): Francois Crepeau**

**François Crépeau**, O.C., F.R.S.C., Ad.E., is a Full Professor and the Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law at the Faculty of Law of McGill University, which he took up in 2008. He was the Director of the McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism from 2015 to 2020. Professor Crépeau is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Agency for Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the Chair of the Thematic Working Group: Migrant Rights and Integrations in Host Communities, KNOMAD - Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development, World Bank Group, Washington, DC, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the International Migration Initiative of the Open Society Foundations (NY). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Bureau for Children's Rights (Montreal). Furthermore, he is a member of several editorial boards: Journal of Refugee Studies, International Journal of Refugee Law, Refuge, Droits fondamentaux, European Journal of Human Rights, Inter Gentes – McGill Journal of International Law & Legal Pluralism.

François was the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants from 2011 to 2017. In this capacity, he conducted official visits to Albania, Tunisia, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Malta, the European institutions in Brussels and Vienna, Angola, Australia and Nauru. He has also produced several thematic reports: the detention of migrants, the protection of migrants' rights at the external borders of the European Union, climate change and migration, global migration governance, labour exploitation of migrants, labour recruitment practices, trade agreements and migration. He was the Chair of the Coordination Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Procedures (2014-2015).

## **3. Labor migration (Objective 5, Objective 6 and Objective 18): Ibrahim Awad and Michelle Leighton**

**Ibrahim Awad** is a Graduate of the Faculty of Economics and Political Science, University of Cairo, and received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Geneva, Switzerland. He has researched and published in Arabic, English, French and Spanish in political economy, employment, international labour migration, human and labour rights, international relations, international organization and regional integration. He held positions with regional and United Nations organizations in Argentina, Spain, Switzerland, Lebanon and Egypt. Most recently he was Director of the International Migration Programme, ILO Headquarters, Geneva, 2005-2010. Previously he was Director of the ILO Sub-regional

Office for North Africa in Cairo, 2001-2005, and Secretary of the Commission, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), 1999-2001.

He is a member of boards and scientific councils of several institutions, programmes and projects related to research on development, migration and human rights. At present he is Professor of Public Policy at the American University in Cairo (AUC), School of Global Affairs and Public Policy and Director of the Center of Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at AUC.

**Michelle Leighton** is Chief of the Labour Migration Branch for the International Labour Organization where she directs the Office's work on 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 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 taught on law 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 American University of Central Asia's 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.

#### 4. Diaspora resources (Objective 19 and Objective 20): Sonia Plaza

**Sonia Plaza** is a Senior Economist at the World Bank. She is in the Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice working on migration, remittances and diaspora; financial inclusion and cross-border labor mobility. She is the co-chair of the thematic working group on remittances and diaspora resources of the KNOMAD initiative (Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development). She produced the Migration and Remittances Factbook 2016 and led the implementation of the *Migration and Remittance Household Surveys* in Africa. She also managed the production of the *Handbook for Improving the Production and Use of Migration Data for Development* by the Global Migration Group and co-wrote the chapter on remittances. She has worked on science and technology issues as well as private sector development projects in Latin America. She has also worked in the Africa Region in the Chief Economist Office. She is a co-editor of the book *Diaspora for Development in Africa* and lead author of the book *Leveraging Migration for Africa: Remittances, Skills, and Investments*.

Sonia advises many governments and universities on issues related to the transfer of skills and tapping on diaspora resources. She is a focal point at the working level for the Bank's activities and international partnerships on migration and development (Global Forum on Migration and Development, Global Migration Group, Global Remittances Working Group). Her expertise includes banking and finance, trade, private sector development, diaspora, technology, migration and remittances data and policies. Sonia earned a degree in Economics from the University of Lima, after which she joined Chase Manhattan Bank, and was then invited to join the Peru Ministry of Trade as a manager responsible for counter trade and debt swap agreements, where she negotiated Peruvian external debt and trade

agreements. She taught International Economics at the Foreign Service School and at the University of Lima in Peru. She was also adjunct faculty (Microeconomics and Macroeconomics) at the American University in Washington, D.C. She also has a dual degree from Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania in International Economics and Development. She has been also been a Fulbright and a Ford Foundation scholar. She is a research fellow of the IZA-Institute for the Study of Labor and the Global Labor Organization (GLO).

## 5. Forced displacement: Alexander Betts

**Alexander Betts** is Professor of Forced Migration and International Affairs, William Golding Senior Fellow in Politics at Brasenose College, and Associate Head (Doctoral and Research Training) of the Social Science Division, at the University of Oxford. He served as Director of the Refugee Studies Centre between 2014 and 2017. His research focuses mainly on the political economy of refugee assistance, with a focus on Africa.

## 6. Return migration (Objective 21): Rosilyne Borland, IOM

Head, Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Unit at UN Migration Agency (IOM)

## 7. Climate-driven migration (Objective 2): Alexander Aleinikoff

**Alex Aleinikoff** is University Professor, and has served as Director of the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility since January 2017. He received a J.D. from the Yale Law School and a B.A. from Swarthmore College. Alex has written widely in the areas of immigration and refugee law and policy, transnational law, citizenship, race, and constitutional law. He is currently at work on a book tentatively titled, *The Arc of Protection: Reforming the International Refugee Regime*. His book *Semblances of Sovereignty: The Constitution, the State, and American Citizenship* was published by Harvard University Press in 2002. Alex is a co-author of leading legal casebooks on immigration law and forced migration. Before coming to The New School, Alex served as United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees (2010-15) and was a professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where he also served as dean and Executive Vice President of Georgetown University. He was co-chair of the Immigration Task Force for President Barack Obama's transition team in 2008. From 1994 to 1997, he served as the general counsel, and then executive associate commissioner for programs, at the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Alex was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2014.

## 8. Transit migration (Objective 7, Objective 8 and Objective 11): David Khoudour and Jason Gagnon

**David Khoudour** is the Regional Migration Advisor at UNDP's Latin America and the Caribbean unit. Previously, he was an economist at the OECD Development Centre, where he has coordinated the work on international migration since April 2010. He particularly manages the MacArthur Foundation-funded project on Effective Partnerships for Better Migration Management and Development. Previously, he was a researcher at the CEPPII (2008-2010), a French think-tank focusing on international economics, and a lecturer at Sciences Po in Paris, from where he holds a Ph.D. in economics (2005). He has also been a Fulbright scholar (2004-2005) at the University of California-Berkeley, a professor of economics and the director of the research centre on international migration (2005-2008) at the Universidad Externado de Colombia in Bogota, and a consultant for the OECD, the ILO

and the IOM. His research work is mainly focused on the migration-development nexus, an issue on which he has extensively published.

**Jason Gagnon** is a development economist with the OECD Development Centre and leads its work on migration and development, producing empirically-based policy reports, coordinating its Policy Dialogue on Migration and Development (PDMD). He has worked at the OECD since 2007, covering a variety of subjects related to both migration and development, and is an expert on the links between these two policy fields. In addition to international migration, he has led, drafted and published reports on informality, internal migration, urbanisation, social cohesion, well-being, and development strategies. He has been a core author of the OECD's Perspectives on Global Development flagship report since its inception in 2009, and led the team from 2017 to 2019. Sitting on several advisory boards related to migration, he brings the OECD Development Centre's unique expertise and policy circles into international and regional governance fora, such as the GFMD. He holds a PhD in economics from the Paris School of Economics (PSE).

### **9. Rural-Urban migration (Objective 2): Robert E.B. Lucas**

**Professor Robert E.B. Lucas's** research has focused largely, though not exclusively, on developing countries. Most of the contributions are empirical with a few theory papers, encompassing international and internal migration, employment and human resources, income distribution and inter-generational inequality, international trade and industry, sharecropping, and the environment. External service has involved being Chief Technical Adviser to the Malaysia Human Resource Development Program, a member of the Advisory Committee to the India-US Business Council, the Delegation to India by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the G8 Global Remittances Working Group, the Steering Committee for the Global Research Competition of the Global Development Network, and as Chair of the Inter-University Committee on International Migration. A recipient of a Kennedy Scholarship from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the Chanan Yavor Prize for the best paper in development economics, and the Gitner Prize for excellence in teaching (twice). Professor Lucas has also worked with the World Bank, ADB, FAO, ILO, OECD, USAID, the Governments of Botswana, Bolivia, and Sweden, and is a Research Affiliate at the MIT Center for International Studies. His publications include seven books, the most recent of which are *Migration and Development: The Role for Development Aid* (2019) and *Crossing the Divide: Rural to Urban Migration in Developing Countries* (2021).