Annotated Agenda for Business Mechanism GFMD 21-22-25 January 2021

Thursday January 21, 2021: Business Networking

The following 6 regional dialogues will focus on two questions:

1. What are **2 key *solutions* for the hardest migration challenges in COVID time** in your country or region?
2. **How can businesses and governments collaborate concretely in those solutions *to recover*** from COVID-time in your country or region?

I. First set of 3 regional Dialogues: Africa/English speaking, Asia Pacific, Middle East
10 – 12 CET (Geneva)

1. Business-government networking: Regional dialogue for **Africa/English speaking**	
10:00 – 10:10	**Welcoming remarks from the Moderator:** *Mr. Amadou Sako,* External Adviser for the Africa Region, International Organization of Employers
10:10 – 10:40	**Brief presentation of key research highlights:** *Mr. Amadou Sako* **Discussion**
10:40 – 11:50	**Exchange on questions 1 and 2** **Business discussion starter:** *Ms. Jacqueline Mugo,* Executive Director, Federation of Kenya Employers **Open, informal dialogue** between business and governments
11:50 – 12:00	**Concluding remarks by Moderator**

2. Business-government networking: Regional dialogue for **Asia-Pacific**	
10:00 – 10:20	**Welcome remarks by the Moderator:** Ms. Gayatri Kanth, Project Manager, IOE **Brief presentations:** • K**ey research highlights on the Impact of Migration on Business across Asia –** Ms. Kanth • **The Asian Employers' Declaration –** Mr. Kanishka Weerasinghe, Director General /CEO, The Employers' Federation of Ceylon
10:10 – 10:40	**Discussion**
10:40 – 11:50	**Exchange on questions 1 and 2** **Business discussion starter:** *Mr. Farooq Ahmed,* Secretary-General, Bangladesh Employers Federation (BEF) **Open, informal dialogue** between business and governments

11:50 – 12:00	**Concluding remarks by Moderator**

3. Business-government networking: Regional dialogue for **the Middle East** (with English-Arabic interpretation)	
10:00 – 10:10	**Welcoming remarks from the Moderator:** *Mr. John K. Bingham,* Head of Stakeholder Engagement (ad interim). International Organisation of Employers
10:10 – 11:00	**Brief presentation of key research highlights:** *Mr. Bingham* **Setting the scene:** *Mr. Murtaza Khan*, Partner, Fragomen **Discussion**
11:00 – 11:50	**Exchange on questions 1 and 2** **Business discussion starter:** *Mr. Khalifa Mattar*, Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FCCI) **Open, informal dialogue** between business and governments
11:50 – 12:00	**Concluding remarks by Moderator**

II. Second set of 3 regional Dialogues: Africa/French speaking, Americas, Europe

Thursday 21 January - 16 – 18 CET (Geneva)

4. Business-government networking: Regional dialogue for **Africa/French speaking** (with English-French interpretation)	
16:00 – 16:10	**Welcoming remarks from the Moderator:** *Mr. John K. Bingham,* Head of Stakeholder Engagement (ad interim). International Organisation of Employers
16:10 – 16:40	**Brief presentation of key research highlights:** Mr. Bingham **Discussion**
16:40 – 17:50	**Exchange on questions 1 and 2** **Business discussion starter:** *Mr. El Mahfoudh Megateli,* Secrétaire General de la Confédération Générale des Entreprises Algériennes (CGEA) **Open, informal dialogue** between business and governments
17:50 – 18:00	**Concluding remarks by Moderator**

5. Business-government networking: Regional dialogue for **Americas** (with English-Spanish interpretation)	
16 :00 – 16:10	**Welcome remarks from the Moderator:** *Ms. Maria Paz Anzorreguy,* Director of ILO Coordination, International Organisation of Employers
16:10 – 16:40	**Brief presentation of key research highlights:** Ms. Anzorreguy **Discussion**
16:40 – 17:50	**Exchange on questions 1 and 2**

	Business discussion starter: *Ms. Carolina Mejia Micolta,* National Association of Businessmen of Colombia (ANDI) **Open, informal dialogue** between business and governments
17:50 – 18:00	**Concluding remarks by Moderator**

6. Business-government networking: Regional dialogue for **Europe**	
16:00 – 16:10	**Welcoming remarks from the Moderator:** *Mr. Matthias Thorns,* Deputy Secretary General, International Organization of Employers
16:10 – 16:40	**Brief presentation of key research highlights:** *Mr. Thorns* **Discussion**
16:40 – 17:50	**Exchange on questions 1 and 2** **Business discussion starter:** *Ms. Renate Hornung-Draus*, Managing Director of the Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA) **Open, informal dialogue** between business and governments
17:50 – 18:00	**Concluding remarks by Moderator**

Friday 22 January 2021: "Building Forward Better"

1st plenary: "Solutions for Recovery and Rejuvenation from COVID-time: The Business Case and Common Ground" 12:30-13:15 prime time; all times CET (Geneva)	
12:30 – 12:45	**Welcoming remarks from Moderator:** *Mr. Roberto Suarez Santos*, Secretary-General, International Organisation of Employers **Greeting:** *H.E. Abdulla Ali Al Nuaimi,* Assistant Undersecretary, International Relations and Communications, Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization, United Arab Emirates **Keynote:** *Mr. Austin Fragomen* Chair Business Advisory Group, hosted by International Organisation of Employers
12:45 – 13:15	**interaction on questions:** **Question 1:** What are 2 key *business* solutions that you see for recovery and rejuvenation from the COVID crisis? **Question 2:** Rather than focus just on differences, where is there common ground on such solutions with other actors and groups—and do you think there is enough common ground for us to build forward better—and faster? 2 discussion starters *(4 min each)* • *Ms. Girlie Grace J. Casimiro-Igtiben,* Director, National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), The Philippines • *Mr. Ambet Yuson*, General Secretary, Building and Woodworkers International Interventions from the floor

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IOE-SEEDSTARS Migration Challenge pitching Competition Part 1: first round of 10 finalists	
13:15 – 13:55	**Business Start-up finalist Pitching Competition** 10 pitches plus jury Q & A (pre-recorded)

13:55 – 14:05	**Break**

Plenary Discussion 2. "Solutions for Recovery and Rejuvenation from COVID-time: the Development Case and Common Ground"	
14:05 – 14:10	**Welcoming remarks from Moderator:** *Ms. Ronnie Goldberg* Chair Policy Working Group Labour Migration, International Organisation of Employers
14:10 – 14:50	**Interaction on questions:** **Question 1:** What are the 2 -3 key *development* solutions that you see for recovery and rejuvenation from the COVID crisis? **Question 2:** Is there common ground on such solutions with other actors and groups—and do you think there is enough common ground for us to build forward better—and faster? 3 discussion starters *(4 min each)* • *Mr. Jochem de Boer,* Global Public Affairs Manager World Employment Confederation • *Ms. Simone Giger* Head, Global Programme Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Federal Department of Foreign Affairs • *Ms. Veronique Lamontagne,* Policy officer, strategic planning, general management and Migration file manager, International Relations Office City of Montreal, Canada Interventions from the floor
IOE-SEEDSTARS Migration Challenge pitching Competition Part 2: second round of 10 finalists	
14:50 – 15:30	**Business start-up finalist pitching competition** Second 10 pitches and jury Q & A Invitation to Open Space Monday 25 January 12:40-12:55 (pre-recorded)

Monday 25 January 2021: "Open Space" Migration and Development Partnerships through 2020 and Beyond

**Winner announcement: IOE-Seedstars Migration Challenge competition **12:30-15:30 prime time; all times CET (Geneva)	
12:30 – 12:40	*Welcome and Introductions by organisers*
12:40 –12:55	***The Migration Challenge Winner Announcement (IOE - Seedstars)*** • Roberto Introduction (1-2 min)

	• Winner announcement video (5 min) • Live Q&A Interview moderated by ***Roberto Suarez Santos*** with the winner and runner ups. (10 min)