

## Platform for Partnerships

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Cécile Riallant is a migration and development expert with 20 years of experience in this line of work. She is currently managing the Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMIDI), a global UN/IOM inter-agency programme administered by UNDP focused on reinforcing the role and positioning of local authorities, including cities, in linking migration and development. She is also the Senior Migration and Development Specialist at IOM Headquarters. She joined the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2000, after three years of working as a researcher. She has managed for IOM numerous programmes and projects in the field of migration with geographical scope in the Great Lakes (Africa), Afghanistan, the Balkans and Europe.

From 2005 to 2008, she was Deputy Chief of Mission of the IOM Mission in Indonesia, working to support populations internally displaced by the 2004 tsunami in North Sumatra. She is a member of the Editorial Board of Migration Policy Practice, of the International Steering Committee of Metropolis, of the International Steering Committee of the civil society component of the Global Forum on Migration and Development and a contributor to the 2015 World Migration Report on Migrants and Cities. She holds a Bachelor degree in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Science Po), a Master of Science in European Studies from the University of Strasbourg and a Master of Science in Social Policies from the London School of Economics.

### **Ms. Jacqueline Weekers**

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Jacqueline Weekers is the Senior Migration Health Policy Advisor at the Headquarters of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Geneva. Mrs. Weekers has been working in the domain of migrant health for more than two decades in the Asia Pacific region and at Headquarters level. She advises Member States, partners and colleagues on the management of migration health issues, the place of migrant health in the 2030 Agenda and Global Compact processes, relevant strategy and policy development, and building needed multi-sectoral and multi country partnerships.

As part of her functions at the World Health Organization (WHO) between 2009 and 2011, she was responsible for the organization of the 2010 first multi stakeholder Global Consultation on the Health of Migrants in Madrid and related World Health Assembly event. Mrs. Weekers has

published, trained and presented on a wide range of migrant health and public health related topics in the contexts of international migration and development, health security, migrant rights, forced displacement and mental health. She is a Swiss and Dutch national and has an educational background in psychology, law and public health. Before joining the international community, she practiced as a psychologist in the United States of America and The Netherlands in public and private settings.

