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of Family Remittances
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Ten years of Global Forums

The Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development (GFRID) is part of a series of ground-breaking and inclusive international forums hosted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialized agency of the United Nations and an international financing institution (IFI), in collaboration with key development organizations and other IFIs. Over the last decade, these Forums have brought together stakeholders across all sectors and from around the world involved in the field of remittances, migration and development.

The main focus of the Global Forums is to raise awareness, promote dialogue, stimulate partnerships and create long-lasting synergies among public and private sectors, and civil society actors. The Global Forums serve as a platform to specifically share best practices and lessons learned, create opportunities to promote global remittance-related dialogue and address solutions to maximize the development impact of remittances and migrant investment trends in countries of origin.

The GFRID2017 will be held in collaboration with key regional and global partners, as was the case with the previous five editions.

2017
Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development | GLOBAL
Global coverage will focus on the role of remittances in achieving the SDGs, and opportunities in the global marketplace. To be held in New York and organized together with the World Bank and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA).



2015
Global Forum on Remittances and Development | EUROPE
 Focused on *European and global markets*, and development impact, organized by IFAD, the European Commission and the World Bank, held in Milan in conjunction with the Universal Exposition EXPO Milano 2015.



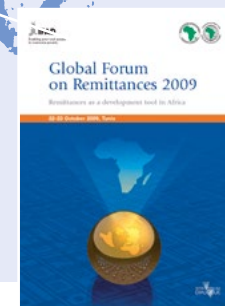
2013
Global Forum on Remittances | ASIA
 Focused on *Asia*, held in Bangkok, and organized together with the World Bank.



2005
International Forum on Remittances | AMERICAS
 Focused on *Latin America and the Caribbean*, held in Washington D.C. and organized by the IDB, after which the organization passed on to IFAD.



2007
International Forum on Remittances | GLOBAL
Global coverage, held in Washington D.C. and organized together with the IDB.



2009
Global Forum on Remittances | AFRICA
 Focused on *Africa*, held in Tunis, in collaboration with the AfDB.

The GFRID2017

Since its inception ten years ago, the Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development (GFRID) has served as a platform to raise awareness, facilitate dialogue and promote collaboration on the contribution of family remittances to development. By bringing together Member States, international organizations, and relevant organizations from the private sector and the civil society, the Forum allows stakeholders to showcase good practices and build partnerships to leverage the role of remittances in countries and communities of origin towards achieving the 2030 Agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 2017 edition of the Forum, while building on these previous experiences, will also highlight the role of diasporas as investors, especially in rural areas in countries of origin. The 2017 Forum will also discuss the linkages between displaced populations, host communities and development.

The forum is an initiative of IFAD, a specialized agency of the United Nations and IFI working to eradicate rural poverty and promote rural development through innovative investment mechanisms, including remittances. The 2017 edition will be co-organized by the Population Division and the Financing for Development Office of the **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)** and the Finance and Markets Global Practice of the **World Bank**. Partners from the private sector include the **International Association of Money Transfer Networks (IAMTN)**, **GSMA**, **International Money Transfer Conferences (IMTC)**, the **World Savings and Retail Banking Institution** and the **Microfinance Gateway**.

Main objectives

- Exchange best practices on practical, sustainable and innovative business models that expand the frontiers of the current remittance market while bridging to other financial markets and products;
- Discuss and highlight the contribution of migrant remittances and diaspora investment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the relevant commitments contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and
- Provide concrete, actionable recommendations to leverage the potential of diaspora investments and migrant remittances to development within the context of the **global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration**, to be adopted in 2018.

Specific objectives

- Highlight the contribution of migrant remittances and diaspora investments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and its targets;
- Identify measures to reduce the transfer costs of remittances, through market competition, innovative business models and the use of modern technologies;
- Assess regulatory barriers and other constraints to lower remittance transfers, promote diaspora investments and facilitate financial inclusion;
- Explore innovative financing solutions to unlock migrant investments;
- Discuss the role of migrant remittances and diaspora investments in countries and communities hosting displaced populations;
- Highlight sustainable and innovative business models that expand current remittance markets and create synergies with other financial markets and products;

- Promote national development strategies that allow for scaling up successful business models and strategies involving migrant and diaspora contributions;
- Provide facts and figures on, and addressing data gaps in measuring the level and impact of, migrant remittances and diaspora investments; and
- Celebrate the International Day for Family Remittances.

Linkages to existing United Nations processes, mechanisms and initiatives

The contributions, deliberations and recommendations of the GFRID will provide inputs to several United Nations processes, mechanisms and initiatives, in particular:

- The 2017 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (FfD Forum), to be held from 22 to 25 May 2017, as a follow up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.
- The high-level political forum on sustainable development on “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”, convened by the Economic and Social Council in New York from 10 to 19 July 2017.
- The global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, in particular the thematic session on “Contributions of migrants and diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development, including remittances and portability of earned benefits”, convened by the General Assembly in New York on 24 and 25 July 2017.

Overview

Private sector day – 15 June

UN Headquarters
Delegates Dining Room

Remittance market opportunities in 2017 and impact investment mechanisms for migrants and their families

Day 1, private sector day, will be dedicated to a cross-sector exchange. It will bring together financial industry representatives and technology entrepreneurs with government policymakers and regulators, with the aim to share new innovative instruments, promote synergies and partnerships, and discuss challenges and opportunities in the remittance market. The objectives of Day 1 are to increase access to financial services, foster competition in remittance markets, and promote remittance channels available to lower and middle-income countries. Discussions will focus on migrant investment opportunities, current mechanisms and barriers including the de-risking issue, as well as linkages and synergies with current impact investment models and instruments.

Q&A sessions and networking

Family remittances day – 16 June

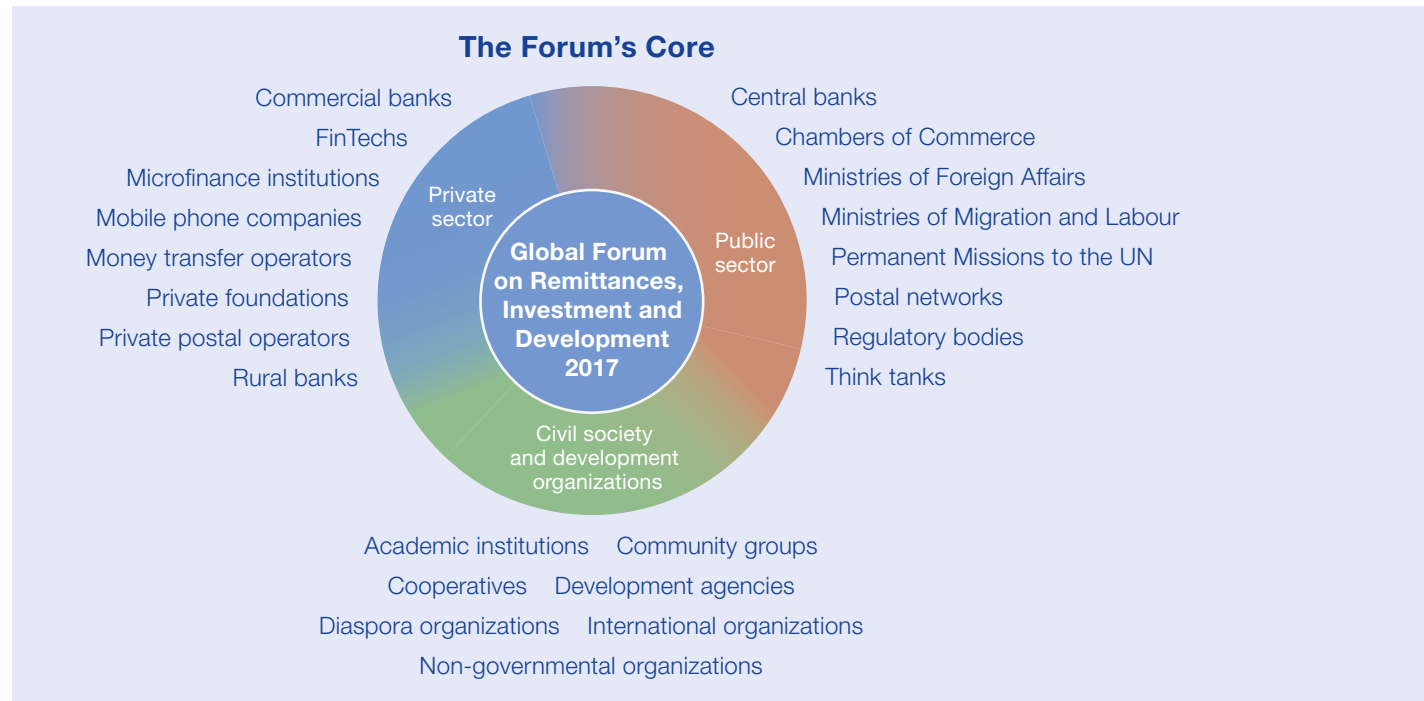
UN Headquarters
Morning: Delegates Dining Room
Afternoon: Conference Room 4

Addressing migration and development through remittances and investment in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Day 2, family remittances day, will be dedicated to the third annual celebration of the International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR), aimed at recognizing the fundamental contribution of migrant workers to their communities of origin through the money they send back home. The family remittances day will

seek to identify policies, programmes and practices to strengthen the contribution of migrant workers and diaspora communities to host communities within today's market realities. In addition to featuring governmental and development agencies' perspectives, the sessions will aim to create a common ground for both the private sector and civil society, and identify opportunities to maximize the social and economic impact of migration and development through remittances and investment. The *Sending Money Home* report will also be launched.

Q&A sessions and networking



Plenaries

are aimed at presenting the topic and sharing best practices and lessons learned.

Parallel discussions

will start with thematic presentations, followed by an audience discussion to allow interaction among participants.



Networking over coffee

will allow delegates to share their expertise and experiences, create synergies and strengthen partnerships.

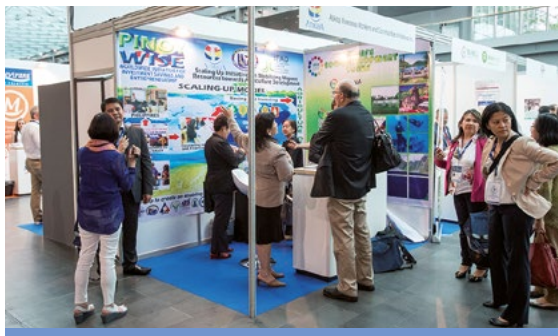
Marketplace reception

On 15 June, from 6:00 PM, selected private sector entities will showcase their latest products and innovations in a networking cocktail, open to all Forum participants.



Participation

The GFRID2017 will be open to representatives of Member States (financial regulators, central bank representatives, development experts, delegates from permanent missions, etc.), the United Nations system (international financial institutions, funds, specialized agencies and programmes, related organizations, etc.), the private sector (commercial banks, money transfer organizations, mobile operators, microfinance practitioners, etc.), civil society, academic institutions and think tanks, migrant communities, diasporas and the media. Around 300 participants are expected to join.



All photos taken at the GFRD2015.

International Day of Family Remittances – 16 June 2017

The second day of the Forum will coincide with the third annual celebration of the International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) unanimously proclaimed by IFAD's 176 Member States gathered at IFAD's 38th Governing Council meeting in February 2015.

Purpose of the IDFR is (a) to raise global awareness about the contributions of remittances to the well-being of migrant families and communities of origin, (b) to capitalize on the potential of remittances to help meet the economic, social and environmental challenges confronting lower and middle-income countries, (c) to encourage the private sector to facilitate the sending of remittances and to link these flows to a range of financial services and products for migrants and their families, and (d) to enhance the impact of remittances in communities of origin.

The creation of an IDFR was unanimously recommended by representatives of the public and private sectors, and the civil society at the GFR2013 held in Bangkok. As a United Nations specialized agency, IFAD has been called upon to take the lead in developing formal recognition of this Day.

Since its first celebration on 16 June 2015 in Milan, in the context of the GFRD2015, with the support of Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands as Patron of the Day, the IDFR

outreach campaign has evolved extensively. With a large number of international organizations and NGOs, and over 80 MTOs, representing the majority of the market, endorsing the values of this observance, the IDFR was able to ensure that the human face of remittances – millions of families in lower and middle-income countries – was given its true and deserved dimension.

This endorsement from key stakeholders comes at a time when migration has become one of the top priorities of the global development agenda, and its implications are being discussed in all major fora. A recent highlight was the High-Level Plenary Meeting to Address Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants. Held at the United Nations Headquarters on 19 September 2016, the Summit committed to develop a Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, to be adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018. In a supporting effort, the 2017 IDFR celebration aims to contribute to this process and increase awareness of the global effort towards recognizing the role of migrants in development.

In early 2017, the UN General Assembly took note of the proclamation of the IDFR ([A/RES/71/237](#)).



**International Day
of Family Remittances**
16 JUNE

IFAD's Resolution 189/XXXVIII Proclamation of an International Day of Family Remittances

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Declaration of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, unanimously adopted by the General Assembly and Member States on 3-4 October 2013,

Recalling Resolution 55/93 adopted by the General Assembly, proclaiming 18 December as International Migrants Day, which calls for the protection of their human rights,

Welcoming the recommendation, unanimously endorsed by representatives of the public and private sectors and civil society during IFAD's Global Forum on Remittances, held in Bangkok on 20-23 May 2013, to declare an International Day of Family Remittances,

Considering that in many developing countries, international remittances constitute an important source of income to poor families, projected to exceed US\$500 billion annually from 2016 onward,

Noting that the transformative impact remittances have on access to education, food, health and housing is most apparent in communities of the developing world, particularly in rural areas where poverty rates are highest,

Recognizing the critical contributions of migrants in supporting their families living in fragile states and during times of crisis,

Recognizing the work done by Member States, the United Nations system and the role of civil society organizations in promoting the development impact of family remittances,

Recognizing the role of the private sector in developing cost-effective and accessible financial transfer services,

Noting that families, as basic units of social life, are major agents of sustainable development at all levels of society and that their contribution to that process is crucial for its success,

Stressing that South-South remittances can represent an important element for international cooperation among developing countries, in their collective pursuit of economic growth and sustainable development,

Mindful that millions of families in rural areas are also supported by domestic remittances sent by family members typically living in urban locations,

- (a) **Proclaims** 16 June to be the International Day of Family Remittances,
- (b) **Invites** all governments, private-sector entities, civil society representatives and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to undertake special efforts in observance of this Day,
- (c) **Focuses** attention on the receiving end of family remittances, and the need to capitalize on their potential to further help meet the economic, social and environmental challenges confronting developing countries, particularly in rural areas,
- (d) **Encourages** the private sector to facilitate the sending of remittances and to link these flows to a range of financial services and products for migrants and their families,
- (e) **Invites** civil society organizations to bring forward initiatives based on synergies and partnerships with international organizations, governments and the private sector, that enhance the development impact of remittances in communities of origin,
- (f) **Calls upon** the United Nations General Assembly to endorse the observance of this Day.

Private sector day – 15 June

United Nations Headquarters – Delegates Dining Room

SESSION I

Sending money home: the landscape going forward

10:00 – 10:45 PLENARY I – OPENING

- *Welcoming remarks from the organizers*

Adolfo Brizzi, Director, Policy and Technical Advisory Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, United Nations-Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) (tbc)

Sebastian Molineus, Director, Finance and Markets Global Practice, World Bank

- *Keynote address from the Co-Chairmanship of 2017-2018 Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)*

Ambassador Jürgen Schulz, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

10:45 – 11:30 PLENARY II – MIGRANTS' CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT

Migrants sustain their home communities in many ways, notably through their financial contributions (remittances to their families and/or direct investment in local communities), and their entrepreneurial skills when they return home. These contributions present both opportunities and challenges for all involved: market players, governments, the migrants themselves and their families.

This panel will provide an overview of the contributions and trends to date and will set the Forum stage by highlighting key elements:

(i) migrant workers' contributions through remittances and investments; and (ii) development opportunities.

This panel will also outline the Forum's two parallel tracks on (i) remittances and (ii) migrant investment.

- *Sending money home: migrant workers' contributions back home*

Pedro de Vasconcelos, Manager, Financing Facility for Remittances, Policy and Technical Advisory Division, IFAD

- *Remittance markets 2017*

Leon Isaacs, Chief Executive Officer, Developing Markets Associates Ltd. (DMA)

FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS AND Q&A 

11:30 – 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION II

Enabling innovation: inclusive business models for remittances and migrant investment

12:00 – 13:00 PANEL I A | DDR 1

- *The role of the incumbents: leveraging on the past and adapting to the future*

Having developed successful businesses, established remittance companies now face new opportunities and challenges. Leading industry players will reflect on the last decade of activities, sharing their vision on future developments. This panel will showcase high-impact and time-tested remittance business models, and effective collaboration among stakeholders in lowering costs and improving access to both financial and non-financial services.

PANELISTS

Larry Angelilli, CFO, MoneyGram

Daniel Ayala, Executive Vice President, Global Remittance Services, Wells Fargo & Company

Tim Daly, Senior Vice President, Global Head Regulatory and Public Policy, Western Union

Y. Sudhir Kumar Shetty, Executive Director and President, UAE Exchange

MODERATOR

Massimo Cirasino, Global Lead for Payments and Market Infrastructures, Finance and Markets Global Practice, World Bank

FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A 

PANEL I B | DDR 2

- *Diaspora investors and mechanisms*

While migrant investment has demonstrated considerable potential for supporting economic growth back home, it is still hampered by a lack of appropriate financial instruments and information. This panel will highlight some ongoing initiatives aimed at facilitating diaspora investment, and will discuss challenges and further opportunities in meeting diaspora investment needs.

PANELISTS

Daniel Gonzáles, Program Officer, International Migration Initiative, Open Society Foundations

Marion Jézéquel, Chief Executive Officer, Babyloan

Pietro Mona, Deputy Head, Global Program for Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

MODERATOR

Yohannes Assefa, Director, Stalwart, Knowledge, Innovation and Technology

FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A 

13:00 – 14:30 NETWORKING LUNCH

14:30 – 15:30 PANEL II A | DDR 1

- ***The regulatory framework: current status and future prospects***

Regulatory frameworks aim at balancing the need for a secure, level-playing field; in allowing competition and innovation, this outcome is not always achieved. This panel will address recent developments in the areas of competition, transparency, and de-risking, including good practices, models and prospects from regulatory authorities.

PANELISTS

Lauren Girard, Global Head of TS Global Financial Crimes Compliance Team, JP Morgan

Nik Mohamed Din Nik Musa, Director, Money Services Business Regulation, Bank Negara Malaysia

Jody Myers, Vice President, BSA/AML Risk Assessment, Western Union

Scott Rembrandt, Assistant Director, Office of Strategic Policy for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of the Treasury

MODERATOR

Liat Shetret, Senior Advisor for Financial Integrity and MENA Programs, Global Center

FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A 

PANEL II B | DDR 2

- ***Expanding opportunities and instruments for diaspora investment***

This panel will explore challenges and opportunities in promoting and supporting diaspora investment mechanisms. The panel will bring perspectives from financiers and civil society stakeholders on ways and roles towards nurturing, enhancing and mainstreaming this growing market. The panel will also address innovative or impact-investing mechanisms that could be adapted to respond to diaspora investment needs.

PANELISTS

Jennifer M. Brinkerhoff, Professor of Public Administration and International Affairs, George Washington University

Eric V. Guichard, CEO, Movement Capital Ltd - Homestrings

Justin Sykes, Managing Director, Innovest Advisory, Social Impact through Innovation

Hassan Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer, International Bank of Somalia

MODERATOR

Lee Sorensen, Development and impact investment senior expert: fragile contexts and international development

FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A 

SESSION III

Achieving scale in an evolving remittance market

15:30 – 16:30 PANEL I A | DDR 1

- ***Innovative strategies***

Reaching scale and driving down prices in money transfers requires new partnerships, harnessing technology and other innovations. This panel will bring together different sectors (MTOs, banks, postal networks, and formal financial institutions) to identify how the money transfer ecosystem will influence the marketplace in the near future.

PANELISTS

Hemant Baijal, Vice President, Global Public Policy, MasterCard
Catherine Flouvat, Strategy & Development Orange Africa & Middle-East – Head of digital inclusion services, Orange Mobile Money
Samuel Koroma, Managing Director, SalPost, Sierra Leone
Erick Schneider, Head of Business Development for Latin America, WorldRemit

MODERATOR

Leon Isaacs, Chief Executive Officer, Developing Markets Associates Ltd. (DMA)

FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A 

PANEL I B | DDR 2

- ***Technology-driven business models***

The remittance ecosystem in 2017 showcases models that go beyond “cash-to-cash,” using innovative tools and mechanisms to process and deliver remittance services. The panel will discuss new, inclusive, and potentially disruptive approaches, such as, among others, delivery of remittances through mobile wallets, payments facilitated by social networks, blockchain-based solutions.

PANELISTS

Andrew Boyajian, Head of North America, TransferWise
Khurram Malik, CEO, ValYou
Eugenio Nigro, Head of remittances Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and Africa, PayPal
Sofia E. Freider, Vice President, Senior Director of Product Management, Product Development, Marketing, Earthport

MODERATOR

Marco Nicoli, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Finance and Markets Global Practice, World Bank

FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A 

16:30 – 16:45 COFFEE BREAK

16:45 – 17:45 PLENARY II – FINANCIAL INCLUSION THROUGH REMITTANCES: OPPORTUNITIES HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Financial inclusion is widely recognized as the foremost mechanism for leveraging the impact of remittances and investments toward reaching a range of development goals. This panel will discuss good practices and challenges in achieving a concerted approach within and across sectors that will unleash the potential of remittances towards universal financial access.

PANELISTS

Marc Hollanders, Special Adviser on Financial Infrastructure, Bank for International Settlements

Patrice Kiiru, General Manager, Diaspora Banking & International Money Transfer, Equity Bank Group

Manuel Orozco, Senior Director, Inter-American Dialogue

Shari Spiegel, Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA

MODERATOR

Henri Dommel, Director, Inclusive Finance Practice Area, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A 

17:45 – 18:00 THE REMTECH AWARDS

The GFRID hosts the *RemTech Awards*, developed by Mohr World Consulting and the International Money Transfer Conferences (IMTC) showcase the most innovative and outstanding ideas designed to improve remittance services worldwide. The 2017 winning categories will feature companies, groups, collectives or individuals whose ground-breaking solutions are improving transparency, speed, cost and reliability for the companies and end-users sending and receiving remittances every day.

MODERATOR

Hugo Cuevas-Mohr, Director, International Money Transfer Conferences (IMTC)

18:00 – 20:30 MARKETPLACE RECEPTION

Family Remittances Day – 16 June

United Nations Headquarters – Delegates Dining Room

SESSION I

International Day of Family Remittances

10:00 – 10:30

- *Tribute to migrants and their families*

The **International Day of Family Remittances** (IDFR), celebrated on 16 June, is aimed at recognizing the significant financial contribution migrant workers make to the wellbeing of their families back home and to the sustainable development of their countries of origin. It is also aimed at encouraging the public and private sectors, as well as the civil society, to do more and collaborate to maximize the impact of these funds in the developing world.

10:30 – 11:30 PANEL I

- *Sending Money Home: Migrants and the Sustainable Development Goals*

The contributions migrants and migration make to sustainable development have become increasingly evident in recent years, and were recognized in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include several migration-related targets, which seek to reduce the costs of migration and increase its positive impact. Over the last decade a growing number of member states have included this phenomena in their national policies in order to identify an provide concrete ways to 'make migration work for development'. This high level panel will bring to light the importance that migrant contributions have in their countries of origin and showcase specific actions that can be put in place by governments in their prospects towards achieving the SDGs.

FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION

Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo
President of IFAD

Louise Arbour
United Nations Secretary General's Special Representative for International Migration

Voices and views of migrants and their families:

Mary Grace Lopez-Balmes
PinoyWISE-Batangas, Philippines

Victor Manuel Asturias Cordón
Minister of Economy of Guatemala

Teodoro L. Locsin Jr
Permanent Representative of the Philippines at the United Nations

Daniela Morari
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova

MODERATOR

James Cockayne
Head of the United Nations University (UNU) Office at the United Nations, obo 2017 Chair of the Global Migration Group (GMG)

11:30 – 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 12:00 PANEL II – THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF MIGRANTS, DIASPORA GROUPS AND REFUGEES TO DEVELOPMENT

- *Keynote address from the G20 Presidency/Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPI)*

Leo Kreuz, Head of Division for Cooperation with the Private Sector, Sustainable Economic Policy, Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPI), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

12:00 – 13:30 PANEL II – THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF MIGRANTS, DIASPORA GROUPS AND REFUGEES TO DEVELOPMENT

The panel will showcase factual findings on how migrant workers' remittances and investments contribute to their countries of origin. Panelists will also highlight examples of the role migrant and refugee communities play in the stability, reconstruction, and economic development of their countries of origin.

- *Migrants and economic needs abroad*

Kingsley Aikins, CEO, Diaspora Matters

- *The contribution of migrants, refugees and diaspora for the development of their communities: facts and figures*

Dilip Ratha, Senior economist, World Bank

- *Bridging humanitarian action and sustainable development: the role of migrants and refugees*

Micol Pistelli, Credit Guarantee Facility Expert, UNHCR

- *Integrating the positive contribution of migration into national development planning*

Ashraf El Nour, Director of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Office at the United Nations

MODERATOR

Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations

FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS AND Q&A

13:30 – 15:00 NETWORKING LUNCH

SESSION II

The Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Compact on Migration

15:00 – 15:15

The presentation will report on discussions held on 15 June, and will introduce the process following the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, and the negotiations towards the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration.

- *GFRID2017 – Contributing to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration*
Bela Hovy, Chief, Migration Section, Population Division, UN-DESA

15:15 – 16:30 PANEL I – WHAT ROLE CAN MIGRANTS' CONTRIBUTIONS PLAY?

The panel will bring to light migrant workers' multifaceted contributions to development. This panel will discuss on concrete ways whereby governments can promote an enabling environment, and partner with private and civil society and other stakeholders to make migration work for development.

PANELISTS

Oscar Chacón, Executive Director, Alianza Américas

Amadou Cissé, Executive Director, African Institute for Remittances

Estrella Mai Dizon-Añonuevo, Executive Director, Atikha Overseas Workers and Communities Initiative Inc.

Lee Sorensen, Development and impact investment senior expert: fragile contexts and international development

MODERATOR

Judith Arrieta Munguia, Minister, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS AND MEMBER STATES ENGAGEMENT AND INTERACTION

16:30 – 17:30 PANEL II – PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT: A DRIVING FORCE TO REACH SCALE

The international community has recently called for a more concerted effort to bring together government policy makers and regulators, and financial and technology industry representatives, to increase access to financial services, and foster competition in the remittance and diaspora investment markets. This panel will bring together prominent private sector stakeholders, and will showcase current market opportunities and challenges in support of the SDGs.

PANELISTS

Mohit Davar, Chairman of Advisory Board, International Association of Money Transfer Networks (IAMTN)

Nathan Naidoo, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Mobile Money, GSMA

Ian Radcliffe, Director, World Savings and Retail Banking Institute (WSBI)

Stefano Signore, Head of Unit Migration, Employment and Inequalities, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

MODERATOR

Masud Bin Momen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations

FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS AND MEMBER STATES ENGAGEMENT AND INTERACTION

17:30 – 17:45

- *Regional opportunities and future of the Forum*

Nik Mohamed Din Nik Musa, Director, Money Services Business Regulation, Bank Negara Malaysia

17:45 – 18:00

- *Conclusion and the way forward*

Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo, President of IFAD

The RemTECH Awards

Bringing Remittances Innovation Forward

The Remittances Innovation Awards (RemTECH Awards) will showcase the most innovative and outstanding ideas, services and products, designed to improve remittance services worldwide.

The awardees will be companies, groups, or individuals coming up with ground-breaking solutions that benefit the market ecosystem, improve transparency, speed, cost and reliability for companies and remittance senders and receivers.

Nominees will come to San Francisco on June 13, as part of IMTC USA 2017, and to the RemTECH Awards presentation at the GFRID2017 on June 15.

“The RemTECH Awards are a step in moving forward the evolution of an industry that I don’t see being disrupted heads-down but slowly evolving. The global remittance industry has many faces, many countries involved, many players, many customer behaviors, and many challenges that have to be faced (regulatory, financial exclusion of service providers, increase in compliance costs, taxes, etc). We hope the RemTECH Awards contributes to the needed evolution and helps in welcoming new ideas.”

Hugo Cuevas-Mohr – IMTC, RemTech Director

The RemTECH Awards were developed and managed by



www.imtconferences.com



The following categories were used as guidelines to submit proposal and for the independent judging panel that was chosen to select the awardees.

- End User Experience
- Social Impact
- Marketing-Advertising
- Innovative Agent Solution
- Back-Office Solution (FX Management/Treasury)
- RegTech/Compliance/kyc/AML/CTF
- Social Impact
- Business Service/B2B-B2P-P2B

An OPEN category will group out-of-the-box ideas that do not fit in any other.



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The independent judging panel used the following criteria to judge the entries:

- Originality, Creativity and Intent
- Functionality and Technical Qualities
- Ease of Use and Adoption
- Game-changer – Impact
- Integration and Performance
- Sustainability and Potential for Growth
- On-line Popularity

The judging panel was free to select unique awards per category to shine a spotlight on individual characteristics of special entries such as Most Creative, Most Innovative Technology, Most Innovative Product, Most Innovative Service, Most Ready for Success, Most Marketable, etc.

The Judging Panel

The RemTECH organization and IMTC want to thank the Award Judges for their help and support:

- Francois Briod
- Luis Buenaventura
- Mehul Desai
- Sofia Freyder
- Greta Geankoplis
- Leon Isaacs
- Faisal Khan
- Yakov Kofner
- Juan Llanos

The Remittance Marketplace

South Delegates Dining Room

The marketplace reception will be hosted on 15 June from 18:00 to 20:30 in the South Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations Headquarters. It will see the participation of selected private sector entities who will showcase their latest products and innovations to all Forum participants.

Exhibitors will have the opportunity to gain further visibility by showcasing new products, business models, tools and technologies to a high-level audience of government officials, industry representatives, development workers and civil society leaders. Over 25 companies have been invited to participate.

A dedicated Marketplace Note with logistic details and further information is available for the exhibitors.

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- 1 African Institute for Remittances (AIR)
- 2 Auxfin
- 3 Azimo
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- 7 Homestrings
- 8 IAMTN
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