

**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	Doors open & welcome coffee
9:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marian Benbow Pfisterer, Chief of Mission, IOM Country Office for Austria Peter Webinger, Director-General for Migration and International Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior
9:30	<p>Keynote: The importance of comprehensive approaches to migration partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philippe Leclerc, Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe, UNHCR
10:15-10:30 – COFFEE BREAK	
Panel I: Migration Diplomacy – How to build strong partnerships	
10:30	<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"> Sandra Lavenex, Professor of European and International Politics, University of Geneva <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Webinger, Director-General for Migration and International Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior Johannes Luchner, Deputy Director General for Horizontal Affairs and Migration, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission Lindsay Jenkins, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State Catherine Northing, Head of International Partnerships Division, Office of Partnerships, Advocacy and Communication, IOM <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p>
12:00-13:00 LUNCH BREAK	
Panel II: Migration Partnerships in the context of global, multi-faceted challenges	
13:00	<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"> Tobias Molander, Director for EU and International Migration and Special Representative for External Migration Policy, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior <p><u>Panel discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynder Nkuranga, Director General for Immigration, National Intelligence and Security Service, Republic of Rwanda Souadou N’Diaye, Technical Advisor for Migration and Refugees, Ministry of the Interior, Mauritania Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen, Special Envoy for Migration, Denmark Emilie Wiinblad Mathez, Senior Protection Coordinator, Division of International Protection, Policy and Law Service, UNHCR Daniel Thym, Professor of Public Law, European and International Law at the University of Konstanz <p><u>Q&A with the audience</u></p>

Panel III: New frameworks for legal migration pathwaysContent:

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.

Input by the moderator:

- Marina Manke, Chief of Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC), Global Data Institute, IOM

Panel discussion:

- Shadrack Mwangolo Mwadime, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Republic of Kenya
- Maximilian Buchleitner, Head Internationale Fachkräfte-Offensive (IFO), Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
- Margit Kreuzhuber, Head of WORK in AUSTRIA, Austrian Business Agency

Q&A with the audience

15:00

16:30

Final remarks

- Franziska Kandolf, Deputy Director General for Migration and International Affairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior

17:00

End of the conference*** DATA PROTECTION NOTICE FOR EXTERNAL IOM EVENTS**

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