



**GFMD Ad Hoc Working Group on the Impacts of COVID-19 on Migrants,
Migration and Development**

A Side Event on

Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Prevention, Response and Recovery

Monday, 18 January 2020

16h00 – 18h00 CET

The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Impact of COVID-19 on Migrants, Migration and Development was established in April 2020 with the objective, *inter alia*, to support the GFMD by discussing and proposing effective ways in which to advance multi-stakeholder dialogue about the impact of COVID-19, building on previous work of the GFMD relating to migrants in crisis, and advancing the implementation and review of Agenda 2030. Under the leadership of the Government of Indonesia, the Government of Switzerland and the GFMD Business Mechanism, a key milestone of the Working Group in 2020 was the development of a *Working Paper on Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Prevention, Response and Recovery*. The Working Paper is informed by multi-stakeholder inputs, as well as the outcomes of a GFMD survey on the impacts of the pandemic.

Through this side event, the Ad Hoc Working Group aims to present the main elements of the Working Paper and to kickstart a GFMD discussion on how to better address the challenges the pandemic has provoked in the area of migration and development, as well as to identify gaps and propose solutions moving forward.

“A year after the start of the outbreak, as the broader international community starts to take stock of what went well, what went wrong and how we can “build back better.” It is our responsibility to consider the key role that human mobility will and should play in building a fairer, greener and more resilient future for humanity.”

– Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Impacts of COVID-19-

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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| 16h00 – 16h10 | Opening Remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government of Indonesia• Government of Switzerland• Business Mechanism |
| 16h10 – 16h20 | Global Outlook on COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Organization for Migration |
| 16h20 – 16h50 | Perspectives by GFMD Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government• Business• Civil Society• Mayors / Local Authorities• Youth |
| 16h50 – 17h00 | Findings of the GFMD Survey on the Impacts of COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Center for Migration Policy Development |
| 17h00 – 17h50 | Open Discussion / Q & A |
| 17h50 – 18h00 | Closing Remarks |