

## Provisional agenda



**PRIVATE SECTOR DAY - 15 June**  
**United Nations Headquarters – Delegates Dining Room**

**Session I      Sending money home: The landscape going forward**

**Plenary I – Opening**

10:00 – 10:40

Welcoming remarks from the organizers

Outlining opportunities for collaboration with the private sector to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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

John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division United Nations-Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)

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

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

Götz Schmidt-Bremme, *Ambassador for the 2017-2018 GFMD, Co-Chairmanship, German Federal Foreign Affairs*

**Plenary II – Migrants' contribution to development**

10:40 – 11:30

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 investmec



Panel II A – The regulatory framework:  
Current status and future prospects

Room 1

14:30 – 15:30

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**, Bank Negara Malaysia

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

**Sarah Runge**, Director, Office of Strategic Policy for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of the Treasury

*Moderator*

**Louis De Koker**, Chair in Law, Deakin University

Format: Panel discussion and Q&A

Panel II B – Expanding opportunities and instruments for diaspora investment

Room 2

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*

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

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

**Shesh Ghale**, President, Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA)

*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

### Panel I A – Innovative strategies Room 1

15:30-16:30

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

**Catherine Flouvat**, Strategy & Development Orange Africa & Middle-East - Head of digital inclusion services, Orange Mobile Money

**Samuel Koroma**, Managing Director, SalPost, Sierra Leone  
**Kiril Palchum**, CEO, Unistream Bank

#### Moderator

**Kai Schmitz**, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Format: Panel discussion and Q&A

### Panel I B – Technology business models Room 2

The remittance ecosystem in 2017 showcases models that go beyond “cash-to-cash,” using innovative tools and mechanisms for remittance-end customers. The panel will discuss new, inclusive, and disruptive approaches, such as e-wallets, social network payment models, and comparison and transparency tools.

#### Panelists

**Khurram Malik**, CEO, ValYou

**Kristo Käärman**, CEO, TransferWise

**Eugenio Nigro**, Head of remittances Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and Africa, PayPal

#### Moderator

**Marco Nicoli**, Remittances Specialist, Finance and Markets Global Practice, The World Bank

Format: Panel discussion and Q&A

16:30-16:45

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

Format: Panel discussion and Q&A

## The RemTech Awards

17:45-18:00

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

**FAMILY REMITTANCES DAY - 16 June**

12:00-12:15

Coffee break

Panel II – The financial contribution of migrants, diaspora groups and refugees to development

12:15–13:30

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 Director, Migration and Remittances, World Bank

## Panel I - What role do migrants' contributions play?

15:15–16:15

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

development and impact in investments

*Moderator*

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16:30-17:30

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17:45 – 18:00

Conclusions and the way forward

**Towards the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**

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

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**Concluding remarks**

**IFAD**

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