



**Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD),  
Migration Research Program (MiReKoc), Koç University and  
The Turkish Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)**  
cordially invite you to a seminar on

## **Harnessing Migration, Remittances and Diaspora for Financing Sustainable Development**

**July 8, 2015, 12:30 - 2:00 PM**

**Venue:** Hotel Conrad Istanbul Bosphorous, Room M31, Barbaros Bulevard No: 5, Beşiktaş, Istanbul

**Speakers:**

Dilip Ratha, Head, KNOMAD

Manolo Abella, Chair KNOMAD Thematic Working Group “Low-Skilled Migration”

Ahmet İçduygu, Dean, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Director, Migration Research Program (MiReKoc), Koç University, Istanbul

**Description:**

This seminar takes place against the backdrop of the intergovernmental negotiations at the United Nations General Assembly for the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, July 13-16, 2015) and the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (New York, September 2015). The seminar will explore how migration and remittances can be leveraged to raise financing for sustainable development via reducing remittance costs, lowering labor migration costs including recruitment costs, and mobilizing diaspora savings and diaspora philanthropic contributions. A special focus will be on the reduction of recruitment costs, which can generate significant savings in the hands of migrant workers and their families. The seminar will also look closer at the linkages between migration and development in the case of Turkey.

Light lunch will be served. Please contact Harifera Raobelison ([hraobelison@worldbank.org](mailto:hraobelison@worldbank.org)) to RSVP.

## Speakers:

**Dilip Ratha** is Lead Economist and Head of KNOMAD, in the Development Prospects Group of the World Bank. He is the focal point for the World Bank's Migration Working Group and the Diaspora Bond Task Force, and a co-coordinator of the (G8) Global Remittances Working Group. Besides migration and remittances, Dilip's research reflects a deep interest in innovative financing for poor countries: diaspora bonds, future-flow securitization, shadow sovereign ratings and South-South foreign direct investment. He is currently the chair of the Consortium Advisory Group (and previously the founding CEO) of the Migrating out of Poverty Research Consortium based in the University of Sussex. Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked as a regional economist for Asia at Credit Agricole Indosuez, Singapore; as an assistant professor of economics at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; and as an economist at the Policy Group, New Delhi. He has a Ph.D. in economics from the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi where he also worked as a visiting lecturer and helped build a CGE model of the Indian economy. Dilip hosts People Move, a popular blog and can be followed on Twitter at @DilipRatha. His TED Talk "The hidden force in global economics: sending money home" has been viewed over a million times.

**Manolo Abella**, economist, and formerly the Director of the International Migration Programme of the ILO in Geneva. He has been actively involved in international efforts to develop a multilateral framework for the management of labor migration and spent many years writing and rendering advice to governments on policies and best practices. He is currently chairing KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Low-skilled labor migration. He is also helping COMPAS to develop short courses in Asia. These are particularly focused on connecting academic research and labor migration policies and how this knowledge can best be organized for training of senior government officials.

**Ahmet İçduygu** is Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Koç University, Istanbul, where he is a full professor in the departments of both international relations and sociology. He is also the Director of the Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc). He is an elected member of the Science Academy in Turkey, and has held fellowships at Stockholm University, the University of Warwick, the University of Manchester, and the European University Institute in Florence. In addition to his own research, Dr. İçduygu has conducted various research projects for international organizations such as the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the European Union, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the International Labor Organization. His areas of focus include migration studies, theories and practices of citizenship, the role of international organizations, civil society, and nationalism and ethnicity. He holds a PhD in demography from Australian National University.