

13th GFMD Summit Side Event

Harnessing Diaspora Contributions to COVID-19 Recovery Efforts in Countries of Origin

Agenda

19 January 2021 - 16:00 – 18:00 CET

Objective of the session

The many ways how diaspora organizations contribute to recovery efforts from COVID-19 in their countries and communities of origin remains largely overlooked. However, experiences show that harnessing diaspora contributions can serve to amplify the impact of national and local COVID-19 responses and recovery efforts. With concrete examples by national and local public authorities, as well as representatives from diaspora organizations, this event will be the opportunity to discuss good practices and practical approaches replicable in other contexts.

Methodology

The session will consist of two main discussions with short interventions from the panellists and interaction with the audience to discuss how different diaspora organizations around the world, in close collaboration with national and local authorities, have contributed to COVID-19 responses in their countries of origin, and how we can harness such contribution.

Moderators

- **Mr. Luca Renda**, Head, Recovery Solutions and Human Mobility Team, UNDP
- **Ms. Cécile Riallant**, Head, Migration and Sustainable Development Unit, IOM

Panellists

- **Ms. Fawziya Abikar Nur**, Minister of Health & Human Services, Federal Republic of Somalia
- **Ms. Valentina Casian**, Mayor, Straseni, Republic of Moldova
- **Mr. Peter Kwok**, Chair, Global Diaspora Confederation
- **Ms. Kathleen Newland**, Senior Fellow and Co-founder, Migration Policy Institute

Schedule

16:00 – 16:10	Welcoming remarks
16:10 – 17:00	Part 1: How diaspora organizations have contributed to the COVID-19 response in their countries of origin
17:00 – 17:50	Part 2: Lessons learnt: How to harness diaspora contributions?
17:50 – 18:00	Concluding remarks