



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



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Closing, Mahmoud Mohieldin, Executive Director to the International Monetary Fund, Egypt and Arab States (Chair)

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?