



13th GFMD Summit Side Event

Beyond Recovery: A Post-COVID-19 Socio-Economic Response for Migrants and their Communities

Agenda

18 January 2021 - 16:00 – 18:00 CET

Objective of the session

With the right policies in place, migrants can be central to and play a major role in recovery plans for countries emerging from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Socio-economic (re)integration and social cohesion are key to fostering positive development outcomes in countries of origin, transit and destination. While COVID-19 is still at peak levels in many countries, it is timely to consider how this can be addressed in the near and longer term. In this session, participants will share practices that address the needs and vulnerabilities of migrants and their communities, but also build on their skills, knowledge and expertise.

Methodology

The session will consist of two main discussions with short interventions from the panellists and interaction with the audience to discuss share and discuss practices, challenges and lessons learned for building more inclusive and cohesive post-COVID-19 economies and societies.

Panellists

- **Mr. Lucas Gómez**, Advisor on the Colombia-Venezuela Border, Presidency of Colombia
- **Mr. David Khoudour**, Human Mobility Advisor, UNDP
- **Ms. Michelle Leighton**, Chief Labour Migration, ILO
- **Ms. Katrin Marchand**, UN University-MERIT & Maastricht Graduate School of Governance
- **Mr. Kristof Tamas**, Senior Adviser, Swedish Ministry of Justice

Schedule

16:00 – 16:10	Welcoming remarks
16:10 – 17:00	Part 1: Facing the COVID-19 crisis: socio-economic impacts and policy responses
17:00 – 17:50	Part 2: Beyond recovery: Socio-economic (re)integration and social cohesion
17:50 – 18:00	Concluding remarks