

29 May 2017

INVITATION – 10th GFMD Summit Business Meeting
29 June 2017 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm, followed by a reception
Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure to cordially invite you to the business meeting of the 10th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Summit on **29 June 2017 in Berlin**. The aim is to present business recommendations to GFMD participating states, which will also feed into the global compact for fair, regular and orderly migration to be adopted by UN member states in 2018.

The Business Mechanism divides its work into four committees which address policy areas of interest to business:

1. The need for global skills mobility
2. Responsible recruitment
3. Innovations for migrant and refugee access to labour markets
4. Entrepreneurship and circular migration

The last GFMD business thematic meeting took place on 3 and 4 April 2017. The general conclusions called for clear, transparent and coherent migration policies that facilitate the movement of skills and economic growth. Growing skills mismatches and skills gaps in many countries, as well as looming demographic challenges, make it all the more urgent for business to strengthen its role in advocating for a regulatory environment in which labour migration policies support business and development to create jobs and economic growth. The global compact for migration should include elements of good governance (“orderly migration”) which recognize labour market needs, as well as legal pathways (“regular migration”) that enable the well-managed movement of skills across borders.

Why it is important for you and your company to attend?

- Advise governments how to decrease the difficulty and cost of recruitment
- Share strategies for integrating immigrants into your workforce
- Help to shape the rules of the game
- Network with peers and engage policymakers
- Acquire tools to navigate the complex world of migration policy and regulation

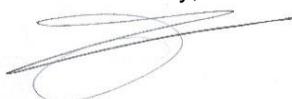
We are pleased to inform you that you are also invited to:

- A **buffet luncheon**, hosted by Germany prior to the business meeting, on **29 June at 1:15pm**
- The **“common space” sessions**, that serve as a platform for interaction between governments, international organizations, civil society, private sector and other non-state partners, on **30 June from 9:00am to 4:00pm**.

We would be honoured to be able to count on your participation on 29 June. We have attached the tentative programme, which is fully finalised in the coming days and uploaded to our website: www.GFMDBusinessMechanism.org.

Kindly register for the event with Ms. Paola Cubillos (cubillos@ioe-emp.com).

Yours faithfully,



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