IMPACT OF COVID19 ON MIGRATION AND REMITTANCES

Monday, January 25, 2021

Time: 16:00 – 18:00 pm CET time

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

16:00 – 16:10 Welcome & Introduction, Mahmoud Mohieldin, Executive Director to the International Monetary Fund, Egypt and Arab States (TBC, Chair)

16:10 – 16:20 COVID-19 Crisis Through a Migration Lens, Dilip Ratha, Lead Economist and Head of KNOMAD, World Bank

16:20 – 17:20 Panel Discussion (8 minutes per panelist)

Simone Giger Petra, Head of the Global Program on Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Camilla Hagstroem, Head of Sector, Migration and asylum, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Stefanie Scharf, Head of Division 220: Policy Issues of Displacement and Migration, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) (TBC)

Representative from the UK (TBC)

Representative from Italy (TBC)

Representative from the Pacific Islands (TBC)

Representatives from The Gambia, Ecuador, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan?

Representative from the Business Mechanism (TBC)

Representative from the Civil Society (TBC)

Representative from the Mayoral Mechanism (TBC)

17:20 – 17:35 Interventions of Ministers and country delegations from the floor

17:35 – 17:55 Q&A
Questions for the panelists

1) how COVID-19 has impacted migration and remittances and what measures different countries, donor agencies and different stakeholders have implemented including on: (i) safe and regular (legal) labor mobility, (ii) remittances, and (iii) partnerships.

2) What are your views on the role of the GFMD and IFIs and other development partners with respect to building back better after COVID-19 with a focus on migration and remittances?

3) What are the policy challenges facing your country/institution in facilitating remittances during COVID?