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UN Network on Migration Stakeholder Listening Session on Safe and Inclusive Access to Services

Thursday, 30 April 2020,

**Now Postponed to Thursday 7 May 2020
09:00 (CEST) and 16:00 (CEST)**

RSVP required:

Email unmignet@iom.int to RSVP with your name, organization and webinar title.

The UN Network on Migration is pleased to announce the launch of a series of listening sessions with stakeholders as well as a number of webinars looking at various aspects of how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting on migrants and how successful policies and practice might be developed to ensure that in overcoming the current global crisis no-one is left behind. Listening sessions will offer a space primarily for civil society and stakeholders to speak and exchange on their activities. Webinars will invite Member States and UN Network on Migration members and partners to exchange and contribute to interventions as well.

This listening session is organized in collaboration with the Network's Working Group on Access to Services, which is co-led by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN-Habitat, the United Nations Programme for Human Settlements. The Working Group members include the following organizations: FAO, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN Women, Caritas on behalf of Initiative for Child Rights, IFRC, OECD, PICUM, PSI and UCLG.

The outcome of the discussions will contribute to the finalization of the Network's draft policy brief on enhancing access to services for migrants in the context of COVID-19 preparedness, prevention, and response, currently under development. It is hoped the listening session contributions of various stakeholders will inform this policy. Participants will also be invited to contribute in writing to the matrix of good practices, including in the COVID-response, as relates to access to services and the ongoing work of the Network's Working Group on access to services.

DETAILS: ONLINE VIA WEBEX

Morning and afternoon sessions to accommodate colleagues across the different time zones.



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MORNING SESSION:

**Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:00 am – 1 hour
(UTC+02:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris**

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AFTERNOON SESSION:

**Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:00 pm – 1 hour
(UTC+02:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris**

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PROGRAMME FOR BOTH SESSIONS

Brief welcome and introduction of guiding questions

- Network secretariat
- WHO
- UN-Habitat

Framing questions for the discussion:

- With regard to the COVID-19 response and in your specific context – what challenges do migrants face regarding the access to services? Please feel free to share concrete examples that illustrate how COVID-19 is impacting migrants' access to services?
 - What are the challenges you have struggled with/ are struggling with the most (e.g. financial? capacity? policy environment?) How do you/ we address them? How could the work of the access to services Working Group be useful to the participants?
 - What in your view, is the best way to help central and local authorities to better serve migrants in the context of the pandemic?
 - How did you involve migrants/vulnerable groups into decision-making processes?
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