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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 remittances (part one):	Introduction of stocktaking report & panel moderation:
9:05 am EST	Panel on the lessons from the crisis	Mr. Christian Frutiger, Assistant Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Switzerland



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

Advancing the development case for remittances (part two):

Presentation of the way forward & moderation of the discussion:

10:10 am EST

Presentation on the future of the Call to Action
Interactive discussion

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



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4:25 pm CEST **Closing**

10:25 am EST

Concluding remarks:

Mr. Christian Frutiger, Assistant Director
General, Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation, **Switzerland**
