

SPECIAL SESSION 5

Migration governance in the Arab region: Priorities, opportunities and lessons learnt from the first GCM Regional Review Conference

Tuesday 30 March 2021, 10:00- 11:30 Beirut time, Online

Background and objective

This session aims to enhance mainstreaming of migration in the development rhetoric, frameworks, and efforts, specifically in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The session seeks to build knowledge and foster dialogue among participants on key issues and challenges hindering good migration governance in the region and threatening the resilience of migrants. It provides participants with the platform to share good practices, key achievements and challenges to date building on the findings of the first regional GCM review in the Arab region.

Questions to be addressed

1. What are some achievements, good practices, and challenges on migration governance in the region?
2. What is the impact of COVID-19 on the resilience of migrants in the region?
3. What are the priority areas for actions and policy recommendations for improved migration governance, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda and the GCM?

Facilitator(s)

- **Dr. Amira Ahmed**, American University of Cairo

Panelists

- **Mr. Othman Belbeisi**, Regional Advisor for Middle East and North Africa, IOM
- **Ms. Enas Fergany**, Director, Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department, the League of Arab States
- **Ms Sara Salman**, Regional Advisor on Population Affairs, ESCWA
- **Mr. Karim AlNouri**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Displacement and Migration, Republic of Iraq
- **Mr. Jonathan Prentice**, Head of Secretariat, United Nations Network on Migration
- **Mr. Ayman Zohry**, American University of Cairo
- **Ms. Sara Al Khatib**, Solidarity Center
- **Ms. Nourhan AbdelAziz**, Save the Children
- **Mr. Ibrahim Aqel**, King Hussain Foundation
- **(To be confirmed)**, Representative of the Kingdom Morocco

The session will be organized over Zoom. To join, please register via [this link](#).

Languages: **Arabic, English and French**