



Update on GFMD COVID-19 Webinars

Dear *Friends of the Forum*,

We are pleased to share the following update on the proposed webinars on the impact of COVID-19 on migrants, migration and development.

To register, please email your name and email address to support.unit@gfmd.org Please take note of the email address you submit, as you will require it to access the webinar.

The moderators and discussants will be informed by responses submitted by Friends of the Forum to the two questions posed in an online questionnaire. The Chair would strongly encourage participants to contribute their insights and expertise in advance of the webinars.

Participants can submit their responses using this [link](#).

1. Change of Timing

Please note the following change of timings for the webinars:

28th April: **07:00 UTC** (09:00 CET) – English / French

30th April: **15:00 UTC** (17:00 CET) – English / Spanish

We hope that this change of timing will facilitate participation by all stakeholders. If you wish to alter your registration, please email support.unit@gfmd.org

2. Discussants and Moderators

Please note that the following discussants and moderators have been confirmed as participants in the first two webinars:

28th April Webinar

Cycle 1:

- Mr. Lukas Gehrke, ICMPD (Moderator)
- Mr. Pietro Mona, Government of Switzerland (Discussant)
- Ms. Roula Hamati, Civil Society (Discussant)

Cycle 2:

- Prof. Gibril Faal, London School of Economics (Moderator)
- Ms. Imen Ouardani, Deputy-Mayor of Sousse, Tunisia (Discussant)
- Mr. Menno Bart, Public Affairs Manager, The Adecco Group (Discussant)

30th April Webinar

Cycle 1:

- Ms. Cecile Riallant, IOM (Moderator)
- Ms. Bitta Mostofi, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York City
- Mr. Austin Fragomen, Jr., Chairman, Fragomen (Discussant)

Cycle 2:

- Dr. Dilip Ratha, World Bank (Moderator)
- Mr. Jose Luis Pardo, Government of Spain (Discussant)
- Ms. Helena Olea, Civil Society (Discussant)

The Chair would like to thank in advance all those who have agreed to participate as discussants and moderators.

3. Webpage

As part of the GFMD's support to stakeholders in their response to COVID-19, a page has been established on the GFMD website, with links to case studies, recommendation, best practices and other key information submitted by Friends of the Forum.

To access the webpage, please use this [link](#).

If you have a document that you would like brought to the attention of the GFMD community, please send a link to support.unit@gfmd.org

We look forward to welcoming your participation in the webinars.



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