

**Unleashing the potential of Migration Partnerships:  
Towards a comprehensive approach**

18 November 2024, 09:00 – 17:00

Flemings Selection Hotel Wien-City, Josefstädter Str. 10-12, 1080 Vienna, Austria

8:30	<b>Doors open &amp; welcome coffee</b>
9:00	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marian Benbow Pfisterer, Chief of Mission, IOM Country Office for Austria</li> <li>Peter Webinger, Director-General for Migration and International Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior</li> </ul>
9:30	<p><b>Keynote: The importance of comprehensive approaches to migration partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philippe Leclerc, Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe, UNHCR</li> </ul>
10:15-10:45 – COFFEE BREAK	
<b>Panel I: Migration Diplomacy – How to build strong partnerships</b>	
10:45	<p><u>Content:</u></p> <p>The panel will discuss various diplomatic approaches and instruments for establishing Migration Partnerships. Drawing from their experiences, the panellists will examine the advantages and challenges of these partnerships and offer insights on what makes them successful.</p> <p><u>Input by the moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandra Lavenex, Professor of European and International Politics, University of Geneva</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter Webinger, Director-General for Migration and International Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior</li> <li>Khalid Zerouali, Director of Migration and Border Control, Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Morocco (tbc)</li> <li>Catherine Northing, Head of International Partnerships Division, Office of Partnerships, Advocacy and Communication, IOM (tbc)</li> <li>Johannes Luchner, Deputy Director General for Horizontal Affairs and Migration, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</li> </ul> <p><u>Q&amp;A with the audience</u></p>
12:15-13:15 LUNCH BREAK	
<b>Panel II: Migration Partnerships in the context of global, multi-faceted challenges</b>	
13:15	<p><u>Content:</u></p> <p>This panel will explore new ideas on how migration partnerships can sustainably address migration by leveraging its potential and managing associated challenges. A particular focus will be given to innovative solutions addressing irregular migration, underlining the need for stronger cooperation with key countries along migratory routes.</p> <p><u>Input by the moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tobias Molander, Director for EU and International Migration and Special Representative for External Migration Policy, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen, Special Envoy for Migration, Denmark</li> <li>Daniel Thym, Professor of Public Law, European and International Law at the University of Konstanz</li> <li>Representative of an EU country (tbc)</li> <li>Representative of a non-EU country (tbc)</li> <li>Patrick Eba, Deputy Director General from Division of International Protection, UNHCR</li> </ul> <p><u>Q&amp;A with the audience</u></p>

**Panel III: New frameworks for legal migration pathways**

15:15	<p><u>Content:</u></p> <p>The panel looks at the intersection of Migration Partnerships and labour migration, reflecting on new frameworks for regular migration pathways like EU Talent Partnerships, Skills Mobility Partnerships and Bilateral Labour Migration Agreements. Topics to be discussed include addressing labour shortages, enhancing skills development, and strategies for attracting foreign talent.</p> <p><u>Input by the moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marina Manke, Chief of Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC), Global Data Institute, IOM</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilar Cancela Rodríguez, Secretary of State for Migration, Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Spain</li> <li>• Shadrack Mwangolo Mwandime, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Republic of Kenya</li> <li>• Maximilian Buchleitner, Head Internationale Fachkräfte-Offensive (IFO), Austrian Federal Economic Chamber</li> <li>• Margit Kreuzhuber, Head of WORK in AUSTRIA, Austrian Business Agency</li> </ul> <p><u>Q&amp;A with the audience</u></p>
16:45	<p><b>Final remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Franziska Kandolf, Deputy Director General for Migration and International Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior</li> </ul>
17:00	<p><b>End of the conference</b></p>

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