Diasporas and the future of global mobility and entrepreneurship: Rebuilding back better.

Friday, April 1, 2022

Time: 13:30 – 14:30 pm GMT time

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

13:30 – 13:35  Welcome & Introduction, Sonia Plaza, Co-chair Thematic Working Group on Remittances and Diaspora Resources of KNOMAD, Senior Economist, World Bank (Moderator)

13:35 – 14:10  Panel Discussion (4 minutes per panelist per round of question. There will be 2 rounds)

   Prof. Gibril Faal OBE, JP
   Director - GK Partners, FLIA Visiting Professor in Practice, London School of Economics (LSE)

   Almaz Negash
   Founder & Executive Director, African Diaspora Network; Former member of the UN Economic Commission on Africa

   Stella Opoku Owusu
   Deputy Director, Africa Foundation for Development (AFFORD)

   Molly Pollack
   Founder of Chile Global

14:10 – 14:23  Q&A

14:23 – 14:30  Closing, Dilip Ratha, Lead Economist and Head of KNOMAD, World Bank
Questions for the panelists

Round 1

1) How COVID-19 has impacted mobilization of remittances and diaspora resources? (Dilip)
2) What could be the role of transnational diasporas and entrepreneurship in rebuilding back better including in fragile situations? (Almaz, Stella, Gibril)
3) What your views on women and diaspora entrepreneurship? How they can contribute? (Almaz and Stella)
4) How diasporas can contribute to technology platforms, accelerators in their home countries? (Gibril, Almaz)
5) What has been the experience of Chile Global in engaging the diaspora (Molly)
6) What could be an appropriate regulatory environment that could facilitate contributions of the transnational diaspora (Molly)

Round 2

7) How do you see diasporas and the future of global mobility and entrepreneurship in rebuilding back better their home countries and their host countries?

This session contributes to Objective 19 of the GCM: “Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries.”