

September 2, 2016

Dear Colleague:

*Invitation to a KNOMAD Workshop on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism:
The Role of Migrants and Migration
Washington DC, September 14, 2016*

We cordially invite you to a workshop on *Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism: The Role of Migrants and Migration* on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, in Washington D.C. As scholars, policymakers, and practitioners, you recognize the plethora of positive impacts migration offers to both countries of origin as well as destination. Evidence suggests that migration can contribute to economic progress, global diversity, and social cohesion. Among these benefits, but often overlooked, is evidence suggesting that migrants and migration can also serve as a powerful means to counter violent extremism. It is, therefore, imperative that we unite to review existing data, dispel dangerous myths, and offer policy solutions to better frame the emerging discourse on migration and countering violent extremism (CVE).

In light of the increasing global migration “crisis” and the skewed media coverage it has received, the World Bank’s KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Migration, Security and Development organizes this timely workshop to discuss positive and negative aspects of migration through the lens of preventing and countering violent extremism.

The main objectives of the workshop are to: analyze empirical evidence on the links between migration and CVE; discuss the critical role of development; identify migration-related policy interventions; and address the relevance of long-term preventive measures. To frame the overall discussion, KNOMAD will present a background paper and three case studies on the topic, to inform a panel discussion and interactive roundtable conversation that are intended to generate specific policy recommendations (see Annex 1 for the draft agenda).

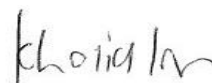
We would greatly appreciate if you could confirm your participation via email to Ms. Amy Cunningham (a.cunningham@gcerf.org) by **September 6, 2016**. Subject to World Bank policy, support for economy travel and accommodation is available for those attendees traveling from beyond the greater Washington, DC, area. Please be sure to contact Mr. Malkiat Singh (malkiatsingh@worldbank.org) should you require support.

Thank you in advance for considering this invitation. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about this workshop. We hope to see you in Washington on September 14, 2016.

Sincerely,



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Annex 1. Workshop Agenda, September 14, 2016

- 8:30 Breakfast and registration
- 9:00 Introductions and objectives
Dilip Ratha, Head of KNOMAD, the World Bank
Khalid Koser, Chair of KNOMAD TWG on Migration, Security and Development
- 9:15 Overview of Background Research and Headlines
This session will provide an overview of the topic and themes outlined in the background paper and will introduce the three case studies. Conversation will include a discussion on evidence on the direct and indirect relationship between migration and violent extremism in both origin and destination countries.
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Case Study 1:** How important is violent extremism as a driver for displacement worldwide?
Speaker: Feargal Cochrane, University of Kent
This presentation will identify initial findings from the Case Study and will solicit input feedback from participants.
- 11:45 **Case Study 2:** What are the determinants of violent extremism and how can migrants (including diaspora) and migration contribute to mitigating violent extremism?
Speaker: Fiona Adamson, SOAS, University of London
This presentation will identify initial findings from the Case Study and will solicit input feedback from participants.
- 12:30 Brown Bag Lunch Seminar
Speaker to be confirmed
- 2:30 **Case Study 3:** What is the role of integration policies to mitigate the risk of radicalization to violent extremism among those marginalized including second generations of migrants?
Speaker: Phil Triadafilopoulos, University of Toronto Scarborough
This presentation will identify initial findings from the Case Study and will solicit input feedback from participants.
- 3:15 Research Gaps and Policy Recommendations
This interactive group session aims to identify research gaps that require attention and to propose potential policy interventions that can augment the positive contributions of migrants and migration.
- 4:00 Coffee break
- 4:15: Wrap up Session on Next Steps and Recommendations
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