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# **Anniversary Event**

of the

## **Call to Action**

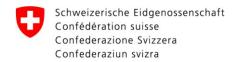
**Remittances in Crisis: How to Keep them Flowing** 

co-convened by Switzerland and the United Kingdom on Friday, 25 June 2021 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm CEST / 9:00 – 10:30 am EST

## From Crisis Response to Advancing the Development Case

### **AGENDA**

3:00 pm CEST	Opening	Welcome remarks:
9:00 am EST		Ms. Rachel Turner, Director International
		Finance, Foreign, Commonwealth and
		Development Office, United Kingdom
3:05 pm CEST	Advancing the development case for	Introduction of stocktaking report & panel
9:05 am EST	remittances (part one):	moderation:
	Panel on the lessons from the crisis	Mr. Christian Frutiger, Assistant Director
		General, Swiss Agency for Development
		and Cooperation, Switzerland



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#### Question 1:

What can we learn from the crisis and what remains to be done on ensuring an **enabling regulatory framework and payments infrastructure** in the remittances sector?

Key words: De-risking policies, licensing, correspondent banking, interoperability

#### **Conclusions from stocktaking report:**

Mr. Dilip Ratha, Lead Economist and Head of KNOMAD, **World Bank** 

### **Respondents:**

Mr. Kokeb Misrak Workeneh, Director for Bilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, **Ethiopia** 

Mr. Andalib Elias, Director General Multilateral Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Bangladesh** 

Mr. Gilles Lalu, Director of Financial Inclusion and Economic Development, Institute of Mexicans Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Relations, **Mexico** 

#### Question 2:

What can we learn from the crisis and what remains to be done to foster **inclusive innovation** in the remittances sector?

Key words: Digitization, remittance-linked finance products, financial empowerment

### **Conclusions from stocktaking report:**

Mr. Henri Dommel, Director Inclusive Digital Economies, **UNCDF** 

#### **Respondents:**

Mr. Aktham N. Abuassi, Policy & Research Senior Specialist, National Payment Systems Oversight & Supervision Department, Central Bank of **Jordan** 

Mr. Karafa Jobarteh, Deputy Director, Foreign Exchange Central Bank of **the Gambia** 

Mr. Mohit Davar, Chairman, International Association of Money Transfer Networks (IAMTN)

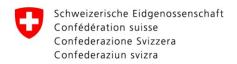
#### **Q&A** (time permitting)

4:10 pm CEST 10:10 am EST Advancing the development case for remittances (part two):

Presentation on the future of the Call to Action
Interactive discussion

Presentation of the way forward & moderation of the discussion:

Ms. Rachel Turner, Director International Finance, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, **United Kingdom** 



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4:25 pm CEST	Closing	Concluding remarks:
10:25 am EST		Mr. Christian Frutiger, Assistant Director
		General, Swiss Agency for Development
		and Cooperation, Switzerland